



## **District Director's Report**

### **1 May 2026 DEC meeting**

#### **Executive summary**

A warm welcome to you all!

I would like to begin by acknowledging the exceptional commitment demonstrated by our district leaders – Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director, Division and Area Directors, Public Relations Manager, Administration Manager, Finance Manager, Parliamentarian and Logistics Manager, Webmaster and Club Growth team. Their dedication to achieving our district goals of attaining distinguished district status by 30 June 2026, building new clubs, and supporting all clubs in achieving excellence, continues to inspire me. I am grateful to serve alongside such a capable and committed team. Thank you for your leadership and service.

Since the beginning of our term on 1 July 2025, our guiding vision has been *Lead with Confidence – Learn with Purpose*. This aligns strongly with our district mission to *build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence*.

#### **District goal**

From the outset of our term in office, we have pursued the goal of achieving distinguished district status by 30 June 2026. This represents a significant milestone—one that has not previously been achieved by our district—and one we believe is within reach.

We continue to monitor progress against the three key performance indicators set by Toastmasters International: total paid clubs, membership payments, and distinguished clubs. Following the April dues renewals, the dashboard figures as at 9 April 2026 are as follows:

- Paid clubs: 110 (goal: 125)
- Membership payments: 4,122 (goal: 4,578)
- Distinguished clubs: 24 (goal: 56)

With 11 weeks remaining, there is still an opportunity to close the gap. I remain confident that we can achieve this goal. Every member plays an important role in our district success, and I thank you in advance for your continued commitment and effort.

#### **Marketing**

Throughout the year, our leadership team—including division directors, area directors, the top table, and the trio—has worked collaboratively to support clubs in strengthening membership and club governance.

We partnered with Market Media Limited, providers of community notice services in Woolworths New Zealand stores, to promote Toastmasters across 16 stores in Auckland, Hamilton, and Tauranga. In addition, an eight-week bus advertising campaign was conducted in January and February across the North Shore and South Auckland—areas identified as having lower membership density.

These initiatives have increased visibility in the community and reinforced public awareness of Toastmasters over time. Since August last year, 727 new members have joined our district, reflecting the positive impact of these efforts.



## **District Reformation**

The District Business Meeting held on Sunday, 19 April 2026, marked a significant milestone, with the election of officers to lead the new District 72 from 1 July 2026, alongside the realignment of clubs across Districts 72 and 112.

The Trio-elect now carries important responsibilities to ensure a smooth and effective transition. I am confident they will be strongly supported by experienced leaders, enabling a successful start while maintaining a healthy balance and wellbeing.

This is a unique and historic time to be a Toastmaster in New Zealand.

## **D112 May 2026 Conference**

The District 112 Conference, scheduled for 1–3 May 2026, is progressing as planned. The conference programme includes the District Executive Committee Meeting, District Council Meeting, district contests (International Speech, Humorous Speech, Table Topics and Evaluation), educational sessions, keynote presentations, and the much enjoyed Saturday night dine and dance.

The District Council Meeting will exclude the election of officers and approval of district realignment, as these were completed at the District Business Meeting on 19 April 2026. All other district business will proceed, including district leaders' progress reports, the Profit and Loss Report, the Audit Committee Report, and district officer appointments and resignations.

## **In Summary**

I am immensely proud to be part of District 112—a district where members achieve their goals, transform their lives through the Toastmasters education programme, and support one another in developing communication and leadership skills.

Over the past eight years, we have built, shaped, and nurtured this district with care and pride. Together, we have created more than an organisation—we have fostered a strong, supportive culture grounded in the core values of Toastmasters: a culture of collaboration, leadership development, and inclusion, where every member is encouraged and valued.

As we approach the final year of District 112, I acknowledge with gratitude the seven past District Directors whose leadership has guided and shaped our journey. Thank you for your contributions.

This will be my final report as your 2025–2026 District Director, and it is a privilege to serve in this role.

I extend my sincere thanks to our trio, division directors, area directors, and members of our top table for their unwavering commitment to excellence and the generous support they have provided to me, our members and our clubs. Their leadership, passion, and dedication continue to drive our district's success. Serving alongside them has been one of the great privileges of my Toastmasters journey, and I thank them for the dedication, generosity, and spirit of service they bring to our district. As one chapter closes for District 112, the spirit of service, leadership, and growth that defines us will continue to inspire Toastmasters across New Zealand.

I wish you all every success in your future leadership endeavours.

**Marlene Krone**  
**District Director 2025-2026**