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May is Election Time

It is nearing that time of year when members vote in their new club executive; and clubs vote in the new district executive.

I have had the pleasure of leading the current district team in what is proving to be a wonderfully successful year. Membership figures are on the increase, educational awards are well on track and new clubs are being formed. In all, this looks like being a Distinguished District year. Club performance figures show that we already have some Presidents' Distinguished Clubs and a number of Select and Distinguished Clubs in the district. A lot of this achievement results from your leaders at the club and district level. They provide the support necessary to help members achieve their personal goals; and clubs achieve their Distinguished Club Program goals.

Club officers do a lot of the organisational work, arranging venues, agenda, organising contests and ensuring that membership renewals are paid and processed. Without effective club officers our clubs will wither.

The same is true of district officers. Hard working Area and Division Governors are a link between

members and Toastmasters International. They provide reminders of important dates and events, conduct contests, and support club officers. Other elected district officers (Lt Governors, Public Relations Officer) and appointed officers (Treasurer, Secretary and Coordinators) have a role to make certain that the district is meeting its obligations to Toastmasters International and to members. Often the work done by district officers is unseen by members; but without their efforts we'd be a rudderless ship.

I take this opportunity, ahead of the May elections, to again thank all of the club and district officers that have contributed to a great year so far.

I also ask members to look at the election process as an opportunity to build on these efforts. Clubs and the district deserve the best candidates to form their leadership ranks. When your club elects its executive, encourage those members with the best credentials (i.e. experience, knowledge, skills and training) to take on executive roles. The same goes for district officer positions.

Taking on an executive position at club or district level is not about the

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'status' or 'power' that a member gets by holding office; it is about what that member has to offer you and me, the membership. Nor should it be taking on a position because nobody else wants it! Members must want to serve the membership.

As Toastmasters members we get to choose from our ranks those that have demonstrated that they are there to serve and who can best support us. Choosing leaders wisely ensures that your club and district will continue to thrive.

*Geoff Morrissey DTM
District Governor*

Convention Attendees - Transfer and Tour

Whether you are travelling from Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia or further afield, on Qantas, Jetstar or Virgin Blue, you now have an option to combine your transfer to the Convention hotel with a fabulous bus tour of the sights of Perth and Fremantle. This is the perfect option for people who are heading to Convention arriving in Perth around midday on Friday 18 May. A combined Airport Transfer and City Tour is being offered for these delegates so that they can still participate in the Perth - Fremantle Bus Tour and have the convenience of an airport pick-up (with luggage) and transfer to the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. Given a taxi will cost close to \$40, the airport transfer and city tour option, at \$50, is a bargain!!

From 12 noon, there will be a Toastmaster (look for the TMI flag) waiting at the baggage pick-up areas at both the Qantas and Virgin Blue terminals to greet Toastmasters arriving on the various midday flights arriving from Melbourne and Adelaide. Delegates who have booked to travel on the airport transfer and bus tour will be directed to the meeting spot to load your luggage and board the tour bus. The bus will depart at 1.30 p.m. (or in the event of a slightly delayed flight, as soon as the last passengers arrive) so there is time to grab a delicious lunch at the Dome Cafe in the Virgin terminal for those who arrive a little earlier.



You will be travelling on one of Australian Pinnacle Tours luxury coaches complete with sheepskin lined seats, onboard toilets and fresh drinking water. An experienced and entertaining tour captain will provide a detailed commentary on the sights of Perth and Fremantle throughout the afternoon. The coach will head to Perth city via Perth's premier racing ground, Ascot Racecourse, passing

the iconic Burswood Casino, before entering the CBD crossing the Causeway Bridge and the magnificent Swan River.

The coach will pass by the W.A.C.A. cricket ground, Gloucester Park trotting grounds, Perth Mint, Governor's Residence, and Council House. The coach passes the



more recent additions to the Perth cityscape including The Bell Tower and new Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre before passing the historical points of interest Barracks Arch and Parliament House. Visit Kings

Park botanical gardens where we have time to experience a walk through the tree canopies on the enchanting Tree Top Walk and some time for the participants on the coach tour to get together with the participants on the Hotel Tour Bus for a sumptuous afternoon tea. Enjoy magnificent views over the Swan River and the city skyline and don't forget your camera!! Travel west past the University of Western Australia and onto Perth's famous Cottesloe beach before heading south along the coastline to the historic port of Fremantle. We tour the port before returning to the Esplanade hotel, arriving at approximately 4.30 p.m. Where possible, we will drop delegates at other Fremantle hotels if they are not staying at the Esplanade.

If you are arriving on an earlier flight or earlier day, consider booking on the original Bus Tour departing from the Esplanade Hotel at 1.00 p.m. The bus is almost full so please make your booking as soon as possible. Visit the websites below for more information or see last month's edition of *Southern Cross*.

Tour participants on both the Airport and Hotel buses will have their Convention Registrations processed on board and receive their delegate packs on return to the Esplanade Hotel. This will leave you with plenty of time to check-in, relax and get ready for the welcome barbecue at 5:30 p.m.

Many have booked already so send in your registration form NOW

www.d73.toastmasters.org.au/convention2007/

It is just \$50 to secure a seat for a convenient transfer to the hotel and a stunning tour of the very best of Perth and Fremantle!!

Maree Pickens
Convention Committee

Secrets of Charismatic Presentations

A highly successful fundraising event and educational forum "Secrets of Charismatic Presentations" was held on 27 March for W.A. Toastmasters, their guests and the general public. The event was organised to raise funds for the District Convention, "Wit and Wisdom in the West" to be held in Fremantle, W.A. 18 - 20 May, 2007. With a strong educational focus and an international speaker, the organisers set themselves the challenge of selling all 90 seats in just three weeks ... and they did it, raising the grand sum, after costs, of \$2,400!!



Gary De Rodriguez, pictured left, a Master HNLP (Humanistic Neuro Linguistic Psychology) practitioner from the USA was visiting Perth in March to run a variety of NLP programs. He has trained many local Toastmasters in NLP techniques over the years, and several are now professional speakers. Gary enthusiastically

agreed to share his renowned expertise and international speaking experience to a wider Toastmaster audience to help people hone their communication style to deliver more powerful and memorable presentations.

The 90 minute seminar was designed to give people an introduction to the use of NLP techniques to deliver more charismatic presentations. The audience was introduced to the power of Satir Categories, how to use archetypical body postures to communicate and influence your audience at the unspoken level, and how to master the

art of stage anchoring to direct the emotional states of your audience during your presentations. People who were interested in learning more were invited to attend his full day workshops on his next trip to Australia in July or visit his website www.garyderodriguez.com. Though Gary's trips to Australia have focussed on Perth, he has expressed interest in delivering similar presentations in Melbourne and Adelaide. Please contact Maree Pickens at mareep@swiftsl.com.au to express your interest.

A business card raffle, ticket draw and door prize were drawn for several great prizes including a one hour presentation by Gary to an audience of their choosing valued at \$1500, a free registration to 'Priority Influencing' - a one day communications training program with Tony Hewitt, an NLP practitioner trained by Gary valued at \$700, and a sumptuous basket of exotic mango delights. All prizes were donated by our primary sponsor, Mango Leadership Group. Congratulations to Gawain Simpson (Sandgroppers), Ric Bartlett (Central Communicators) and Jodie Caughley (guest from Chevron) who won these prizes respectively.

Our thanks to all of our sponsors particularly our primary sponsor, Mango Leadership Group, a new professional development company in Perth (and my employer) who agreed to provide Gary's services at no charge and donate prizes for the evening. QV1 Building Management agreed to donate the hire of the function room in their state of the art Business Conference Centre and Bar One, Perth's first European styled bar provided drinks and nibbles at cost for the pre-seminar networking function. Finally, Danielle Wroblewski provided graphic design services for our fabulous promotional flyer which, in combination with the active support of our Perth and Western Division Governors, Mike Helm and Roy Miller, was very effective in helping us sell all 90 seats!

*Maree Pickens
Convention Committee*

Changeover Dinner

The changeover dinner for District 73 is one of the highlights of the Toastmaster Year. This exciting event will be a delightful night of dinner and dancing which is open to all Toastmasters, their spouses, partners and friends. It is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones; to welcome the incoming District Executive for the 2007-08 year and farewell and thank the outgoing Executive. And, it is a chance to network, socialise,



enjoy great food and show off your great dance moves. All this for only \$40!

More details about this exciting event, and a registration form will be available in the May edition of the Southern Cross, and on the website in late April.

Watch This spot!

Caroline Liddicoat

10 Years at Lilydale Toastmasters

On 26 February, Lilydale Toastmasters celebrated Trish Brown's ten year anniversary as a member of the club. Trish is a valued member whose contributions over the ten year period have left a lasting memory and assisted so many other members on their personal and Toastmasters journey.



President, Bill Farman, congratulated Trish on her leadership and achievements, in particular her brilliant evaluations.

Some of the highlights of Trish's Toastmasters career are achieving her Distinguished Toastmaster Award, mentoring and/or sponsoring four new clubs and assisting in the formation of numerous other clubs. Lilydale Toastmasters has conducted a Youth Leadership Course for year 7 Students at Mount Lilydale Mercy College since 2001. Trish has played a major role in running all of these courses and considers it as one of

the most rewarding experiences. In 1997, Lt Gov Marketing, Julie Cody, named Trish "Rookie of the Year" for her contributions to new club growth. A regular contest groupie, Trish has won many club and area contests and has finally made her way to the District final of the Evaluation Contest. Lilydale Toastmasters would like to claim this as their own but we will have to acknowledge Trish as representing Metropolitan Division. Good luck Trish.

Trish said the best thing about her ten years was the many lasting friendships, the fun she has had on Monday nights and the captive audiences listening to her numerous opinions on such a variety of topics. Trish paid tribute to her mentors, Moira Nicholson and Judy Murphy, for their support and encouragement. Never one to miss an opportunity to pass on her knowledge, Trish reminded members that mistakes are often our best teachers. It's hard to believe but in the early days Trish was lost for words in Table Topics when nerves removed every coherent thought. What will Lilydale Toastmasters

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remember about Trish? Her laugh! Oh and the best evaluations. Good luck with your next ten years at Lilydale Toastmasters, Trish! We have enjoyed sharing your journey.

Submitted by Judy Murphy DTM

Numbers in District 73

I would like to congratulate the members and their clubs for the splendid work all have done so far this year, and especially, those clubs that have registered their renewals early. Currently, 87 clubs have renewed as at 30 March, which only leaves 55 clubs to renew in April.

As you are aware, this year's membership growth has been progressing very well thanks to everyone's efforts. Judy Murphy, District's New Membership Coordinator, has said that this year District 73 has achieved new membership up to March, of 675, excluding reinstated or dual membership.

In March, there was a total of 133 new members

registered. Also in March, two new clubs chartered giving a total of three new clubs so far this year.

There are a further nine clubs in formation with two of these about to charter which will give the District, a total of 143 clubs so far this year.

I hope all our members are getting a lot out of Toastmasters and achieving their goals. I am looking forward to you experiencing the rewards of success when your clubs become distinguished.

Roll-on April!!!!

*Bernard Marmion
Lt. Governor Marketing*

Annual General Meeting

Notice for District Executive, Division Governors, Area Governors, Coordinators, Club Presidents and Club VPE. Division and Area Governors, please ensure this information is provided to Club Presidents and VPE.

Notification that the next District Annual General Meeting (AGM) for Toastmasters District 73 is to be held in Western Australia on Saturday 19 May 2007.

Proxy voting form (at end of this issue of Southern Cross) - Division and Area Governors, I would like to ask for your assistance in following up with your club Presidents and VPE and explaining the importance of proxy voting for the AGM. Proxy voting enables clubs to have a 'voice' by being able to vote on important issues raised at the AGM. Every vote is important.

Motions on Notice (see page 14):

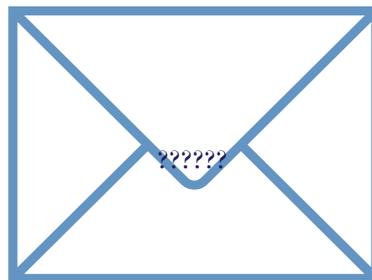
There are a number of motions for consideration by District Council. These motions are reproduced on page 14 of this edition of *Southern Cross*. Clubs are encouraged to discuss these motions and come to

What's in the Blue Envelope?

Club Presidents will soon receive a large blue envelope from Toastmasters International containing the proxy form for the International Convention – Annual Business Meeting to be held in Phoenix, Arizona in August. **Please note that this is a different proxy vote to that used for the District 73 Annual District Council meeting.**

The envelope contains other information explaining a proposal to improve the process of setting membership dues; and an opportunity for your club to vote on the proposal (on the proxy form).

The proxy form allows you or a financial member to vote on behalf of your club at the Annual Business Meeting.



District Council to contribute to debating them.

It is important that we have as many attendees as possible; a quorum is required at the AGM to avoid any postal voting.

The venue will be Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia as part of the Toastmasters International District 73 Convention 2007, commencing at 3.00 p.m.

Minutes from the previous District Council meeting held 11 November 2006 can be viewed on District 73 website. These will also be available in the papers for District Council.

Karalee Moore
District Secretary

If a club delegate is not going to be in attendance, you can sign the form and send it to the District Governor (address is on the form) who will collect forms and hand them to next District Governor to represent your Club.

Take the form and information to your next meeting. If your club will not be represented by a financial member, sign and send the proxy form to the District Governor straight away. We want to maximise the representation of District 73 clubs at the Annual Business Meeting.

Geoff Morrissey DTM
District Governor

Have you registered for the Convention yet? Register now. See the website to download the registration form.

<http://www.d73.toastmasters.org.au/convention2007/Regov4b.pdf>

Reform of District 73

Fellow Toastmasters, I have asked the District Secretary to place a motion to look at the reform of District 73 on the May 2007 District Council agenda. This motion is to establish a committee to consider and develop a proposal for the reformation of District 73 into two districts. While members may ultimately determine that this is not worth pursuing, my feeling is that this is the right time to look at such a proposal.

I have over many years seen that members in Western Australian and South Australian divisions have wanted to be self-governing. This has led to a number of members taking on senior roles in the District. We had a member from Central Division (South Australia) as District Governor (DG) in 2005-06; with the prospect last year of having a West Australian member as District Governor in this current year - (then) LGET Lisa Cluett DTM decided not to stand last year.

The progression from Lt Governor to District Governor is challenging, but prior experience helps significantly to make that leap. We should all support the aspirations of members in all divisions (and states) to hold senior positions in the District; and the need for succession planning across all divisions to be built into our electoral processes. However, the existing District structure makes it difficult for members on both sides of the country to take on these roles. By creating a second district, we double the leadership opportunities.

There are other good reasons why it would be beneficial for the District to reform. More members will have opportunities to be district speech contest winners; and more will be able to compete in the higher levels of the International Speech Contest. These opportunities will

raise the level of our contests. Having 'local' members holding down the senior positions will allow them to more effectively focus on membership and club building. Growth in both membership and clubs is hampered by the geographical size of our District. We can improve the quality of our Toastmasters experience by opening up to a larger membership base.

I envisage that a proposed reformation would be into two districts (Perth, Western and Central Divisions being one district; and Eastern, Metropolitan, Northern and Southern Divisions the other). A proposal from the committee would go to the next District Council (November 2007) for discussion and ratification before being sent to the Toastmasters International Board of Directors.

If all decision-making levels favour reformation, the process of physically creating the two districts would commence at the May 2008 District Council meeting; where elections for one District Governor and two LGET and two LGM positions will be filled. The May 2009 District Council meetings (two) will each then elect their own District Governor, LGET and LGM; completing the process. This process is as described to me by Toastmasters International officers.

I hope that all District Council members (or their proxies) will look favourably at this opportunity to help our members achieve more. I will be asking for your support and vote for this motion.

*Geoff Morrissey, DTM
District Governor*

Victorian and Tasmanian Re-alignment proposal

Re-alignment of Victorian/Tasmanian Clubs, Areas and Divisions.

District 73 is growing - last year saw the formation of a new division in Western Australia, and new clubs continue to form, especially in Victoria. This is good news for the district! These new clubs have, however, put pressure on the existing structure and has prompted a re-alignment of clubs within areas, and areas within divisions, for the divisions covering Victoria and Tasmania.

The process of re-alignment has had a number of phases – Firstly, a committee consisting of the Division Governors concerned, the District Governor, LGET & LGM, and chaired by me, put forward a proposal for comment, based on the goal of no more than four clubs

per area and four areas per division. There were exceptions to this rule, largely due to geographical factors, but the 4/4 "rule" was the main guiding principle.

The second phase was receiving comments. In true Toastmasters tradition we were offered quite a few evaluations, which taken together gave us quite some commendation and not a little recommendation!

In fact the feed back process was most productive, providing insights which dots on a map could never do. Clubs are people and it is the interactions of people within and between clubs that make for successful areas. Taking account of the suggestions of the people most involved means that the new arrangement has the best chance of success.

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Victorian and Tasmanian Re-alignment proposal - cont.

The third phase has been the formulation of the current proposal, which sees the formation of five new areas, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 35, and two new divisions, Ranges and Bass. This proposal has been circulated to Club Presidents and VPE, and Area and Division Governors in Victoria and Tasmania. It is the proposal that will be put to the convention in May.

Several areas stand out as exceptions to the original goal of 4 clubs/4 areas. Area M4 constitutes a Tasmanian area. There are too few clubs yet to divide M4 in two. The formation the next club after Huonville will certainly change that.

Area N19 is another area with particular needs. We had many comments from there regarding the original proposal, most pointing out the character and associations of clubs in this widely dispersed Area. Purely geographical considerations would overlook these factors. Taking the advice of the members of this area, it has been left unchanged.

Several areas in this current proposal have three existing clubs and depend on the formation of a new club. Some of these have already Chartered, for example Wangaratta in N18 and Docklands in M24. Others such as Healesville in R2 are building strongly.

Many asked why the need for change? The pressure of

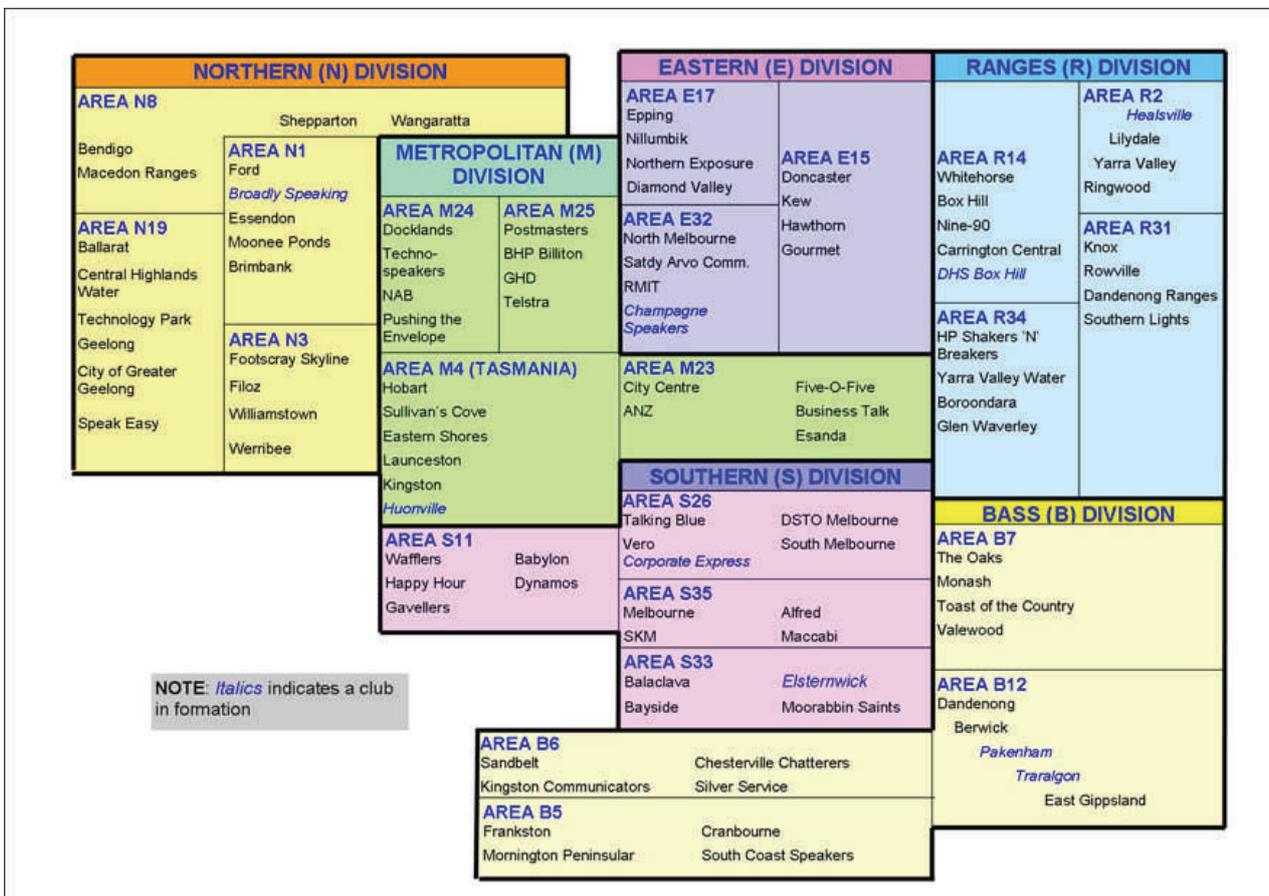
new clubs meant that several areas were becoming overburdened, and simply splitting those areas would only have shifted the imbalance to division level. The advantages of this proposal are:

- More equitable load on Area and Division Governors
- Allow for increased participation in Area and Division contests - two contestants can proceed to the next level if there are four or fewer clubs in an area, or four or fewer areas in a division.
- Allow for increased opportunity for leadership roles beyond club level.
- Provides additional opportunity to attend Club Officer Training, with more Divisions to hold these sessions.
- Provides a solid foundation for future growth.

This proposal (shown graphically below) to re-align the Victorian and Tasmanian clubs sees quite a few changes, but it has been a long time since the last major change. My committee and I feel that this proposal accommodates a growing organisation while addressing the concerns of the members and their clubs.

Stephen Forrest ATM G

Chairman, Vic/Tas Re-alignment Committee



Too few members for Meeting Roles?

Try these ideas from Club Officer Training.

Last month we looked at how to fit everyone into the meeting agenda. Now for the ideas for clubs with less members than they would like.

Ponder the following suggestions.

Is there another club close by which has plenty of members? Invite them to send some of their members to give speeches. Gives speakers an opportunity to receive evaluations from different Toastmasters which expands your club members' experience.

Try a joint meeting with another club.

Watch a video of the World Championship of Public Speaking, and then evaluate the speakers.

Organise guest speakers from outside the club or even the organisation - creates an opportunity for new members.

Corporate clubs may invite company managers as guest speakers - just be careful with the evaluations.

Turn speeches into points for discussion, e.g. how to get more members.

Improve communication to all members, e.g. DCP progress, Executive meeting discussions.

Check-in with all members a couple of days before each meeting to ensure they are coming and prepared.

Review with all members - date, time and venue for meetings.

My personal thought is to ensure meetings are fun. Think outside the box and try some new roles, agenda items and sequence.

Next month: Keeping Members

*Marilyn Newby DTM
District Contest Coordinator*

Austin and Darren do it again!

The Central Division Humorous and Table Topics contests were held at the Glandore Community Centre on 18 March 2007.

Ready to be entertained, a receptive audience were guided through both contests by Contest Chairman, Nick Nash. We often hear 'the standard was high' but in this contest the standard was truly great! The results?

Humorous

First place – Austin Nevis (Pictured below right)

Second place – Colin Eves (Pictured below left)



Table Topics

First place - Darren Fleming (pictured right)

Second place – Teresa Forest (pictured left)

You may recognise the names – Austin and



Darren? Austin was the 2006 District 73 Humorous Contest second place getter. Now ready for another try at the holy grail! Austin shows no fear and claims he already has a spot on his mantle for the 2007 trophy!

Darren has been a consistent winner at Division level and contested the International Speech contest at District a number of times. Having failed to actually win at Division this year he looked doomed not to go to Fremantle – until – good fortune revealed yet another hidden talent – Table Topics! Pumped with confidence and full of Contest experience, Darren hopes to keep the Table Topics trophy in Central Division where it rightly belongs after Didy Pederick's (Adelaide Hills Club) fantastic 2006 District win!

*Andris Bilkens DTM
IPDG*

DTM Breakfast 20th May 2007

8.00 a.m.—9.30 a.m. at
Fremantle Italian Club
Marine Terrace
Fremantle
\$30.00 per person
Full breakfast

**Come Celebrate
the Achievements
of our DTMs**

RSVP 20 April 2007

Payment
Send payment to
Convention Treasurer Alan Smith at: Postal: 26 Boston Way, Booragoon WA 6154 Fax: 08 9476 6514 Email: registration@d73.toastmasters.org.au

DTM 2007 Breakfast Payment Form

I will be making my payment for the Breakfast by:

*Electronic Funds Transfer Payable to
Commonwealth Bank: Victoria Quay Toastmasters*

BSB:066 163 A/C 10209075

*Sending a cheque/money order payable to
Victoria Quay Toastmasters Club*

Credit Card

Name on card

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Signature.....

\$.....Amount

Card (Visa or Mastercard only)

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I, _____

would like to purchase _____ seats for the 2007 DTM
Breakfast at the Fremantle Italian Club, Marine Terrace,
Fremantle.

Club: _____

Name: _____

I am: (please tick appropriate box)

A recipient of a DTM award since 1 July 2006

A recipient of a DTM award prior to 1 July 2006

*Attending because the person below whom I know
has received a DTM award since 1 July 2006*

Attending, as interested in celebrating with DTMs

Name of guests

*Any special requirements (e.g. dietary, access
etc.):* _____

Welcome to Toastmasters

Club	Name	Club	Name	Club	Name
East Gippsland	Clint Eastwood	Lilydale	Michele Konheiser		
Alfred Hospital	Ian Thorn	Esanda	Yolanda Palacios	Melbourne	Juliet McCallum
Alfred Hospital	James Kelly	Esanda	Sam Chisholm	Monash	Vivian Zhao
Amity	Linda Barton	Esanda	Kate Pow	Monash	Aimee Foster
Amity	Laurie Steed	Esanda	Lauren Cudlipp	Moonee Ponds	Michael Palamountain
Amity	Nicole Forgione	Esanda	Shyamal Chand	Moonee Ponds	Pietro Spadafora
ANZ Talk of the Town		Five-O-Five	Lisa Cheong	Moonee Ponds	Anthony Faralla
	James Gormley	Gateway	Gaye Mackenzie	Moorabbin Saints	Ronald Lourensz
ANZ Talk of the Town	Hwan-Yi Choo	Gateway	Pauline Faulds-Sharrad	Morning Star	Christopher Broughton
Balaclava	Mary Connon	Gateway	Mary Drew	Mornington Peninsula	Martha Mason
Balaclava	Jenny Yu Chen	Club	Name	Mornington Peninsula	Warren Adam
Balaclava	David Simpson	Gateway	Karmel Agirre	Mornington Peninsula	Suzie Adam
Bayside	Darren Comber	Geelong	Shane McIntosh	Mornington Peninsula	
BHP Billiton	Annaliese Cave	Geelong	Emma O'Neill		Jenny Angliss-Goodall
Box Hill	Andrew Marosy	Glen Waverley	Michelle Jackson	Mornington Peninsula	
Box Hill	Justin Liu	Glen Waverley	Alan To		Daniel Vuillermin
Business Talk	Peter Dudzinski	Glen Waverley	Terence Fonseca	National Australia Bank	
Business Talk	Ronny Putnins	Happy Hour	Chris Phillips		Andrew Whelan
Carrington Central	Tanya Piotrowski	Happy Hour	Primal Fernando	National Australia Bank	
Central Communicators	Ric Bartlett	Hawthorn	Amir Firouzkouhi		Shehraz Ishak
Central Communicators		Hawthorn	Scott Lovett	Club	Name
	Valarie Filevski	Hawthorn	Leon Morgan	Nillumbik	Orla Byrne
Central Communicators		Hawthorn	Karen Ridge	North Adelaide	Moom Sinn Aw
	Jeremy Mowe	Hobart	Annesley Caspersz	North Adelaide	Alexander Tran
Central Highlands Water		Hobart	Andrew Jamrozik	North Adelaide	Carl Thiele
	Cameron Montgomery	Hobart	Anthony McGuinness	Northern Exposure	Maria Callipari
Central Highlands Water		HP Shakers 'n' Breakers		Northern Exposure	Emmi Godau
	Timothy Reinders		David Duy Le	Northern Lights	Darren Hine
City Centre	Rebecca Alexander	Justalk	Penny Kennedy	Northern Stars	Elaine Eckert
City Centre	Helen Chen	Justalk	Frank O'Brien	Northern Stars	Ryan Hidden
City Centre	Tess Michalski	Justalk	Shaun Dore	Post*masters	Cheryl Walker
City of Perth	Peter Ricciardello	Kew	Jan Crain	Post*masters	Sophie Jarvis
City of Perth	Nicola Bradshaw	Kingston	Victor Grech	Post*masters	Lynne Pearce
Curtin BSG	Mario Da Costa	Kingston Communicators		Prospeak	Michael Stewart
Dandenong Ranges			William Gadd	Raconteurs	Linda Vules
	Kristian Dauncey	Kingston Communicators	Pat Norris	Rising Stars	Chinmay Mehta
Doncaster	James Sayer	Kingston Communicators		Rising Stars	Des Young
Doncaster	Chris Healy		Terence Gough	Rising Stars	Rashmi Vij
Doncaster	Russouw Marc	Kingston Communicators	Neil Pescod	Rising Stars	Michelle Burgess
DSTO Melbourne	Cinzia Stavrevski	Launceston	Jillian Brown	Riverside	Lisa Marwick
East Gippsland	Nalda Atkinson	Lilydale	Juiley Beckman	Riverside	Trinh Nguyen

The View from the South

We've got five big opportunities this month:

1. Our Leadership Institute workshop day will entertain and give you new insights. This inner Melbourne event is open to everyone and the public is welcome. We'll include Stage presence; Audience rapport; Facilitating a group; Leadership; a Speaking Showcase; and a Masterclass. You have to be there. It's on Sunday 29 April from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. at Maccabi Toastmasters in Temple Beth Israel, 76 Alma Road, St Kilda (between St Kilda Road and Chapel Street).
2. Toastmasters get a lot out of helping and leading others. If you've never tried it, now's the time to check it out. Clubs thrive with new leaders. We hold our club elections at the first meeting in May. Talk to your President about the wide choice of roles available. There's something for everyone.
3. Maybe you hadn't thought about it, but you can get your Distinguished Toastmaster award (DTM). The most satisfying part of achieving it is being an Area Governor. Basically this is helping the Presidents of some local clubs plan activities during the year. We're looking for Area Governors to start on 1 July. You get the training and help you need to succeed.
4. Every President and VPE gets a vote on the future of our organisation at the Convention in Fremantle. If they cannot go, a member of their own club can take proxy forms and vote for the club. Make sure your club has a say in things affecting our future. It's the excuse you've always needed to visit the West, so tack on a few days to see the best sights W.A. can offer.
5. Banner Raids have been successfully trialled in Southern Division this year. Several clubs have enjoyed these visits to neighbouring club meetings, and held that club's banner for a short time as a "trophy". The talent and fresh perspectives gained from inter-club visits made this a success. There's already been interest from other Divisions and I'll be recommending Banner Raids continue in future.

There's always something new in this organisation. It is not just about speaking!

Till next month, happy Toastmastering.

Andrew Monaghan

Southern Division Governor

Northern Division Contests

The Northern Division International and Evaluation Speech Contests were held at Ballarat on 10 February.

An enthusiastic crowd of family and supporters provided the contestants with a wonderful audience. The willing team from Ballarat Toastmasters club provided the timers, counters and stewards.

Thank you to Robert McIlroy, from the new Docklands club, for providing the test speech for the evaluation contest. Thank you to chief judge Bernard Marmion and his fellow judges



who had a difficult time in working out the eventual winners.

The winners are Willie Robinson (pictured left) who will represent Northern Division in the International contest in Fremantle; and Michael Landry who will be the representative in the Evaluation contest.

Wendy Powell

Northern Division Governor

Are you:

- * Finding it hard to slot in that very long speech project?
- * Looking for a more challenging program?
- * Looking for a second club?
- * Looking for something different?

The solution is simple! Visit Satdy Arvo Communicators. Meetings are held monthly on the third Saturday (except May) at the North Melbourne Library, 1st Floor, Erroll Street, North Melbourne. Meetings start at 1:30 p.m. Polish your performance at Satdy Arvo. Visit our website at www.satdyarvo.toastmasters.org.au.

Heather Whittingham DTM, Vice President Membership

Adelaide Toastmasters Club wins three Division Titles

For the second year running, Adelaide Toastmasters has won three of the four competitions in Central Division.



On 25 February Ron Watts (pictured centre below) beat a tight field to win the Evaluation contest. Speaking without notes, Ron displayed a superior level of analysis of the target speech. These same skills won him the

evaluation contests at Club and Area levels.

Last year's District runner up in the humorous contest Austin Nevis (pictured on right) won the Humorous speech competition. Addressing the age old question of, 'Am I stupid?' Austin had the audience rolling in the aisles as he recounted his experience with the English language as a new migrant to Australia.

The third title went to Darren Fleming (pictured left) with the Table Topics contest. Speaking to the topic 'Cooking for fun' he spoke about the fun of cooking up trouble and having fun to help relieve stress and tension in the workplace.

Club President Austin Nevis said a reason for the success of the club was a strong focus on evaluations at club level. "The Toastmasters program is about better listening, better thinking and better speaking. If you listen well you can think about what is being said and form an opinion about it. Everyone in our club is encouraged to give their own opinion in evaluations, and this helps everyone improve."

All three Adelaide members are now planning their trips to Fremantle for the District Championships.

Beat the Clock - Results

You may recall that last year the district conducted a competition called "Beat the Clock." to assist in building membership. It has come to our attention of the district team that those clubs that meet the conditions of the competition have not been awarded their prizes.

Could the president of the clubs listed below please contact Stephen Eldridge and he will arrange to forward to your club manuals to the value of either \$100 or \$50.

The only condition is that the manuals can only be from current District supplies and that any freight costs would form part of the prize.

The winning clubs of the \$100 voucher are:

Balaclava	Durack
Lilydale	Nine-90

The winning clubs of the \$50 voucher are:

AIAWA	Boroondara
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Carrington Central

Foothills

Hawthorn

Kingston

Monash

North Adelaide

Quintessence

Sandbelt

Subiaco Early Birds

Terrace.

City Centre

Glen Waverley

Kew

Kingston Communicators

Moonee Ponds

Northern Exposure

Rowville

South Coast Speakers

Telstra Exhibition

Congratulations to all these clubs and thank you for your continuing support this year.

Bernard Marmion

Lt Gov Marketing

Speech Contest Workshop

A Speech Contest Workshop is to be held on Sunday 17 June 2007.

Following the very successful March Workshop, we have booked the next one. All clubs will have held elections by the end of May, and it will be an excellent opportunity for incoming executive members to step on to the new learning path.

The workshop covers all aspects of Speech Contests: planning, preparation and judging. There's value for everyone: how to plan, how to lead, how to work in a team, how to judge, how to prepare speeches for contests - to list just a few attractions.

The Venue will again be the LOUISE Multicultural Community Centre in Box Hill, approximately 10.00 a.m.

to 4.30 p.m.

Lunch will be arranged if required - *lots of very positive feedback on that one!*

Participants receive individually named handouts.

BOOKINGS ARE MANDATORY

Toastmasters interested in taking a role as Presenter or Contestant, please contact me.

Grab the diary and circle the date NOW.

Marilyn Newby, DTM

District Contest Coordinator

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10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Sunday 29 April 2007

at Maccabi Toastmasters Club, in Temple Beth Israel

76 Alma Road, St Kilda (between St Kilda Road and Chapel Street)

Just \$15 gets you all this!

This inner Melbourne event is open to everyone and the public is welcome.

Respecting the preferences of our hosts, please do not bring any food onto the premises.

DISTRICT COUNCIL MOTIONS ON NOTICE

The following motions on notice are on the agenda for the 19 May District Council meeting in Fremantle, WA:

13.1 Continuing Motions as at 19 May 2007

Motion: That Continuing Motions be confirmed.

13.2 Club and Area Realignment

13.2.1 Victorian / Tasmanian realignment

Motion: District Council endorses the realignment of Victorian and Tasmanian clubs for 2007-08 as distributed.

Moved: Stephen Forrest

13.2.2 Perth / Western Division realignments

Motion: That the renamed Successful Club (formerly known as Exchequer in Area P20) become part of Area W21, and that Central Communicators and the soon-to-be-chartered Young Guns be part of Area P20, these changes to take place from 1st July 2007

Moved: Mike Helm, Perth Division Governor

13.3 Reformation of District 73

Motion: District Council approves the establishing of a representative committee chaired by the current District Governor to prepare a report and recommendations on a proposal to reform the District into two districts; and to present the outcome to the November 2007 District Council meeting.

Moved: Geoff Morrissey DTM, President – Nillumbik Club 6079

(Note: the mover will step down from the Chairman position for the purpose of debating this motion)

13.4 Proposal: A Change to the Advanced Leaders Gold award

Motion: That the Toastmasters International Board of Directors be asked to consider adding a requirement to the proposed Advance Leader Gold award to include a number of judging requirements of members officiating at both club and higher levels.

Moved: Gordon Veerasawmy, Rowville Club 6890

Seconded: Henk Van den Bergen ATMB, Rowville Club 6890

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL

District 73

Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia

PROXY VOTE

I, being the duly elected President / Vice President Education [delete one] of the Toastmasters Club, hereby proxy my vote at the 2007 Annual District Council Meeting, on Saturday, 19 May 2007 to who is a member in good standing of that Club.

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[Signature of President/Vice President Education] [Date]

The District Council is the governing body of the District, subject to the general supervision of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors.

PLEASE NOTE:

§ Each member of the District Council in attendance at a Council meeting, or his/her proxy is entitled to one (1) vote. Any active individual member who carries the proxies of both the Club President and Vice President Education from a member Club is entitled to two (2) votes; and any such individual member who is also entitled to a vote as a member of the District Executive Committee is entitled to three (3) votes. All other members of the District Council shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) votes.

§ If only the President or Vice President Education is in attendance at the Council meeting, he/she may exercise the other's vote without a signed proxy from the absent Club officer where the vote has not been assigned by proxy to another member of the Club.

§ If either the President or Vice President Education is unable to attend the council meeting, he/she may assign his/her vote to a financial member of THAT Club by satisfactorily completing the Proxy Form or by providing the same details in writing. The vote may NOT be proxied to a member of a Club if the member is not a financial member of THAT Club.

§ If neither the President or Vice President Education is in attendance at the Council meeting, a member carrying the proxy vote for either the President or Vice President Education will be entitled to two (2) votes for the Club provided that the second vote has not been proxied in writing to another member of THAT Club.

§ Proxy forms or other written proxy must be presented to the credentials desk in writing, on paper. A copy of an electronic form (e.g. email or facsimile) is acceptable where the identity of the person assigning the proxy is present in the document. A signature of the member assigning the proxy is required where the proxy is presented in other than a copy of an electronic form.

§ Members of the District Executive include district officers holding the positions of District Governor, Lt Governor Education & Training, Lt Governor Marketing, District Public Relations Officer, Immediate Past District Governor, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Division Governor and Area Governor.

Members of District Executive cannot proxy their district officer vote to another member.

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The Last Word

This month has probably the greatest variety of articles since I became editor.

There are proposals which in some way will determine future directions in District 73. There are articles about the Convention and what excitement that will be for those fortunate to be able to attend. On the Convention front all seems in readiness for the Committee to greet delegates and show off their town of Perth.

Some divisions have provided more articles about winners of contests and there's even a hint that other Divisions should look out. There's celebrations and the welcome of several new members.

I have had to hold over some articles this month as there has been a call to try and limit the publication to 12 pages.

Next month is going to be a large challenge for many people. Committees will be elected at Club, Area, Division and District level. This means that people who are going into these new positions will

need to get their information quickly to Headquarters and also to the Website manager, Franco so that the email addresses can be updated. This is a huge task and one which Franco handles very well.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate all competitors at the District finals and may everyone perform to their highest standard.

Just another reminder that this Magazine is a great way to highlight upcoming events, such as Club Officer Training and also to report on outstanding milestones, such as 25 years, 750 meetings and the banner raids.

Phil White ATM(B) CL
Editor