



Spinnaker Toastmasters

Club 7868, District 72

Annual Business Meeting Tuesday 5 May 2020

President's Report

It has been my pleasure to hold the role of President at Spinnaker Toastmasters for the past year.

As some of you know, my tenure as president didn't begin too auspiciously as I ended up in hospital a few days prior to 1 July and wasn't able to attend meetings until the end of August!

My absence proved that most of the work is done by other committee members as the club appeared to continue ably without me!

Toastmasters Educational Programme

Toastmasters is primarily an educational organization, with the aim of improving members' public speaking and leadership skills.

From 1 July this year, all members will be working towards recognition in the new Pathways programme which will allow for better scheduling of speeches and educational presentations.

There are a handful of longer-standing members who are aiming to achieve awards in the old educational programme before the deadline of 30 June this year.

Congratulations to all members for the educational awards, both "old" and Pathways, they have achieved in the last 12 months.



Member Recognition

We congratulate the following further achievements of members over the last 12 months.

Spinnaker Club Awards

George Nicholson Award	Darrell Phillips
The Knight Award for Motivation	Tomoyo Gibson
Most Improved Speaker	Paul Briggs
Spinnaker Toastmaster of the Year	Katina Beauchamp

Club Speech Contest Awards

Humorous Speech Contest	Albertus Viljoen
Evaluation Speech Contest	Darrell Phillips
International Speech Contest	Darrell Phillips
Impromptu Speech Contest	Gary Nicholson

Area and Division Speech Contest Awards

Area J1 Humorous Speech Contest	Albertus Viljoen	Winner
Area J1 Table Topics Contest	Gary Nicholson	Winner
Area J 1 International Speech Contest	Darrell Phillips	2 nd place
Division J Humorous Speech Contest	Albertus Viljoen	Winner
Division J Table Topics Contest	Gary Nicholson	2 nd place

Club Growth

Throughout the life of a club, it is inevitable that members come and go. It is therefore important that the club continues to attract new members in order to remain a strong club.

While we farewelled Tomoyo Gibson who moved to Upper Hutt in January, throughout the year, we welcomed the following three new members:

- Johanna Lowe
- Ian Pringle
- Steve Bullock



Committee Achievements

Behind the scenes, your committee has worked on two major projects this term – one which we planned (a rebuild of the club website) and one which was thrust upon us (the transition to online meetings). These are detailed below.

Rebuild of Club Website

It was decided to rebuild the club website on a platform that is easier to administer. The current website requires knowledge of coding which may not always be available within the club.

We are in the process of drawing up a draft design of the site, including text and graphics. It is my recommendation that the incoming committee continue with this work so that the club has a website that is easy to administer and continues to be a great online asset for our club.

Online Meetings

As we enjoyed our Christmas meeting in early December, I doubt any of us thought that within three months, our country would have changed dramatically due to the pandemic that is Coronavirus and we would need to move to online meetings.

As news of the virus started to come out, the committee met in February and started looking into the best way to run online meetings. As the situation developed, we made the decision on 19 March to run meetings solely online from our next meeting on 7 April.

Because we had started preparations early and made the decision in mid-March to move online, we were well-placed when the government announced social restrictions at the end of March followed by complete lock-down two days later.

Our transition back to physical meetings will occur as government restrictions are gradually lifted.

Thanks

My thanks to all of the committee for the work they have done for the club this year. In particular, thanks to each as follows:

Dave, VP Ed, for willingly being at the helm in July and August while I was absent.

Tomoyo, VP Membership, for her unwavering commitment and enthusiasm.



Angela, VP Public Relations, for organizing the club Christmas function and being such a great host.

Megan, Treasurer and Secretary, for organizing internet banking for the club and for transforming our ramblings at committee meetings into sensible minutes.

Katina, Sergeant at Arms, for her dedication, enthusiasm and commitment.

My thanks also to the remainder of the club membership for making Spinnaker Toastmasters the great club it is!

I look forward to another excellent year in 2020-21 under the leadership of a new committee.

Kathy Murphy
Club President
5 May 2020