

SOUTHERN CROSS

*Your monthly newsletter from
Toastmasters International
District 73*

Toastmasters International, District 73 – Incorporating clubs in South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria and Western Australia
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Congratulations ... *Still More To Do!*

Following an energetic if not frenetic run from Perth to Adelaide and Hobart, I would like to congratulate all the hardworking Area and Division Governors and their band of happy helpers for one of the best rounds of Club Officer Training and Speech Contest Division finals I have seen.

Club Officer Training was conducted throughout the District by each of the Divisions and for some it was the first time. Whilst in most cases it was handled very well, we can all learn by this experience and add or delete segments to continue to improve and give members what training they both need and want.

Well done also to everyone who took part in the very entertaining speech contests and congratulations to the Division winners who will progress to the final competition to be held at the convention next month.

What a fabulous convention in Adelaide it will be. For the first time this District will run four competitions over the weekend, a definite “not to be missed” event. The competitions will be spread over the four major sessions, so if you can’t get to all of the convention (and that would be a pity) try to get there for some of it. With wonderful guest speakers and workshops that would normally cost hundreds of dollars, the convention total price is \$195. See details in this issue of Southern Cross.

The business end of the year is upon us. Area Governor visits to clubs should be nearly completed. Take this opportunity to talk to your Governor and ask any of those curly questions you always wanted to ask and never did! Or had the opportunity maybe. Area Governors are asked to submit those reports directly on-line to TMI; I will be then automatically copied from headquarters.

Thank you to all those club executives who managed to get your club dues in to America on time.

Congratulations to a couple of stars: Jacinta D’Sousa and Bruce Hill and teams for getting five Department of Human Services clubs up and running. As we all know, one club is no mean feat let alone five.

With your help we can meet the CTM goals required to meet our District goals. What can each club do? One or two more CTM awards per club would do it! Many clubs are assisting by running speech marathons to make sure they get their club goals, well done. There are many clubs looking to be distinguished this year, keep at it, it’s not over until the fat lady sings as they say!

I look forward to seeing you all at the convention in Adelaide next month.



Marlene Sinclair DTM
District Governor

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Speechcraft Training in Victoria

Have you ever been asked to help in a Speechcraft course and said 'no' mainly because you weren't sure of what was involved? Well it's not as hard as it seems; and I will be running a workshop in Victoria at the end of April for anyone who is interested in assisting or even running a Speechcraft course.

I will give you a firm date as soon as I have the venue confirmed. This is an ideal opportunity for members of you club who are trying to complete their CL or ATM to really hone their skills and put into practice some of the skills they have learnt in Toastmasters.

At the moment in the Victorian divisions we have a desperate need for Toastmasters to be able to assist in Speechcraft courses.

We currently have two corporate courses ready to run and enough interest to run two public courses.

Please contact your clubs and ask any interested members in your Divisions to contact Geoff Morrissey DTM PDG by phone (0408 589 949) or by [email](#) to express interest or seek further information; or myself by phone (0419324173) or [email](#).

Why'd I do it? This is the question most asked by club officers ... and district officers come to think of it ... why do they do it? Lets stop for a minute and think about it, why did we join Toastmasters most of us would say to improve our speaking skills, to give us more confidence, to help me advance in my career all of these are good reasons and there are probably more that many of you can think of. With all of these reasons and more in mind let me ask you a question, why is it so hard to find people who will stand up and become club & district officers? Perhaps we are looking at these roles in the wrong light.

For the past 10 years I have been either a district or club officer; and I believe that it has been one of the biggest areas of self development in my adult years. I have certainly, because of Toastmasters, learnt great public speaking and presentation skills, and through the agony and torture of table topics learnt to think on my feet. But it goes further than that in my various roles as a club or district officer; I have improved my inter-personal skills, my management skills and my leadership skills.

These three skills are important for anyone who wants to communicate with their fellow man. It's fantastic to be able to stand in front of a group of people and deliver a great speech or presentation, take a look at the great leaders of the world

throughout history not only where they good orators but they also possessed the other three attributes.



This, fellow Toastmasters, is what makes our organization great it helps us develop the other three by giving us the opportunity to become leaders in our clubs and district. So if you are asked to stand as a club or district officer don't look upon it as a chore look upon it as an opportunity to develop your other three attributes and complete

what we joined toastmasters to do, improve ourselves.

Les Courcha DTM
Lt Governor Education & Training

Help Wanted in Geraldton WA

I am starting a new club in Geraldton, WA and I am hoping that a few Toastmasters might be able to travel to Geraldton for the first meeting.

I cannot provide any financial support - people will need to pay their own travel and accommodation costs, but I will assist in finding the cheapest accommodation available; and in providing a good time.

Date: Tuesday 19 July 2005

Time: 12 - 1 pm (lunchtime club)

Venue: Geraldton College of TAFE (Central West)
Fitzgerald Street, Geraldton

Contact: Alison White (08) 9964 2074
or 0428 508 953 or by [email](#).

BHP Billiton Turns 500!

BHP Billiton Club is holding its 500th Meeting on May 24th, Conference Room 1, 23/180 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne from 12:30pm - 1:30pm.

This meeting will also be the club's Table Topics Contest. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please phone Bruce Hill on (03) 9204 8374 (w) if you are able to attend

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District Top Three Newsletter Contest ... 2005

Does your club publish District 73s best newsletter?

The **TOP THREE NEWSLETTER** competition for 2004/2005 is about to close!

Clubs are invited to submit their Club Newsletters by **30 April 2005** and receive one of three awards at the May Glenelg 2005 Annual Convention.

Criteria:

Content

- Highlights of Club meetings
- Recognition of Club and member achievements
- Encouragement to participate in Toastmasters activities
- Editor's name & address, Club name & number
- Meeting times & venue of Club
- Development of communication skills

Readability

Includes sentence structure, spelling & grammar, editing, reader interest & purpose

Layout & Presentation

Copy appearance & balance, artwork, creativity & style

Each submission must include the name of the editor(s) that will appear on the award and details of the frequency of publication. Newsletters will not be ranked in order with the top three enjoying equal ranking.

To enter: Please send **THREE ISSUES** of your Club Newsletter produced after 1 July 2004 to **Andris Bilkens Lt Gov Marketing, PO Box 262, Unley SA 5061** by the 30 April 2005.



Andris Bilkens DTM
Lt Governor
Marketing

Membership Renewals

If you are a Toastmaster member your Club should have by now issued you a reminder to submit your Club renewals! They are due by the **30 March 2005**. The cut-off date for Distinguished Club Program points is **10 April 2005** (also past!). However, if you have missed these dates, please pay as soon as possible to ensure that your members are eligible to compete in contests.

Presidents and Treasurers – There are a number of ways to submit your return:

- You can pay online using a credit or debit card. You will receive a receipt confirmation and your payment will be processed immediately.
- You can fax your membership renewal with your credit card authority to (Fax) 0015 1949 858 1207.
- You can send a \$US bank draft to World Headquarters.

The Easiest Way?

Submit your renewal on line www.toastmasters.org using the secured submission process and the Club password included in your Club Renewal mailing. This method WORKS and is easy and immediate!

At the same time you can complete a number of other tasks which include:

- Assign Club Officers
- Update Club information
- Add new members
- Pay late renewals

All on line with a minimum of fuss!

Presidents, if you have not submitted your renewals you can be assured you will be contacted by your Division Governor, or worse, me!

Contact me on 041 231 9383 if you need any information or email abilkens@ozemail.com.au.

Andris Bilkens DTM
Lt Governor Marketing

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Discover the Magic

2005 Contest Finals

Evaluation Contest

Table Topics Contest

International Speech Contest

Humorous Speech Contest

The contests, the dinner and the workshops will all be held at the Stamford Grand Hotel in Glenelg: a magnificent beachside setting for this year's sensational District 73 Convention. Fine food, entertainment, keynote speakers and Adelaide's most prestigious hotel combine to ensure this year's Convention will be the most memorable so far.

It's a great opportunity to experience Toastmaster fellowship and to showcase your Toastmaster interests to your family, peers or colleagues!! A truly professional and entertaining function and a landmark in your Toastmaster experience.

The workshops are timed in such a way that every delegate has the opportunity to attend each of the three workshops.

Convention Workshops

David Griggs APS, Dip NIDA (acting); Professional Speaking Coach, Leading Coach in presentation skills.

David Griggs is a former National President of The National Speakers Association of Australia. He is a recipient of the "Nevin Award" for outstanding service to the Professional Speaking Industry and has represented Australia for The International Federation of Professional Speakers.

David is a successful public speaking coach presentation director and business pitch consultant. His unique feature is his combined experience in the theatre and business.

David believes speaking is a "performing art" and will draw on his training as an actor and his experience in business to deliver an entertaining workshop about speaking.

Power through people

Josie McLean Principal Coach THE TACTICAL PARTNERSHIP

Josie has over 25 years experience from which we can all learn more about how to get the best from your people.

Josie is passionate about leadership and her areas of specialisation are Authentic Leadership; Team Coaching; Corporate and Executive Coaching; and Speaking.

Maintaining Success in Voluntary Organisations

David Nicholas (DTM)

How does a successful club or group maintain its vigour and strength over the long term? David Nicholas DTM (3 times) is well qualified to identify the important factors. Since he founded Victoria Quay in 1995 the club has always been the top performing Club in the District, as measured by Toastmaster International's criteria. In April the Club celebrated 10 years of meetings and in July its 500th meeting. David will share some of the Club's successful methods.

Book now to reserve your place!

For more Convention information, check out www.d73.toastmasters.org.au/convention.htm .

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Toastmasters International District 73 At the STAMFORD GRAND, GLENELG, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

20th – 22nd MAY 2005

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

Friday 20 May

- 17:00 Registration Desk opens
- 18:30 Welcome B-B-Q
- 20:00 Official Opening
- 20:30 Table Topics Contest
- 21:45 Close of Day One

Saturday 21 May

Day Session

- 8:00 Registration Desk Opens
- 8:45 Workshops 1 & 2
- 9:45 Poster Walk and Morning Tea
- 10:15 Humorous Speech Contest
- 11:45 Workshops 3 & 4
- 12:45 Luncheon
- 13:45 Workshops 5 & 6

- 14:45 District 73 Council Meeting
- 16:15 End of Day Session

Evening Session

- 18:30 Pre-Convention Dinner Drinks
- 19:30 Convention Dinner (Includes International Speech Contest)
- 00:00 Close of Day Two

Sunday 22 May

- 09:30 Opening / Start
- 09:45 District 'Open Forum'
- 10:45 Morning Tea
- 11:15 Evaluation Contest
- 12:30 Luncheon (with Keynote Speaker)
- 13:45 Closing ceremony



Registration form on last page. Remember that the Early Bird registration closed on 28th February 2005.



For further information on the Convention, contact:

Nick Nash, Annual Convention Chairman, on (08) 8203 7562 (W) or (08) 8377 4917 (H)

**Nick Nash
Annual Convention Chairman**

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Welcome Aboard ... New Clubs, 2004-2005!

As our Toastmaster term draws to the end I would like to welcome our chartered New Clubs into District 73.

Raconteurs Club

South Australia

HP Shakers 'n' Breakers Breakfast Club

Victoria

Toast of the Country Club

Victoria

Infosys Melbourne Club

Victoria

AIAWA Club

Western Australia

Gavellers Toastmasters – Department of Human Services, Victoria

Babylons Toastmasters – Department of Human Services, Victoria

Wafflers Toastmasters – Department of Human Services, Victoria

Happy Hour Toastmasters – Department of Human Services, Victoria

Dynamos Toastmasters – Department of Human Services, Victoria

Just when you think our Club names were becoming 'predictable' we dream up these energetic Club names!

I am pleased to report that Western Australia plan to charter a further three Clubs and there is another Victorian Club in the offing, before June 2005. That will give this District 14 new clubs in this Toastmaster term! A sensational result like this will match the previous record number of Clubs set by District Governor Edmund Breen in 1993-1994.

We all hear that service Clubs are having difficulty attracting new membership – not so with Toastmasters and you can with confidence declare Toastmasters are a growing vital organisation!

Andris Bilkens DTM
Lt Governor Marketing

ADVERTISE FOR FREE ...

Do you have a Club, Area or Division event to advertise? Why not use Southern Cross to spread the news?

Best of all, it's **FREE, NO CHARGE, GRATIS!**

Kew Turns 25 Years ... Let's Party!

Kew Toastmasters are celebrating our 25th Anniversary and would love you to come along and join in on the celebrations.

All are welcome to join in with current & past Kew Toastmasters members in an evening of fun, memories, speeches, food & drinks.

When: Wednesday 4th May

Time: 7:30pm

**Where: Kew Heights Sporting Club
397 Barkers Road, Kew, VIC**

RSVP by Mon 2nd May (for catering purposes) to:

Elaine on (03) 9497 5475
or elainedoyle2@yahoo.com.au

Burwood Unity ... Hunting for Speakers

Attention fellow Toastmasters, Burwood Unity Toastmasters invite members interested in further developing their skills to attend the Clubs' meeting on Anzac Day – 25 April.

Time: 7:45PM

Place: 4 Renown Street, Burwood, VIC

Contact: Sam Butler

Phone: (03) 9889 2486

Supper will be catered.

Wanted ... Speechcraft Facilitators (Victoria)

We have a number of requests to run Speechcraft courses in Victoria, but nobody (apparently) who wants to run one. Here is an opportunity to develop your skills and attain one of the steps towards the ATM Gold award.

If you want to discuss becoming a Speechcraft facilitator, please contact Geoff Morrissey on phone 0408 589 949 or by [email](mailto:geoffm@atm.com.au).

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Number 2 in World Rankings

It was twenty-one years since District 73 was formed. The difference between the District in 1976 when it there was only 23 clubs now had 102 clubs. After a period of great growth and achievement by the District from 1991/1992 to 1993/1994 there has been a slight drop off.

Part Eight – Toastmasters ... for every Tom, Dick and Julie

For the second time in the District's history the previous years Lieutenant Governor Education and Training didn't become the new District Governor. Yvonne Cowling's new job as a Festival organiser made it impossible to be District Governor. So it was with much heartache she didn't stand for election, and Julie Cody became the District Governor.



Julie Cody was an inspiration to all through her commitment, patience and leadership. This inspiration could also have been the reason for the District achieving a record number of ATM awards registered in a year to that time. From 38 registered in the previous year, this increased to reach 98 ATM awards.

This was one of the main reasons for the District 73 climbing the World Rankings again, from 38 to 13.

The theme for Julie's year was **"Co-operation makes it happen!"** She chose this because she believed that there was a need to foster that spirit of teamwork, fun and friendship.

Of the five clubs formed in 1997/1998, all are still around today. These clubs are Ford Australia, Moonee Talks, Nine-90, Bendigo and Burwood Unity.

Statistics for 1997/98:

- 107 clubs (5 new),
- 209 CTM awards,
- 98 ATM awards,
- 702 new members,
- World Ranking – 13.

"Mr Toastmaster" was the name on the caricature of Dick Briggs who became the District Governor for 1998/1999.



Dick increased the number of District Officers and Co-ordinators that the District had. These position included Assistant Bulletin Editor (filled by May Wilson), District Sergeant-At-Arms (Cataldo Mase), District Database Officer (Jill

Kinsman Lloyd) and District Webmaster (Norman Lingwood).

The introduction of the role of Webmaster was the Districts first major push into the new mode of communication and marketing in the internet. Clubs were encouraged to make a presence on the web with their own site. The District's website received praise from many Toastmasters from overseas.

The theme for Dick's year was **"Education + Fun = Fulfilment. It's the Toastmasters way."** This was designed to take us back to the grass roots of what Toastmasters is all about and to set goals for the upcoming year.

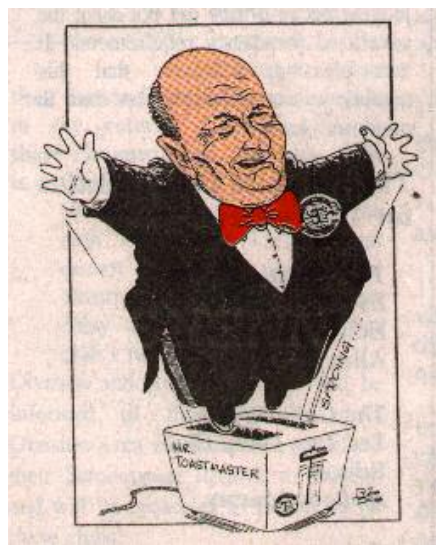
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The District continued its climb back up the World Rankings that year, climbing three places to be ranked 10th and was **Select Distinguished**. All six Divisions were distinguished, with five of them being President's Distinguished. Fifty-nine of the District's clubs were distinguished, twenty-six of those were Select Distinguished. Nineteen of the twenty-six Areas were Distinguished, with seven being Select Distinguished and seven being President's Distinguished.



Of the eleven clubs formed in 1998/1999, those that have survived until today include Gateway, Yarra Valley Water, Margaret River, North Melbourne, Sullivan's Cove, Western Founders, City of Greater Geelong and Epping.

Statistics for 1998/99:

- 118 clubs (11 new),
- 220 CTM awards,
- 87 ATM awards,
- 14 DTM awards,
- 748 new members,
- World Ranking – 10.

Tom Boon took the next step and became the District Governor for 1999/2000. That was Tom's theme for the year, **"Take the next step."** This was designed to focus on taking a step forward and to face whatever the future brings.

Tom had set a goal of becoming a Distinguished District. Through hard work this was achieved. This meant that the District had been distinguished for three years in a row.

At the International Convention Tom Boon had the honour of carrying the Australian flag in the flag parade of countries where Toastmasters are found.



Central, Filoz and Launceston

After eight years former District Governor Charlie Holden gave up the reins of the Southern Cross. Charlie had turned it into an icon of the District. Norman Lingwood took up the reins.

Of the nine clubs formed in 1999/2000, those that have survived until today include Durack, Mandjar, Talking Blue, Terrace, Dandenong Rangers, Carrington

Statistics for 1999/2000:

- 127 clubs (9 new),
- 192 CTM awards,
- 90 ATM awards,
- 713 new members,
- World Ranking – 16.

If you have any information on the history of District 73 can you please e-mail them to Andrew Breeden through the Southern Cross' e-mail address: southerncrossd73@hotmail.com or ring him on 0411 589 498.

Information can include club formation, important District events or District Governors.

Also required are previous editions of the Southern Cross and pictures of former District Governors Ron Ellis (District Governor 1977/8), Tony Jessop (1978/9) and Len Hooper (1979/80).

With the Annual Convention coming up, does anyone have any pictures of Convention Badges? There were definitely badges produced for the Frankston 1996 and Whitehorse Annual Conventions.

Also being put together is a list of District Conventions (Date, Venue, Hosts, Chairman and Theme). Does anyone have details of these. Please contact Andrew on the above number or e-mail.

Thank you to Helen Dinan for sending to me some information and pictures recently.

Andrew Breeden

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District 73
Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia

NOTICE OF MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Any member who wishes to put a Motion on Notice at the 2004-05 30th Annual District Council Meeting, for District 73 please send to District Governor, Marlene Sinclair before Friday May 6th 2005.

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

The purpose of the District Council Meeting is to conduct all the business, of the District.

Voting members' of the District Council are the District Executive Committee, Club President's and Club Vice President's of Education. A Club President, or Vice President of Education, may designate any member of the club to act as proxy. No other proxies are allowed.

Marlene Sinclair DTM
District 73 Governor
Toastmasters International
"Discover the Magic"

Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations are invited for the following District Awards. Any member may nominate a Toastmaster for any or all awards, giving full details of why the nominee has earned the award.

The **DISTRICT 73 TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR** is typically awarded to a Toastmaster who is not a top District Officer, Division or Area Governor, but who makes a significant contribution to the goals & mission of the District over a long period of time.

DISTRICT OFFICER OF THE YEAR is typically awarded to a District Officer who is not a top District Officer, Division or Area Governor, but who makes a significant contribution to the goals and missions of the District over a long period of time.

AREA GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR recognizes an Area Governor whose dedication and commitment makes a significant contribution towards achieving the mission of the District.

DIVISION GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR recognizes a Division Governor whose dedication and commitment makes a significant contribution towards achieving the mission of the District.

Please note that the nomination form/s for these positions appear on the following two pages.

Nominations should be sent to:
District Governor, Marlene Sinclair DTM
29-31 Pleasant Rise Croydon South Vic 3136
email: marlenes.smallfish@bigpond.com

Nominations close on Friday 6th May 2005

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DISTRICT 73 TOASTMASTER OF THE YEAR:

I nominateofToastmasters Club
for District 73 Toastmaster of the Year 2004/2005.

I have attached a letter outlining why I believe to be a worthy recipient of
this award.

Printed

Signed.....

ofToastmasters Club.

Address:

Phone: AH BH

DISTRICT 73 OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

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I have attached a letter outlining why I believe to be a worthy recipient of
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Address:

Phone: AH BH

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DIVISION GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR:

I nominateofToastmasters Club
for Division Governor for Governor of the Year 2004/2005.

I have attached a letter outlining why I believeto be a worthy recipient of this award.

Printed:

Signed:

ofToastmasters Club

Address:

Phone: AH BH

AREA GOVERNOR OF THE YEAR:

I nominateofToastmasters Club
for Area Governor of the Year 2004/2005.

I have attached a letter outlining why I believeto be a worthy recipient of this award.

Printed:

Signed:

ofToastmasters Club

Address:

Phone: AH BH

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TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL
District 73
Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia

PROXY VOTE

I,
 being the duly elected President / Vice President Education of the
 [delete one]
 Toastmasters Club,
 hereby proxy my vote at the 2005 Annual District Council Meeting, on Saturday 21 May2005 to:

 who is a member in good standing of that Club.

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

PLEASE NOTE:

- If only the President or Vice President Education is in attendance at the council meeting, he or she may exercise the other’s vote without a signed proxy from the absent Club officer.
- If either the President or Vice President Education is unable to attend the council meeting, he or she may assign his or her vote to a financial member of THAT club by satisfactorily completing the Proxy Form. The vote may NOT be proxied to a member of another club if the member is not financial in your club.
- No person may vote at the Council meeting unless he or she is the President or Vice President Education of a Club, a District Officer (a person having the word “Governor” in their title, the District Public Relations Officer, District Secretary and District Treasurer) or a person carrying a properly signed proxy of the President or Vice President Education of their Club.

Designated District Officers: All Governors, PRO, Treasurer, Secretary get a vote in their own right. This vote cannot be proxied and is additional to the Club votes that a member may otherwise lodge.

- The President and VPE of a Club may each assign their vote by, provided that such assignees are not already carrying the responsibility for voting, by reason of office or proxy, for a total of two votes for another Club.

In other words, a member of Toastmasters is only entitled to lodge a maximum of three votes through office and by proxy of the Clubs of which they are a member at an Annual, Semi-Annual or Extra-ordinary Meeting of the Council of District 73.

Note that if a Toastmaster belongs to three clubs and is President of two of these and VPE of the other, the Toastmaster is only allowed to register votes for two of these offices. The third must be lodged by a proxy holder, who is entitled to hold that proxy as above. If the President or Vice President Education has assigned their proxy and then attends the meeting, they will be entitled to vote in preference to the proxy holder.

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Distinguished District

Last year District 73 achieved **“Distinguished District”** status. We’re hoping to repeat or better that effort this year.

The table below will be updated each edition of Southern Cross so that members can keep track of their achievements.

For March 2005 (uploaded on 11/4/2005):

District Targets	Goal	Actual	%
CTM	182	113	62
ATM	52	67	129
PAYMENTS *	5309	4041^	76
PAID CLUBS	135	137	101

Key:

- On Track/Achieved
- Slightly behind
- Needs URGENT attention

* Payments made by members (eg. renewals, new members, reinstatements)

^ These will improve when clubs submit renewals in October and April; and these figures are updated on the international Web site ... still some late payments to come (eg. 4 unpaid active Clubs)!

How to:

If you have any questions regarding the **Southern Cross** don't hesitate to contact one of the team:

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toasty@bigpond.net.au

Assistant Editor:

Andrew Breeden (03) 9833 4443
andrewbreeden@hotmail.com

Contributions

How to Contribute: If you have a story or idea, send an email to Geoff or Andrew. Stories should be in the body of the email or in Microsoft Word format. Documents should not contain images or branding of any kind. If you have images to go with your story, please ensure that they are JPG or GIF format and small enough (file size) to easily download. **Do not** format pages with **bold**, ALL CAPITALISED, *Italics*, borders, or other special effects text as this takes the editor hours to remove and may result in articles being rejected.

Deadlines: The aim is to publish monthly by the 15th day. Articles can be submitted up to the 1st of each month and will be published if time and space permits. It is recommended that advertising of events be done in the month prior to the event – so, try to give at least 6 weeks for publication.

Congratulations to Award Achievers

The following members have achieved awards so far this year (March/April 2005).

Competent Toastmaster (CTM)

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Parks, Sue | Nine Ninety |
| Espiritu, Val | Filoz |
| Voloczi, Susan | Trackside |
| Dickinson, Ross A | Trackside |
| Wakefield, Fiona M. | The Oaks |
| Etherton, David | Post*Masters |
| Richards, Gary A. | Post*Masters |
| Pedicini, Pat A. | Post*Masters |
| Dowling, Christopher R. | Epping |
| Boskovic, Andrew | National Australia Bank |
| Van Holsteyn, John | Dandenong Ranges |
| Thomas, Ron C. | Dandenong Ranges |
| Turnham, Mark Peter | Box Hill |
| Streppel, Bernadette M. | Victoria Quay |
| Schollitt, Chelle | Alfred |
| Ling, Debbie | Alfred |
| Shiple, Anthony S | Durack |
| Dias, Karen | Moorabbin Saints |
| Pool, Deborah S. | Moorabbin Saints |
| Ang, Kenneth | Monash |
| Loke, Barry L. | Terrace |
| Bromley, Carol | Adelaide Hills |
| Hasard, Rob | Subiaco Early Birds |
| Patrzalek, Liza | Ford Australia |

Competent Leader (CL)

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Hastings, Kathleen M. | Western Founders |
|-----------------------|------------------|

Advanced Leader (AL)

- | | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Noble, Christabel J. | Raconteurs |
|----------------------|------------|

Advanced Toastmaster Bronze (ATMB)

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| Ellis, John H. | Essendon |
| Gladkoff, Michael | Dandenong Ranges |
| Leeden, Katharine M. | Gourmet |
| Still, Symon K. | Gateway |
| Schlatt, Tim | Doncaster |
| Goh, Jen Ye | Monash |
| Schliebs, Graham L. | Quintessence |
| Rogers, Clive A. | South Coast Speakers |

Advanced Toastmaster Silver (ATMS)

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Morrissey, John J. | Valewood |
| Richards, Mark A. | Victoria Quay |

Leadership Excellence (LDREXC)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Triplett, Vivienne Kay | Kodak Toastmasters |
| Jorgensen, Murray C. | Curtin GSB |

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Election of District Officers

Elections will be held for District Officers at the District Council meeting on 21 May 2005.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee I report that the following nominations had been received by the scheduled deadline of 21 March 2005:

DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Andris Bilkens
Les Courcha

Lt GOVERNOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

No nominations received

Lt GOVERNOR MARKETING

Jacque Gullick
Stephen Eldridge

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

Stephen Eldridge

CENTRAL DIVISION GOVERNOR

Di Leech

EASTERN DIVISION GOVERNOR

Bernard Marmion

METROPOLITAN DIVISION GOVERNOR

David Reynolds

NORTHERN, SOUTHERN & WESTERN DIVISION GOVERNORS

No Nominations received

Area Governor Elections

Elections for 2005/06 Area Governors should be conducted at your Area Council meetings during April/May 2005.

If no Area Governor is elected the District Governor elect can make the appointment. There are no eligibility requirements to become an Area Governor. If you are interested in becoming an Area Governor, contact your current Area Governor as soon as possible.

All above nominees meet the relevant eligibility criteria & as there are no more than two nominations for any one position all candidates are formally endorsed by the Nominating Committee.

Ed Biggs DTM IPDG
Nominating Committee Chairman

Editors' note:

The above members are entitled to place information in support of their candidacy into Southern Cross. All were invited by the Nominating Committee Chairman to submit articles.

Articles received from candidates appear on the following pages. All efforts were made to present the material submitted in a format similar to that submitted.

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Support **Andris Bilkens DTM** for **District 73 Governor 2005 – 2006**

Serving Members with Vision through Insight

As District 73 grows in membership, along with our other Australian Districts, our management and leadership have reflected a new energy. Every State in your District is strongly represented. Technology has made effective communications throughout Australia possible. I am passionate in pursuing the fundamental strength created in a unified national Toastmasters approach. As we grow we need to encourage hands on decision making for our Division Governors using long term planning from your District Executive. Management and administration practices adapt and new initiatives take shape. Leadership with vision becomes essential to the District Governors role.



Under my governance I will be listening to what our members want, articulate their needs into an achievable vision, supply the tools to do the job and provide the opportunities to do so. Members best recognise me through my active participation in many Toastmaster programmes! Choose a leader with a proven track record who enjoys the confidence of our members!

To gain your confidence in my term as Lt Governor Marketing I have;

- Anticipate matching a District 73 record of 14 chartered Clubs by June 30, 2005!
- Coordinated the Australian and District 73's participation in the nationally promoted and funded 2005 Adult Learners Week campaign
- Consolidated the Toastmasters Week promotion
- Spearheaded the Australian Toastmaster's home web page presence
- For the first time, formalised a national register of corporate Australian and New Zealand Toastmaster Clubs
- Created a District 73 Bendigo Bank Club debit card to conveniently pay your membership renewals
- Been absolutely transparent in my duties by providing regular committee reports for your review
- Made myself available to members and will continue to do so

My Experience?

- A Toastmaster of 11 years – Club, Area and Division and District roles, Club charter member and numerous other roles!
- Refined a Division Speechcraft programme with consistent revenue streams of \$30,000 pa
- Winner 2003 Division International Speech contest
- District 73 Toastmaster of the Year 2003
- Presidents Distinguished Club 2000/2001
- Presidents Distinguished Division 1998/1999
- Presidents Distinguished Division 2003/2004

What does the future hold?

- Ensure sustainable membership growth through focussed District marketing
- Promote a successful working District Speechcraft programme
- Initiate a credible Speakers Bureau
- Give every Club the opportunity to be have a Web presence
- Encourage inclusive communications throughout District 73 at all levels of Executive

The decision you make when electing your next District Governor will impact Toastmasters not just for this year but for the years to follow. Choose the candidate whose qualifications and experience best meet the requirements of the job!

You deserve a leader. Elect a Leader!

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Fellow Toastmasters,

My name is Les Courcha and I am seeking your vote for District Governor.

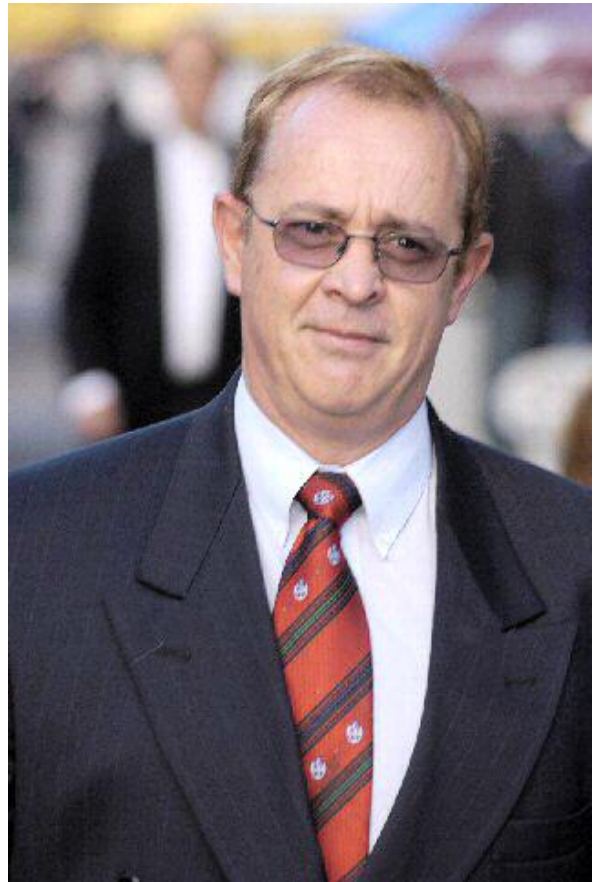
I believe that I will bring to the role a balance of skills, knowledge and an understanding of your needs and aspirations.

I have been a member of Toastmasters International since 1996. I am a member of Kingston & Sullivans Cove (Founder Member) Toastmaster Clubs in Tasmania.

I identify with members from across District 73. I have lived in Western Australia. I currently live in Tasmania and often travel back to the West and to South Australia and Victoria for my work and family functions. On these occasions, I try to visit Toastmasters Clubs or attend Toastmasters functions when the opportunity arises. Over the next twelve months I will be in each state for at least 2 months and will be available to the clubs.

I look at District 73 and see a wealth of diversity that, if properly harnessed, will ensure the growth of our organisation. I see this as a good thing for both members and the Australian community.

Like many members in Tasmania, I was disappointed and vocally against the change when we lost our Division status. I acknowledge that Toastmasters International has rules that are determined by an elected Board of Directors. I am committed to rebuilding the strength of Tasmanian clubs back to the point where we will again be a Division – within Toastmasters rules.



“I will also work hard to ensure that all struggling clubs in the District are given necessary support and an opportunity to again thrive.”

I pledge to you that I will uphold the *Toastmasters Promise* that I made when I joined this wonderful organisation. I will be a strong advocate for change on any issues that adversely impact on you, the members and clubs that shape our District.

“I will act honestly and openly as your ambassador to the community and to Toastmasters International.”

I have served District 73 as a member, Club officer, Area and Division Governor, District Public Relations Officer and, in the past year, as Lt Governor Education & Training. Along the way, I achieved many goals and awards – so I know what members have to do to realise their dreams and goals.

With your support, I look forward to keeping ours a Distinguished District through growth, enthusiasm, encouragement and sound management. We can do it together by working as a District team.

To succeed, I first need your vote.

Vote 1 – Les Courcha DTM for District Governor, District 73

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Vote 1 Jacqueline Gullick for Lt. Governor Marketing 2005-6

The best kept secret in the world (Toastmasters) is slowly being revealed.
It is my aim in the coming year to continue the momentum and with your help, create more clubs, enrol more people and keep them in this wonderful organization for longer!

Credentials:

Toastmasters

- Current District 73 Public Relations Officer
- 6 years active member of Dandenong Toastmasters Club
- 2 years dual member of Berwick Toastmasters Club
- Distinguished Toastmaster (DTM) 2004
- Club Positions held: President, Sergeant at Arms, Vice President Education (Twice)
- District Youth Leadership Co-Ordinator 2002/3
- Area Governor 2002/3 (President's Select Area)
- Division Governor Southern 2003-4 (President's Distinguished Division)
- Convention Registrar 2004
- Mentor to Infosys Toastmasters (current)
- Sponsor of Berwick Toastmasters 2003
- Support to Maccabi Toastmasters (ongoing)
- Organized Toastmaster's Week campaign, Federation Square, Melbourne 2005
- Promotion of Toastmasters at Berwick Show and also Relay for Life

Education:

- Commerce and Economics Degree Melbourne University
- Interior Decorator Diploma Melbourne School of Interior Decorating
- Business Studies Diploma Stotts Business College

What do I promise if you Vote 1 Jacqueline Gullick as LGM?

I will:

Promote Toastmasters generally and to District 73 networks within Toastmasters
Publicize Toastmasters to both community and corporate organizations
Publicize and encourage Toastmasters in Institutions of Learning

Promote Toastmasters in newspapers, community radio and television

Assess and assist low member clubs
Encourage and organize 10 new clubs in the District.
Organize promotional materials and displays.
Organize Toastmasters Week 2006

Personal Life:

Mother of 2 adult children, Justin and Melissa
Grandmother of three livewires
Enthusiasm for, and love of, Toastmasters
Lover of fine wines and Dining

Help District 73 by electing **Jacqueline Gullick** Lt. Governor Marketing 2005-6

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Welcome Mat

District 73 welcomes the following new members that have joined between 26th February and 31st March 2005.

Club	Name
Adelaide Hills	Shirley Moyle
Adelaide Hills	Giordana Cross
Alfred Hospital	Winston Farzon
Alfred Hospital	Julie Van Dort
Alfred Hospital	Kelly Christodoulou
Alfred Hospital	Michael Burgess
ANZ Talk of the Town	Anthony Sloan
ANZ Talk of the Town	Shailesh Jain
ANZ Talk of the Town	Debra Butcher
ANZ Talk of the Town	Alex Phomphoukhao
ANZ Talk of the Town	Ursula Virag
ANZ Talk of the Town	Sea Yau Maranda Au
ANZ Talk of the Town	Amellia Hua Xie
ANZ Talk of the Town	Sampson Goh
ANZ Talk of the Town	Natasha Fullard
Balaclava	Margaret Bourke
Ballarat	Simon Fuller
Ballarat	Mary Bunting
Berwick	Suzanne Abbonizio
Central	
Communicators	Jodie Lynch
City Centre	Leah C Alexander
Cranbourne	Kerry Mollison
Cranbourne	Robyn Whitfield
Curtin BSG	Kent Broad
Curtin BSG	Enno Schijf
Diamond Valley	Anthony Spark
Diamond Valley	Nick Livaditis
Diamond Valley	Wade Ashley
Doncaster	Alan Khoo
Doncaster	Anthony Ling
Doncaster	Veronica Strangio
Doncaster	Chen Li
Epping	Chris Andersdon
Epping	Butt Bruce
Epping	Mcqueen Ray
Exchequer	Angie Spiteri
Hawthorn	Peter A Campbell
Hawthorn	Chantelle Davies
Hawthorn	Gianna A Totaro
Kew	Dale Godfredson
Kew	Noel Mcdonald
Margaret River	Jane Nicholls

Club	Name
Moonee Ponds	Mariehelen Merkenich
Mornington Peninsula	Joan Kilby
National Australia Bank	Alistair Yee
Nine-90	Danielle Silver
North Adelaide	Darryl Footer
North Melbourne	Nicholas Smart
Raconteurs	Micheal Wang
RMIT	Jonathan Plummer
Rowville	Pauline Bonaddio
Rowville	Saras L Veloo
Rowville	Gonny R Rundell
Sandgropers	Hazel Norris
South Coast	
Speakers	Christine Johnson
South Coast	
Speakers	Bill Verboon
Speakers Corner	Adam J Pannell
Speakers Corner	Debra Cook
Speakers Corner	Charmaine Jolly
St Georges	Michael Williams
Stirling	Renae A Rautao
Subiaco Early Birds	Paul Noakes
Subiaco Early Birds	Rebecca C Taylor
Subiaco Early Birds	Okrim Choi
Subiaco Early Birds	Liza Breckler
Subiaco Early Birds	Penny Crook
Subiaco Early Birds	Pauline Bell
Swan	Sandy D Thomson
Synergy	Rob Cox
Technospeakers	Dehong Chen
Telstra Exhibition	Geoff Elliott
Terrace	Deborah A. Paulik
Terrace	John I. Soh
Terrace	Phil Mason
Terrace	Anna Zammit
Trackside	Kin Tat Wong
Trackside	Daniel Beard
Trackside	Joe Windrich
Trackside	Helmut W Pechtold
Whitehorse	Kristy Gray
Whitehorse	Steven Bohlken

ADVERTISE FOR FREE ...

Do you have a Club, Area or Division event to advertise? Why not use Southern Cross to spread the news?

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New Look District 73 Website

Have you seen the new look web site for District?

The pages have recently been redeveloped to try and present a professional, useful and easily navigated site for members and visitors alike.



More work needs to be done and you can help. Please contact the Webmaster by [email](#) if you notice any errors on the pages or if you would like to see something changed or added.

The new District 73 Website can be found at www.d73.toastmasters.org.au.

Geoff Morrissey DTM PDG
Webmaster

Calendar

The following District Calendar will help Clubs and District Officers plan the next 3 months:

APRIL 2005

- 22 • Deadline for Area Governor Official Club Visit reports to be with District Governor
- Deadline for Senior District Officer, Division Governor, Area Governor reports for Annual Convention programme
- Club Officer List form mailed to existing Club President, by World Headquarters

MAY 2005

- Election of 2004-05 Club Officers at first Club meeting in May, and District Officers at May Area or Division Council Meetings
- 1 • **Deadline for Southern Cross articles**
- 4 • District Performance Report, Distinguished Division & Area Reports, and Distinguished Club Programs updated on TMI website
- 8 • Division and Area Governor Kits mailed to current Lieutenant Governor Education & Training for Incoming Officers by WHQ
- Club Officer Kits mailed to Club Presidents for Incoming Club Officers by World Headquarters
- 15 • **Southern Cross available**
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- to
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Name _____

Address _____

Preferred name for Name Badge (if different from above) _____

TMI Honours: _____ Club(s): _____

Tel (H): (____) _____ (Mob): _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

**For Full Registrations received BEFORE 28th February 2005,
the EARLY BIRD FEE of \$165 per person applies**

**Full Convention Registration includes morning and afternoon teas, lunches,
attendance at sessions and the dinner.**

Please enclose a cheque or money order, payable to "Toastmasters International District 73" or complete the authorisation below to debit your credit card by the amount shown in the TOTAL below.

A \$5 fee will apply to credit card transaction over \$100.00 and a \$3 fee will apply to any credit card transaction under \$100.00.

	Amount Payable
Early Bird Registration (\$165 per person)	
Full Convention (\$195 per person)	
Part Convention	
Friday 20 th May (includes BBQ, excludes drinks) (\$35 per person)	
Saturday 21 st May—Day only(\$75 per person)	
Dinner Saturday 21 st May Evening (includes drinks) (\$85 per person)	
Sunday 22 nd May (\$50 per person)	
Credit card fee (if applicable) (per transaction)	
TOTAL FEE PAYABLE	

Card type (Please circle)**Bankcard** **MasterCard** **Visa** Amount to charge to card: \$ _____

Card Number: _____ Expiry Date: __ / __

Name on Card: _____

Signature: _____

Please indicate any special requirements regarding health, disabilities: _____

Please return the form with the required fee to:

District 73 Convention 2005, c/o Duart McLean, PO Box 192 BLACKWOOD SA 5051.**Tel: (08) 8388 2529**