

Motion 7. - Change of Name for D69 Newsletter

PREAMBLE to Motion 7

Twenty years after the District 69 Newsletter was changed to Corroboree from Bulletin 69 in 1993, Mullum Magic is moving this motion to update the Newsletter name to a more contemporary and accurate reflection of the Toastmasters organisation's purpose and the function of its district newsletter.

We have consulted with Lennox Lightning Club, Area 30 Governor Donna Kildea, Southern Division Governor Christine Lennon, the Newsletter Editor Hari Kotrotsios, and three Indigenous leaders in NSW and Queensland (Gavin Brown - The General Manager of the Bundjalung of Byron Bay Aboriginal Corporation (Arakwal), Joann Schmider - Co-chairman of the Queensland Traditional Owner Network and Tina Williams - Regional Co-ordinator of the NSW North Coast Aboriginal Lands Council) and after gaining their input and support for a name change, we respectfully propose the new name of 'Storylines'.

The name Storylines was suggested by Joann Schmider. Her response was: "Thank you for raising this query and the opportunity it gives for Toastmasters in keeping contemporary in its respectful relationships. I've been around terminology considerations for over 30 years in education and Indigenous affairs policy fields. Corroboree belonged to its time and may have been quite relevant and acceptable up to the 90s. My professional view is that it's no longer a contemporary concept. I recommend the Aboriginal concept of 'Storylines' as more a suitable concept."

Storylines is a concept that has relevance in both Indigenous and non Indigenous cultures and so embraces us all. Storylines is a reflection of the Indigenous term Songlines, which are paths across the land (or sky) marking the route followed by creator-beings during the Dreaming. The paths of the songlines are recorded in traditional songs, stories, dance, and painting. Similarly, the Merriam-Webster dictionary says that a *STORY LINE* is the plot of a story or drama. Within Toastmasters members share their own stories and stories about issues that interest or concern them, and through the district newsletter we share stories about our members and clubs.

MOTION

"That the name of the District 69 newsletter be changed from 'Corroboree' to 'Storylines'."

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