



*“Help yourself by helping others” – John Templeton*

## **Toastmasters District 69 District Council Meeting** Sunday 22nd September 2024, online via Zoom

### **1. Meeting called to order**

The meeting was called to order by the Immediate Past District Director: Denise Buckby DTM, in the absence of the District Logistics Manager. The Mission of the District was read:  
*“We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence”.*

*Mace ceremony was carried out by Immediate Past District Director: Denise Buckby DTM*

The meeting was handed over to the Acting District Director, Nicky Jurd DTM, as Lou is unwell.

### **2. Introduction official open**

#### **District Director: Acting Nicky**

“I declare this Toastmasters District 69 Executive Committee Meeting opened at 2:00pm.”

District Director introduced top Table

- District Program Quality Director: Nicky Jurd DTM
- District Club Growth Director: Alex Smith
- District Public Relations Manager: Joshua Morotti DTM
- District Administration Manager: Lisa Dodis DTM
- District Finance Manager: Mark Hegarty
- District Parliamentarian: Udo Moerig DTM
- District Logistics Manager: Con Papamitros DTM
- Immediate Past District Director: Denise Buckby DTM

Administration Manager: Lisa Dodis DTM read the Notice of meeting and update to notice.

### **3. Parliamentary**

#### **3.1 Quorum**

*The District 69 Parliamentarian, Udo Moerig DTM, advised that this district has 159 clubs paid up, which means that we need 53 clubs to be here in attendance with 2 votes each, which is **106** votes to establish a quorum. There are **167** voting delegates in attendance, therefore a quorum has been established.*

#### **3.2 Voting Method**

The District Director explained the method for speaking, moving or seconding a motion, and voting, to be used throughout the meeting online, by addressing the chair, once acknowledged and by using ticks and crosses and using virtual hand

## 4. Meeting Administration

### 4.1 Apologies

Administration Manger informed DCM that apologies will only be accepted prior to the meeting via email to [admin@toastmastersd69.org](mailto:admin@toastmastersd69.org) adding that apologies will not be asked for during the meeting as they are classed as absentees.

District Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM read out the apologies.

Official recorded apologies - District Council Meeting 22 September 2024					
Name	Division	DEC Member	Area	Club officer Role	Club
Barbara Nielsen	Moreton	Area Director			
Barbara Nielsen	Moreton		8	Club President	Persuasive Toastmasters
Barbara Nielsen	Moreton		3	Club VPE	Redcliffe Toastmasters
Ian Pinker	Central		22	Club President	Glasshouse Country Toastmasters Club
Christian Parks	Eastern		26	Club President	Mt Gravatt Toastmasters Club
Ben Maclean	B		15	Club President	Alpha-Endeavour Toastmasters
Helen Petterson	M		8	Club President	Sandgate Toastmasters Club
Julia Schafer	Southern	Division Director			
James Reid	Moreton		8	Club President	Peninsula Toastmasters
Donna Kildea	Central		28	Club President	Leaders by Design
Francis Davis	Brisbane	Area Director	17		
Anthony Spark	Central	Area Director	16		
David Boyle	Moreton	Area Director	8		

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Jill Brew, VPE Alice Springs Toastmasters Club

Motion carried.

### 4.2 Minutes of Previous Minutes

District Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM advised minutes of prior District Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April was on website for members to view.

No amendment were received for these minutes.

Motion: That the minutes are a true and accurate record of the District Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Jenny Owens DTM, President North Lakes Toastmasters

Motion carried.

### 4.3 Business arising from Previous Minutes

No business arising from previous minutes

### 4.4 Acknowledgement of Recent Deceased Members of District 69

District Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM read out the obituaries

Official recorded obituaries 2024-2025				
Name	Date of passing or notification	Toastmasters History	DEC Acknowledgment	DCM Acknowledgment
Margaret Clancey	Wednesday, 31 July 2024	Member Talk Of The North Toastmasters	Mon 01 Jul 2024	Sun 22 Sep 2024
Davenia Danial ATM	Wednesday, 4 September 2024	District Governor 1993-94, Member Bundaberg TM Club and Redland Bay TM Club	Sun 08 Sep 2024	Sun 22 Sep 2024

A moment of silence was observed.

## 5. Appointed Office bearers

District Director Lou Cervetto acknowledged those members who have taken the opportunity to make the most of what Toastmasters offers through developing their leadership skills through serving in District roles, since the last DC meeting.

Public Relations Manager: Joshua Morotti DTM  
District Administration Manager: Lisa Dodis DTM  
District Finance Manager: Mark Hegarty

### Area Directors

Wayne Taylor	Area Director	B5
Ariel Elbiom	Area Director	B15
Francis Davis	Area Director	B17
Yves Uwayo	Area Director	B21
Jessie Brauer	Area Director	B25
	Area Director	C4
Christopher McLean	Area Director	C10
Anthony Spark	Area Director	C16
Cynon Lowe	Area Director	C22
Dawn Smith	Area Director	C28
Christine Zimmer	Area Director	E7
Sally Turner	Area Director	E20
Melanie Surplice	Area Director	E26
Javeria Khurshid	Area Director	E27
Lucy Schelberg	Area Director	M3
David Boyle	Area Director	M8
Abhishek Singh	Area Director	M18
George Ma	Area Director	M37
Pritika Wilson	Area Director	N2
Tammy van der Reijden	Area Director	N9
Megan Dillon	Area Director	N14
Gregory Sowni	Area Director	P38
Linda Sambukoi	Area Director	P40
Gima Kepi	Area Director	P41
Eunice Bokalen	Area Director	P44
Raka Numa Raula	Area Director	P456
Sheb Giner	Area Director	S6
Louise Donnan	Area Director	S23
Tom O'Sullivan	Area Director	S24
Sarah Boynton	Area Director	S35
Brendan Bernier	Area Director	W01
	Area Director	W11
Matthew McDiarmid	Area Director	W12
Mac (Darrell) McLeod	Area Director	W31

The following office bearers do not need to be confirmed by this DEC, but the District Director wishes to acknowledge them in their positions of support for District 69:

District Logistics Manager: Con Papamitros DTM  
District Parliamentarian: Udo Moerig DTM  
P Division Mentor: Rachael Poloat DTM  
District Training Manager: Thomas Krafft DTM  
District Training Manager: Kate Norris DTM  
District Leadership Committee Chair: Denise Buckby DTM  
Past District Governors & Directors Committee Chair: Robert Green DTM  
District Historian: Sue Pinker DTM  
District Technical Committee Chair: Shubhangi Chatterjee  
District Auditors: Don Crombie DTM, Ian Gilbert & John Knox  
Area Director Mentor: Deb Barnett DTM  
Division Director Mentor: Jenny Owens DTM  
District Alignment Chair: Barbara Nielsen DTM  
Club Coach Coordinator: Deb Barnett DTM  
Club Extension Officer and District Statistician: Candice Hincksman  
Speechcraft Coordinator: Dawn Smith DTM

Motion: That the appointments made by the District Director as circulated in the agenda be confirmed

Moved: Joshua Morotti DTM, District Public Relations Manager

Seconded: Cynon Lowe, Area 22 Director

Motion carried.

## **6. Correspondence**

### **6.1 Inwards/Outwards**

District 69 Administration Manager Advised the correspondence was posted on the website

Motion: District 69 Administration Manager move that the correspondence be confirmed.

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Steven Arthy, President ACS Toastmasters Club

Motion carried.

### **6.2 Business arising from Previous Correspondence**

No business arising from previous Correspondence

## **7. Reports**

reports from the Trio, Top Table and Division Directors have been published on the D69 website. No questions on notice were received. If there are any present queries, please send them to the District Administration Manager.

Motion: Move that these reports from District Leaders be received

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Kevin Croft DTM, President Agile Toastmasters

Motion carried.

## **Business arising from Reports**

No business arising from reports

Motion: move that these reports from District Leaders be adopted?"

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Shubi Chatterjee, Brisbane Division Director

Motion carried.

## **8. Motions on Notice**

### **Motion 1 - Approving the District 69 2024-25 Budget**

*"Each Program year, Districts are required to submit a budget to Toastmasters International ensuring all necessary criteria are followed precisely. The total funds for D69 are in principle based on Membership Payments. There are 11 items of expenditure with minimum and maximum spends in each category. D69 has created a balanced budget within these constraints and on the required Toastmaster Template.*

*Toastmasters International has advised that the anticipated income for District 69 for 2024-25 will be \$109,811.*

*The draft 2024-25 District Budget has been posted on the District 69 website."*

Motion:

**That the proposed 2024-25 Budget for District 69 approved by District Council."**

Moved: Mark Hegarty, District Finance Manager

Seconded: Carolyn Becker DTM, President Lockyer Valley Toastmasters Club

Motion: Carried

### **Motion 2 - Approving the Budget Schedule of Rates for 2024-25**

*Preamble:*

*As part of the District Budget and the District Operating Procedures Manual, there are several items for which costs are to be paid by members or reimbursements made to members. The costs associated with these items are set out in a Schedule of Rates.*

*The draft Schedule of Rates for the 2024-25 District Budget has been posted on the District 69 website.*

Motion:

**That the draft Schedule of Rates for the 2024-25 District Budget be approved by the District Council.** (Rates being the rate at which district reimburses District Leaders.)

Moved: Mark Hegarty, District Finance Manager

Seconded: Cynon Lowe, Area 22 Director

Motion: Carried

Discussion arising from motion: Location of documents were questioned and confirmed to be on the District 69 Website. Clarified that the word rates is the rate at which the District reimburses District Leaders.

**Motion 3 - Approving the 2024-25 District Success Plan**

*Preamble:*

*“TI requires that each District submit a District Success Plan. The District Trio has reviewed and updated the 2023-24 District Success Plan to incorporate the aims of the Trio for 2024-25. These include continuing with the Immediate Past District Director’s aims of improving connections across the District, as well as, improving leadership skills and participation within the Clubs and District.*

*The draft 2024-25 District Success Plan has been posted on the District 69 website”.*

*Motion:*

**that the draft 2024-25 District Success Plan be approved by the District Council.**

Moved: Alex Smith DTM, Club Growth Director

Seconded: Jenny Owens DTM, President North Lakes Toastmasters

Amended Motion: Carried

**Motion 4 - Approving the 2024-25 District Communications Plan**

*Preamble:*

*“TI requires that each year each District submit a District Communications Plan. The District Trio in conjunction with the District Public Relations Manager (Joshua Marotti DTM) have created the 2024-25 District Communications Plan.*

*The draft 2024-25 District Communications Plan has been posted on the District 69 website”.*

Motion:

**That the draft 2024-25 District Communications Plan be approved by the District Council.**

Moved: Joshua Morotti DTM, District Public Relations Manager

Seconded: Christiane Pedler, VPE Sandgate Toastmasters

Motion: Carried

**Motion 5 - Approving the 2024-25 District Marketing Plan**

*Preamble:*

*“TI requires that each District submit a District Marketing Plan. The District Trio in conjunction with the District Public Relations Manager (Joshua Marotti DTM) and the District Club Extensions Officer and District Statistician Candice Hincksman have created the 2024-25 District Marketing Plan.*

*The draft 2024-25 District Marketing Plan has been posted on the District 69 website”.*

Motion:

**that the draft 2024-25 District Marketing Plan be approved by the District Council.**

Moved: Alex Smith DTM, Club Growth Director

Seconded: Joshua Morotti DTM, District Public Relations Manager

Motion: Carried

## **Motion 6 - Approving the District 69 2025 Conference Budget**

### *Preamble:*

*District 69 previously approved the bid by members of Southern Division to hold the 2025 District Conference on the Gold Coast. The venue has been finalised as the Novotel Surfers Paradise. The Conference Committee has prepared a draft Budget for the Conference. The draft 2025 District Conference Budget has been posted on the District 69 website.*

### Motion:

**that the draft 2025 District Conference Budget be approved by the District Council.**

Moved: Christine Lennon DTM (District 69 2025 Conference Coordinator)

Seconded: Alex Smith DTM, Club Growth Director

Motion: Carried

(Budget which was not available on website was shared with the District Council)

## **9. General Business**

Lisa Dodis DTM, District Administration Manager declared not general business had been received prior to the meeting.

A. Date of conference was confirmed as 2-5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

## **10. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the District Council will be held on Sunday, 27th April 2025 at 2 pm.

## **11. Closure of Meeting**

Members of District Executive are encouraged to submit motions on notice or requests for discussion to the District Administration Manager.

Submission in advance allows for an informed conversation and allows members of the DEC to represent the views of their members and gain an understanding of the topics under consideration.

"I thank you for your attendance and participation in the Business of our District."

"There being no further business, I close this District 69 Council Meeting at 2.38pm.

## **12. Appendix: Attendance List**

Distribution: All District 69 Council Voting Members, District Logistics Manager, District Parliamentarian. Posted on District 69 Website under District Council Meeting.

Signed by

Nicky Jurd DTM  
A/District 69 Director 2024-25

Lisa Dodis DTM  
District Admin Manager 2024-25