



"Help yourself by helping others" – John Templeton

Toastmasters District 69 District Council Meeting

Sunday 27th April 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 District Director, Lou Cervetto DTM.

2. Introduction official open

District Director: Lou Cervetto DTM

"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 (absent)
- Immediate Past District Director: Denise Buckby DTM

District Director Lou Cervetto DTM acknowledged all District council members with a special mention of current and former International Directors, District Directors, Division and Area Governors/Directors. Including special mention to former International President Mike Storkey DTM, former International Directors for Region 12 - our very own Lesley Storkey DTM and Ben McCormick DTM

Administration Manager: Lisa Dodis DTM read the Notice of meeting.

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, quorum was established.

3.2 Voting Method

The District Director, Lou Cervetto DTM explained the method to be generally used throughout the meeting for speaking by raising a virtual hand and then addressing the chair, once acknowledged. The method for moving or seconding a motion will be the same, with voting, online, to be by using ticks (in favour) and crosses (against). Voting in the election will be by poll.

4. Meeting Administration

4.1 Apologies

Administration Manager informed the DCM that apologies will only be accepted prior to the meeting via email to 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, submitted the following apologies.

Official recorded apologies - District Council Meeting 27 April 2025					
Name	Division	District position	Area	Club officer Role	Club
Sandra Simpson	Northern		A2	Club VPE	Magnetic North and Business Leaders Toastmasters Clubs
Ian McLaren	Southern		A35	Club VPE	Elanora Early Morning Toastmasters
Dianne Cox	Central		A22	Club VPE	Caloundra Club
Christiane Pedler	Moreton		A8	Club VPE	Sandgate Toastmasters
Rodney Ballinger	Western		A12	Club President	Southern Cross Club Toowoomba
Caragh Hosoi	Southern		A24	Club VPE	Upper Coomera Toastmasters
Elga Kenins	Southern		A06	Club VPE	Gold Coast Toastmasters
Terry Sheppard	Eastern		A27	Club President	Daisy Hill Club
Shannon Ichikawa	Central		A16	Club President	Noosa Toastmasters Club
Megan Dillon	Northern		A14	Club President	Mackay Toastmasters Club
Marietta Wetzig	Central		A22	Club President	Humour'Us Toastmasters Club
Jane Buckley	Southern		A06	Club VPE	Robina Club
Margot Tesch	Western		A01	Club VPE	Stanthorpe Toastmasters Club
Sarah Boynton	Southern	Area Director	A35		
Ian Wallace	Northern		A02	Club VPE	Townsville City Council Toastmasters
Debbie Williamson	Brisbane		A15	Club VPE	Alpha - Endeavour Club
Chris Roberts	Southern		A35	Club VPE	King's Toastmasters Club
John Rolley	Western		A31	Club President	Goondiwindi Club
Aileen Scott	Eastern		A07	Club VPE	Redlands Toastmasters Club
Alexandra Price	Brisbane		A25	Club President	CBD Leaders Toastmasters Club
Iysova Irina	Southern		A23	Club President	SCU Gold Coast Toastmasters Club
Bonaventura Talingapua	Pasifika		A38	Club President	Komuniti Toastmasters
Mark Mourell	Southern		A06	Club President	Robina Club
George Ma	Moreton	Area Director	A37		
Karen Jurss	Central		A10	Club President	Indooroopilly Toastmasters
Win Salmon	Western		A31	Club President	Hervey Bay Toastmasters Club
Stella Baxter	Western		A31	Club VPE	St. George Toastmasters Club
Sebastian Flynn	Eastern		A20	Club VPE	St. George Toastmasters Club
Laura Ying Luo	Brisbane		A05	Club VPE	Leading Edge Toastmasters Club
Satya Nand	Eastern		A07	Club VPE	ACS Toastmasters
Mooi Harrison	Southern		A23	Club VPE	Morning Stars Toastmasters Club
					Twin Towns Toastmasters Club

Motion: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Nicky Jurd DTM, District Program Quality Director

Motion carried.

4.2 Minutes of Previous Minutes

District Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM advised minutes of the prior District Council Meeting held on 22nd September 2024 were on website for members to view.

No amendments were received for these minutes.

Motion: That the tabled minutes are a true and accurate record of the District Council meeting held on 22nd September 2024.

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Alex Smith, District Club Growth Director

Motion carried.

4.3 Business arising from Previous Minutes

There was no business arising from previous minutes.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Inwards/Outwards

District 69 Administration Manager Advised that a list of the District correspondence was posted on the website.

Motion: That the inwards correspondence be confirmed and the outward correspondence endorsed.

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Jenny Owens DTM, President Northlakes Toastmasters Club

Motion carried.

5.2 Business arising from Previous Correspondence

There was no business arising from the Correspondence

6. District Leadership Committee Report

District Director Lou Cervetto DTM called upon DLC Chair Denise Buckby DTM to present the report.

Denise Buckby DTM, DLC chair, IPDD, VPE Advance and Connect Toastmaster clubs presented the District Leadership Committee report and confirmed that it was invalid.

Motion: That the invalid District Leadership Committee report be noted.

Moved: Denise Buckby DTM, VPE Advance Toastmaster clubs

Seconded: Linda Field, President Elanora Early Morning Club

Motion carried.

7. Election of District Officers for 2025-26

District Director Lou Cervetto DTM called upon DLC Chair Denise Buckby DTM to conduct the election.

Election for District Director - There is only 1 candidate for **District Director 2025-26**, I ask the District Administration Manager to cast a single vote in favour of Nicky Jurd DTM
Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM – So Cast

Election for Program Quality Director - There is only 1 candidate for **Program Quality Director 2025-26**, I ask the District Administration Manager to cast a single vote in favour of Alex Smith.

Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM – So Cast

Election for Club Growth Director – There are 2 candidates for **Club Growth Director 2025-26**, Shubhangi Chatterjee and Mark Hegarty.

Each candidate gave a 3-minute presentation.

Voting commenced by poll vote for council members who held 1, 2 and 3 votes, resulting in Shubhangi Chatterjee being elected as **Club Growth Director 2025-26**.

Election of Division Directors

There is 1 candidate for **Brisbane Division Director 2025-26**, I ask the District Administration Manager to cast a single vote in favour of Wayne Taylor.

Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM – So Cast.

There are no candidates for **Central Division Director 2025-26**.

There is 1 candidate for **Eastern Division Director 2025-26**, I ask the District Administration Manager to cast a single vote in favour of Geoff Roberts.

Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM – So Cast.

There is 1 candidate for **Moreton Division Director 2025-26**, I ask the District Administration Manager to cast a single vote in favour of David Boyle.

Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM – So Cast.

There are no candidates for **Northern Division Director 2025-26**.

There is 1 candidate for **Pasifika Division Director 2025-26**, I ask the District Administration Manager to cast a single vote in favour of Raka Numa Raula.

Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM – So Cast.

There is 1 candidate for **Southern Division Director 2025-26**, I ask the District Administration Manager to cast a single vote in favour of Ron Atkinson.

Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM – So Cast.

There are no candidates for **Western Division Director 2025-26**.

District Director elect Nicky Jurd DTM, **Program Quality Director elect** Alex Smith and **Club Growth Director elect** Shubhangi Chatterjee all gave a 5-minute acceptance

address. Council members were thanked and control of meeting handed back to District Director Lou Cervetto DTM.

8. Acknowledgement of Recent Deceased Members of District 69

District Administration Manager, Lisa Dodis DTM read out the obituaries

Name	Date of passing or notification	Official recorded obituaries 2024-2025	Observed and Acknowledged at DCM
		Toastmasters History	
Glenn Kinross	Sun, September 22, 2024	Significant with the Toastmasters / Rotary alliance, World president of Rotary in 1997- 1998.	Sun 27 Apr 2025
Ron Wyllie	Fri, September 27, 2024	Charter Member of DC Toastmasters Club	Sun 27 Apr 2025
Mr Robert (Bob) Webb	Tue, October 29, 2024	Charter member of the revitalized Toowoomba Toastmasters Club	Sun 27 Apr 2025
Alan Youngson	Mon, December 16, 2024	longest-serving member and a cherished part of the Kenmore Toastmasters family	Sun 27 Apr 2025
Dudley Cowan	Wed, February 05, 2025	Charter member of Ipswich Toastmasters in 1987 and was also a member of Heart of the City Toastmasters	Sun 27 Apr 2025
Harold Clark	Wed, March 05, 2025	A wonderful Toastmaster and an inspiration to me and many many others in the Western Division since the 1970's	Sun 27 Apr 2025
Val Broady-Dugdale	Tue, April 01, 2025	A dedicated Toastmaster, taking on roles in Club and District. Cherished member of Crest and a mentor for Algester Toastmasters Club	Sun 27 Apr 2025

A minute of silence was observed.

9. Reports

9.1 District Leaders

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: That the reports from the District Leaders, as submitted, be received

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Shubhangi Chatterjee, Brisbane Division Director

Motion carried.

9.2 Business arising from Reports

There was no business arising from reports

Motion: That the reports from District Leaders be adopted

Moved: Lisa Dodis DTM, District Admin Manager

Seconded: Kevin Croft, President, Agile Toastmasters

Motion carried.

9.2 Finance Report

Mark Hegarty, District Finance Manager, presented the finance report for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024.

Motion: That the finance report be received.

Moved: Mark Hegarty, District Finance Manager

Seconded: Nicky Jurd DTM, District Program Quality Director

Motion carried.

9.3 Discussion arising from Finance Report

There were no discussions arising from the finance report.

Motion: That the 2024-2025 District Finance Report for period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2024 be approved and payments endorsed

Moved: Mark Hegarty, District Finance Manager

Seconded: Alex Smith, District Club Growth Director

Motion carried.

10. District Alignment

District Director Lou Cervetto DTM called upon District Alignment Chair Barbara Nielsen DTM to present the District Alignment Committee report.

Barbara Nielsen DTM, District Alignment Chair, President Redcliffe Toastmasters Club, VPE Persuasive Toastmasters and Sunnybank Toastmasters clubs presented the District Alignment report.

Motion: That the District Leadership Committee report be noted.

Moved: Barbara Nielsen DTM, President Redcliffe Toastmasters Club

Seconded: Jenny Owens DTM, President Northlakes Toastmasters Club
Motion carried.

11. Motions on Notice

District Director Lou Cervetto DTM called upon District Club Growth Director, Alex Smith to propose motions regarding upgrading the Bank Signatures for 2025 – 26

Change of Bank Signatories

That, for each of the following Toastmasters International District 69 bank accounts:

- Westpac Community Solutions One: BSB:034-065, Account number: 327069.
- Westpac Community Solutions One: BSB:034-660, Account number: 195267.

the following changes to permissions for signatories and account administrators should be made:

Motion 1 – That the signatories and authorised administrators for online banking of the above accounts shall be the 2025-2026 District Director Nichole Stacey Lee Jurd, the 2025-2026 Program Quality Director Alexander James Smith, the 2025-2026 Club Growth Director Subhangi Chatterjee, and the 2025-2026 District Finance Manager Kate Eliza Norris.

Moved: Alex Smith, District Club Growth Director

Seconded: Shubhangi Chatterjee, Brisbane Division Director
Motion carried.

Motion 2 – That all payments from the above accounts shall be made via online banking requiring two of the four signatories to give their online banking approval, with the exception that signatories are not allowed to approve a transaction for their own claims.

Moved: Alex Smith, District Club Growth Director

Seconded: Mike Storkey, President Coolum Communicators
Motion carried.

Motion 3 – That the 2024-2025 District Director Louis Paul Cervetto, and the 2024-2025 District Finance Manager Mark Stewart Hegarty, be removed as signatories and account administrators, and instead be given online banking “read-only” access from 1st July 2025 until September 30th, 2025, at which time access be revoked for all users not listed in Motion 1 from the above accounts completely.

Moved: Alex Smith, District Club Growth Director

Seconded: Aarunan Thambiayah, President Young Achievers @ QUT
Motion carried.

12. General Business

The following information was presented to the meeting for the information of members of the District.

Disposal of Redundant ABN for District 69 Toastmasters International (Unincorporated Entity) Update

History

In July 2022, Westpac Bank advised the District that it was not operating in accordance with the revised Banking Regulations (resulting from the Banking Royal Commission).

Consequently, Westpac advised the District that it needed to create a new ABN as an “Unincorporated entity”.

After much hassle, this was achieved resulting in the District having two ABNs. We thank Don Crombie DTM for all his efforts to achieve this.

We have now received written advice (from Westpac KYC section) that our original ABN as an “Other Incorporated entity” was satisfactory.

At the same time, Toastmasters International engaged an Australian Tax Consultant and Lawyer to examine issues associated with possible changes to the status of “Not for Profit” organisations with respect to GST.

The District 69 Trio has been liaising with Toastmasters International regarding both these issues, but as yet, we do not have an answer, with which we are comfortable.

The District Trio will continue liaising with TI until we receive a clear understanding of the implications of all the changes.

District Conference 2026

An expression of interest to host the District Conference 2026 was received from Western Division. There being no further nominations, we congratulate Western Division, as our 2026 Conference Hosts.

District October-November event

In previous years, District 69 used to hold a Semi – Annual meeting for educational and networking purposes. This practice was discontinued on the advice of Toastmasters International.

However, at the recent Toastmasters International Board of Directors meeting, the Board advised that Districts may elect to hold an additional event in October-November.

The District Executive is seeking guidance from the members as to whether such an event would be beneficial (if held).

No other General Business matters were submitted in writing to the District Council for consideration.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the District Council will be in September 2025.

14. Closure of Meeting

Members of the District Council 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 DCM 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."
Congratulations to the elected District Leaders for 2025-2026. There being no further business, I close this District 69 Council Meeting at 2.52pm.

Signed by

L. Cervetto

Lou Cervetto DTM
District 69 Director 2024-25

LJ Dodis

Lisa Dodis DTM
District Admin Manager 2024-25