



District 69 Council Meeting Sunday, 27 September 2026 MINUTES

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Welcome by Chairman Benjamin McCormick DTM

Quorum:

The voting platform has calculated the quorum. As of now, we have 123 quorum votes registered, which means we have a quorum.

In Memorium

Esther Frizzo, passed away on 16 June 2026.

Past Area 3 Governor. Charter member and past President of Glasshouse Country, past President and member of Mercury's Motivators and member of Weblec Online Toastmasters Clubs.

Apologies

A list of apologies notified via Admin Manager and/or lodged on Votapex Voting platform are posted on the [D69 Website](#).

ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain
4	Motion 1: That the apologies be received	No objections received		
4	Motion 2: That the minutes of the previous District Council meeting held on 19 April 2026 are true and correct	136	0	6
6	Motion 3: That the inwards correspondence be received and the outwards correspondence endorsed.	143	0	0
7	Motion 4: The report of the District 69 Finance Manager published on the District 69 website be received.	148	0	0
7	Motion 5: The report of the District 69 Finance Manager as published on the District 69 website be adopted.	146	1	2
7	Motion 6: The report of the District Officers published on the District 69 website be received.	149	0	0
7	Motion 7: That the reports of the District Officers published on the District 69 website be adopted.	145	0	0

MOTIONS ON NOTICE	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain
5	Motion 1: That the appointments made by the District Director and confirmed by the District Executive Committee as published in the meeting agenda be ratified.	148	0	0
8	Motion 2: That the 2026-27 District Budget be approved.	143	0	3
8	Motion 3: That the 2026-27 District Success Plan be approved.	148	0	0
8	Motion 4: That from 2027-2028 District 69 permits both local and partially remote but not fully remote elected District Leaders.	144	2	2
8	Motion 5: That the District should not reimburse costs for remote leaders in the 2027-2028 program year.	137	5	5



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GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Presentation of 2025-26 District Marketing Awards – Melanie Surplice PRM

AWARD	WINNER
Best Club Newsletter	Redlands Toastmasters Club
Best Club Website	Waterloo Bay Toastmasters Club
Best Social Media Campaign	Waterloo Bay Toastmasters Club
Best Overall Website and Social Media Campaign	Waterloo Bay Toastmasters Club

2. District Alignment – Thomas Krafft

TK: The District 69 alignment passed at the 19 April 2026 District Council meeting differs from what is showing on the dashboards. Requested an explanation to District Council.

BM: The District Director has limited prerogatives under the governing documents to change Areas and clubs assigned to Areas after the District Council meeting. In this instance the volume of new clubs chartered in June, tight deadlines and changes in key personnel resulted in a slightly different alignment of clubs. It was reiterated that the number of and lettering of Divisions was consistent with council's wishes.

3. Accredited Judges – Toowoomba City Toastmasters Club

The chair is aware of a motion passed by Toowoomba City Toastmasters in October 2025 about accredited judges. As this motion is highly technical on whether it is admissible or not with the leave of this meeting I would like to refer the question to the DEC for consideration. If an admissible motion can be made of the Toowoomba City Council motion it will be presented at the next council meeting. Note this does not preclude the club from writing to TI themselves. Further, as a gesture of goodwill I have raised their motion with three current board members.

With no objection from the meeting the matter was referred to the District Executive Committee.

4. Finance Report 2025-26 - Christine Lennon

CL: Querying final finance report from 2025-26

BM: District Audit Report for 2025-26 is currently being undertaken. The report will be emailed to members of District Council once completed. Both the January – June and July to December 2026 Audit reports will be presented and voted on at DCM April 2027.

Next meeting will be the District Council Meeting on Sunday 18 April 2027

Meeting officials and attendees were thanked for their participation and attendance. Meeting closed at 3.08pm.



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APPENDIX

Appointments made by the District Director

Executive Support Team	
District Director	Ben McCormick, DTM, PID*
Public Relations Manager	Melanie Surplice
District Administration Manager	Deb Barnett DTM
District Finance Manager	Nik Clement
District Logistics Manager	Chris Parminter DTM

*Was appointed by PQD, appointment ratified at DEC. DEC ratifications were all ratified as part of Motion on Notice 1.

Area Directors		
AD1 Linda McLeod DTM	AD14 Bert Pullman	AD26 Effie Lee
AD2 Mark Hegarty	AD15 Peter McRoberts	AD27 Marty Pouwelse
AD4 Charlene MacKenzie	AD16 Huw Humphreys	AD28 Robinlyn Sinclair
AD5 Sheni Akib	AD17 Seri Lewis	AD31 Ben Handley
AD6 Priscilla O'Sughrue	AD18 Candice Roberts	AD35 Leanne Hased
AD7 Faivalu Lale	AD20 Annette Marshall DTM	AD37 Rafi Mohamed
AD8 Mary Flowers	AD21 Geoff Roberts	AD38 Bonaventura Talingapua
AD9 Rob Whyte	AD22 Karla Ogg	AD40 Ancilla Ulai
AD10 Leonard Strub	AD23 Lou Cervetto DTM	AD 41 Rose Paul
AD11 Jake McCoombes	AD24 Trish Scott	AD44 Frank Manue
AD12 Peter Duncan	AD25 Jacquie Jones	AD45 Rachel Kobal
AD51 Wonder Chimonyo		

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

District Parliamentarian	Barrie Fuller DTM
District Training Manager	Robert Green DTM
District Training Manager	Kate Norris DTM
District Leadership Chair	Nicky Jurd DTM
District Awards Manager	Lisa Dodis DTM
District Historian	Sue Pinker DTM
District Audit Committee	Don Crombie, Ian Gilbert, John Knox
Area Director Mentor	Mike Storkey DTM
Club Coach Coordinator	Marina Bruno
District Alignment Chair	Thomas Krafft DTM