

# Minutes of District 90 District Council Meeting

Held at the Novotel, Parramatta

1:30 pm Saturday 25 May 2019

## Head Table

Phil Reed	DTM	District Director (DD)
Udo Moerig	DTM	Program Quality Director (PQD)
Monique Tonna	DTM	Club Growth Director (CGD)
John New	DTM	Administration Manager (AM)
Kim Nguyen		Finance Manager (FM)
Anna Farr		Public Relations Manager (PRM)
Shirley Childs	DTM	Immediate Past District Director (IPDD)
Gary Wilson	OAM PID PDG DTM	Parliamentarian

## Opening remarks

Phil Reed extended a welcome to all those attending the meeting and declared the District Council open. In the best interests of our district and this meeting all members of our district have speaking rights. Only members of the District Council may vote on any motions or amendments.

Please keep in mind that all votes are of equal value, the minority has the right to express opinions, yet the majority rules. Justice, respect and courtesy for all is most important. Please keep the Toastmasters Values in mind.

## Introductions

Phil Reed introduced the following:

### **Head table**

- As above.

### **Current and past international officers**

- Gary Wilson, OAM PID PDG DTM, accompanied by his wife Elizabeth Wilson, OAM, PDG, DTM

### **Past District Governors/Directors**

- Bob Kirchner, OAM DTM
- David Heggart, DTM
- Jan Vecchio, DTM
- Joan Rinaldi, DTM
- John Taylor, DTM
- Michael Said, DTM
- Nick Rinaldi DTM (also Incoming D70 Director 2019/20)

- Reg Stewart, DTM
- Shirley Childs, DTM

## **District Directors outside D90**

### **District 70**

- Wendy White, DTM

### **District 112 (New Zealand)**

- Toni Sharp, DTM

## **Mission of the District**

Gill Walker read the Values and Mission Statements of Toastmasters International.

**Toastmasters International Mission:** We empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders.

**District Mission:** We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

**Club Mission:** We provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leaderships skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

**Toastmasters International Values:** Integrity – Respect – Service – Excellence

## **Acknowledgement of First Timers**

Phil Reed invited all first timers to stand. Thanked all for attending today. Invited members and guests to network with our first timers. Each person will meet new friends.

## **Valé**

At this time, we take a moment to remember Toastmasters and family members of Toastmasters who have passed away since the last District Council meeting:

- Dolores Garaty
- Elizabeth Hing
- Ray Toyer
- Richard Crisp
- Tony Coombs

Gary Wilson shared a tribute to Ray Toyer.

## **Voting**

Phil Reed explained how to use your voting rights.

## **Quorum**

A quorum is one-third of the Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education from member clubs in good standing in our district, or their proxies.

Based on such Club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education, the total available number of votes was 296, therefore our quorum, being one third of the total votes, was 99. The total number of votes at the meeting was 166. **Therefore the meeting had a quorum.**

## Timing Rules

Phil Reed explained the timing rules.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Apologies

All apologies are to be entered in the Attendance and Apologies Book located at the door.

**Motion:** That the apologies as per the Attendance and Apologies Book be accepted.

Moved: John New	Seconded: Lee Buckley	Carried
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### Minutes of the last District Council meeting

The minutes of the District Council meeting, held on Saturday 8 September 2018 at Dee Why RSL and Virtual, were available to all clubs. These minutes were printed in the Agenda and Reports Book.

**Motion:** That the minutes of the District Council meeting, held on Saturday 8 September 2018 at Dee Why RSL and Virtual, as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be confirmed.

Moved: John New	Seconded: Alicia Curtis	Carried
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**Business Arising:** There was no business arising.

### Correspondence In

**Motion:** That the Correspondence In as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book including addendum be received.

Moved: John New	Seconded: John Treuren	Carried
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**Business Arising:** There was no business arising.

### Correspondence Out

**Motion:** That the Correspondence Out as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book including addendum be endorsed.

Moved: John New	Seconded: Stephen Needs	Carried
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**Business Arising:** There was no business arising.

## FINANCE

### Audit Report

**Motion:** That the 2017-2018 Mid-Year Audit Report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Demian Coorey	Seconded: Luke Donabauer	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## Finance Manager Report

**Preamble:** Kim Nguyen summarised the Finance Manager Report and the Audit.

**Motion:** That the Finance Manager's report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be received.

Moved: Kim Nguyen	Seconded: Jan Vecchio	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Business Arising:** There was no business arising.

**Motion:** That the Finance Manager's report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Kim Nguyen	Seconded: Geoff Pullen	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Business Arising:** There was no business arising.

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

**Motion:** That the District Leadership Committee report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Shirley Childs	Seconded: Mike Kano-McCallum	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## ELECTION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

Phil Reed, District Director, conducted the elections of District Officers for 2019-2020. Results were:

Position	Nomination	Elected
District Director	Udo Moerig	Unopposed
Program Quality Director	Monique Tonna	Unopposed
Club Growth Director	Three candidates: Joanne Keevers (33) Mark Walker (59) Tanya Wickham (105) Informal (1)	Tanya Wickham
Eastern Division Director	Scott Johnston	Unopposed

Hawkesbury Division Director	Mike Kano-McCallum	Unopposed
Macquarie Division Director	Sim Mooi-Heng (floor candidate) Nominated by: Hendrik Lianto Seconded by: Ravi Dikkala	Unopposed
Northern Division Director	Margaret Payne	Unopposed
Oxley Division Director	Sue Hereford-Ashley (floor candidate) Nominated by: Janet Coleman Seconded by: Hilton King	Unopposed
Western Division Director	Geoff Manzi (floor candidate) Nominated by: Mark Walker Seconded by: Louise McMahan	Unopposed

## DISTRICT OFFICER REPORTS

Conduct of the meeting was handed to Program Quality Director Udo Moerig.

### District Director

**Motion:** That the District Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Phil Reed	Seconded: Geoff Freeman	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

Conduct of the meeting was handed back to District Director Phil Reed.

### Program Quality Director

**Motion:** That the Program Quality Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Udo Moerig	Seconded: Sue Hereford-Ashley	Carried
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**Discussion:** Udo Moerig said that updated figures are available on the TI website.

### Club Growth Director

**Amendment:** Penrith CBD an additional new club. Correction: Fujitsu charted in November 2018, not January 2019. Another demonstration meeting was held at ATO Gosford on 12 June.

**Motion:** That the Club Growth Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book and amended be adopted.

Moved: Monique Tonna	Seconded: Michael Said	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## Public Relations Manager

**Motion:** That the Public Relations Manager report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Anna Farr	Seconded: Mike Kano-McCallum	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## Immediate Past District Director

**Amendment:** Added: My 3 years on the Trio has been an incredible journey. Thank you Toastmasters for giving me this opportunity. The lessons learnt, the memories, and the team I worked with - these experiences have given me an extraordinary sense of accomplishment and confidence. I am now ready to embark on a new chapter in my life.

**Motion:** That the Immediate Past District Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book and amended be adopted.

Moved: Shirley Childs	Seconded: Sean Leise	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## DIVISION REPORTS

### Eastern

**Motion:** That the Eastern Division Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Lee Buckley	Seconded: Tom Wilde	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

### Hawkesbury

**Motion:** That the Hawkesbury Division Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Alicia Curtis	Seconded: Lindi Bowen-Needs	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

### Macquarie

**Amendment:** Rouse Hills now in good standing with 8 members. Turramurra Club and Leaders in Action now have coaches. Western Lectern and Elouera Club are now Presidents Distinguished.

**Motion:** That the Macquarie Division Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book and amended be adopted.

Moved: Joanne Keevers	Seconded: David Hunter	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## Northern

**Preamble:** Said have had challenges due to Pathways and the drought.

**Motion:** That the Northern Division Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Leanne Kirchner	Seconded: Ron Marriott	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## Oxley

**Preamble:** Said report was not the latest report. (**Note:** After the meeting, this was resolved.)

**Amendment:** Now have dates and venues for CLT.

**Motion:** That the Oxley Division Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book and amended be adopted.

Moved: Sue Hereford-Ashley	Seconded: Sally Johnston	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## Western

**Amendment:** Penrith CBD chartered. All Area Director club visits now lodged with TI. Pathways Unravelled postponed.

**Motion:** That the Western Division Director report as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book and amended be adopted.

Moved: Mark Walker	Seconded: Suben Subenthiran	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## MOTIONS ON NOTICE

### Motion 1: Alignment

**Preamble:** 6 clubs not in good standing. 5 of them expected to come in good standing.

**Motion:** That the 2019-2020 alignment of clubs as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book be adopted.

Moved: Gary Wilson	Seconded: Tanya Wickham	
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**Amendment:** That Professional Trainers Toastmasters Club move from H9 to M16.

**Discussion:** Gary Wilson supported the amendment.

Moved: Alicia Curtis	Seconded: Mike Kano-McCallum	Carried
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**Amendment:** That the name of Northern Trainers be changed to Trainers on Track; and the name of MGSM Speakers and Debating be changed to MGSM Communications; and the name of Speakers Bureau D90 be changed to Speakers Bureau NSW.

Moved: Margaret Payne	Seconded: Mike Kano-McCallum	Carried
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**Motion:** That the 2019-2020 Alignment of Clubs as printed in the Agenda and Reports Book and amended be adopted.

Moved: Gary Wilson		Carried
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**Note:** The adopted District 90 alignment for 2019-20 is attached to these minutes.

## Motion 2: Award presentations

**Motion:** That District 90 Continuing Motions E2 and E3 be amended to read:

“...an Area Director of the Year award to be presented at a District 90 Awards function, the criteria for...”

“...a Division Director of the Year with the award to be presented at a District 90 Awards function, the criteria...”

**Explanation:** It is proposed that the Area Director and Division Director of the Year Awards, as well as other awards and events not specifically mentioned in these motions, be awarded at a separate function to be held in October-November. This motion seeks to change Continuing Motions E2 and E3 to reflect this change from July 2019.

Moved: Udo Moerig	Seconded: Alicia Curtis	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## Motion 3: Council Meeting Apologies

**Motion:** That the wording of Continuing Motion B7 be amended to read:

"That for District 90 Council Meetings, apologies be recorded in an Apologies Book; at the Annual Conference the Apologies Book be at the Voting Rights Desk."

**Explanation:** The Apologies Book can only be at the Voting Rights Desk for the Annual Conference. The amendment to this motion reflects the fact the first District Council meeting is virtual and apologies are noted on-line.

Moved: Udo Moerig	Seconded: Lee Buckley	Carried
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**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

## General Business

- Elizabeth Wilson: Said that Toastmaster Supplies Australia is still operational. A range of supplies is available as per the Supplies List.

## Announcements

- 29-31 May 2020: The Annual Conference will be held at Sails Resort Port Macquarie - by Rydges. The Conference Chairman is Colin Steber.
- The district final of the International Speech Contest will be videoed. Then, the videos of the winner of each District in Region 12 will be judged by a panel to determine which District Contest winner will represent Region 12 at the International Convention.
- Region 12 includes: 5 Districts in Australia, 2 Districts in New Zealand and 1 District made up of Indonesia, East Malaysia and Brunei.
- The 88th Annual Convention is 21/24 August 2019, Denver Colorado USA. Please see the District 90 web page for a link to Toastmasters International Convention web page.



- From June, District 90 holds club leadership training for club executive officers and future leaders. There are sessions in each division. Please consult the What's On Page on the District Website for details. Sessions will be added as they are arranged.

## Thank You

Phil Reed thanked:

- District Publications Officer Leanne Kirchner and the support team for producing the Agenda and Reports Book for this meeting. The work involved in preparing the book is no small task. It requires much patience and creativity, not just for designing the book but for encouraging officers to submit information on time. In addition, please also thank our ever-vigilant proof-readers Jan Vecchio and Debbie Tibbles.
- Administration Manager John New supported by incoming Administration Manager Janet Coleman for preparing all the printed material for this meeting.
- Parliamentarians, Gary Wilson and Demian Coorey.
- Returning Officer Joan Rinaldi and her team.
- Voting Rights Desk Coordinator Monique Tonna and her team.
- Our Timers.
- District Audio Team Greg Holterman and Laurel Holterman.
- District Photographer Suben Subenthiran.
- And you, our District Council Members.

## Close

Logistics Manager Tanya Wickham announced upcoming events for the weekend.

Thank you to everyone for attending and all who participated and assisted in this meeting.

We will aim to distribute the minutes of this meeting by the 8 June 2019.

This District Council is adjourned.

Meeting closed at 3:00 pm.

Certified as a true and accurate record..... \_\_\_\_\_



