



Welcome to the D73 Southern Cross

Light Up the Member, Light up the Club

District 73 Toastmasters provides a mutually supportive and positive environment in which every D73 member has the opportunity to contribute to the growth and well-being of other district members.

This newsletter, the “Southern Cross” is here to help celebrate member, club, area, division, and district successes; and to share district-related and Toastmasters International information, news, and events. With other mediums, such as the [D73 Website](#) and the [D73 Facebook Group](#), we aim to share ideas and opinions about improvements you would like to see in the district.

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TOASTMASTERS PATHWAYS

— learning experience —



Pathways News

Thank you to all our clubs for making time on their agenda to enable their Pathways presentation

A huge Thank you to our terrific Pathways Guides and Ambassadors who have been extremely busy visiting clubs, presenting the Pathways Kits and explaining the transition to Pathways. As a District, we have vast geographical distances to cover, so much so, that our PG Carole McCulloch spans across Victoria and NSW sharing her knowledge and expertise with District 70 clubs as well as ours. Transitioning to Pathways is history in the making! It is exciting to be part of this monumental change is our Toastmasters organisation.

By now, most clubs would have received their Pathways Kit, and as a member you are considering which Path to start....



Leadership Development

Build communication and leadership skills



Presentation Mastery

Build public speaking skills



There will be questions that you have – please direct your questions to your VPE as they are the direct link to your Pathways Guide. Your VPE will collate your questions and during the virtual support session which every Pathway Guide has planned, your questions will be answered.

Remember to log onto www.toastmasters.org as you will soon be receiving the email from TI with the link for your Pathways experience to begin!

Liz Allwood Program Quality Director



Have some Pathways questions?

Would you like to find out more about Pathways?

Come along to our Pathways Find Out More session –

Monday 27th November

5:30pm to 7:15pm

Urban Workshop, 50 Lonsdale St Melbourne

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From the desk of the Club Growth Director.....

*****I NEED YOUR STORIES!!*****

The Club Growth Director is working on a major advertising and promotion campaign for the District which will go live in the new year across print and radio in SA, Tasmania and Victoria - metro and regional.

She needs stories to wave at the media outlets... have you or someone you know benefited from Toastmasters (prefer existing members)...

did it improve your/their life?
did you get a new job/promoted?
did it help you pass a subject at uni?
did you suddenly turn into Tony Robbins?
did you become the leader you always dreamed of being?

Please EMAIL your story ideas and suggestions to [Estella](#)

DEVILISH UPDATE



2018 District 73 Convention

Speak of the Devil

Tickets are now on sale for the 2018 District 73 Convention to take place in Hobart on the 18th-20th May 2018!

Early Bird Ticket \$310 Includes all 3 days and Gala Dinner*

**Does not include DTM Breakfast on Sunday*

Early Bird tickets on sale 18th November – 31st December 2017 or when allocation of 50 tickets is exhausted (whichever comes first!)

Full price tickets are \$350 [Book now](#)

Applications are now open for Workshop Presenters for Convention, see [here](#) for details on how to apply

For all the latest Convention info, including accommodation options refer to the [Convention Link](#)



Twisted Tales Crime Walking Tour...

Are you interested in STRANGE stories, WEIRD happenings and the ironic details of Melbourne's strange past? How about historic stories about snake charmers and poisonings? A Toastmasters event - Walk & Talk the Streets of Melbourne - Twisted Tales Crime Walking Tour...

Come and walk and talk the streets of Melbourne. Hear 'Australia's Best' ghost story, and many crime stories. Tell your own twisted, tall tales. Melbourne has its share of lurid historical tales to get the blood racing. Let's walk and talk the streets where these events occurred!

Friday, January 19, 2018 6:15 PM to 9:00 PM

For more details [Click Here:](#)

Many unsavoury historical stories are told throughout the tour by the wonderful, incredible, knowledgeable tour guide Toastmaster, Red Coat Tour Operator, and Author of "In Search of the Origin of Pyramids", Dr. Charles Kos. But that's not all. At every stop, our very own Toastmasters (yes that's you) will add to the tour tales with twisted, tall tales. A Walk & Talk the Streets of Melbourne tour with your Toastmasters friends that will end up in Southgate for dessert and drinks. (Now that's no crime!)

Open to all Toastmasters and Non-Toastmasters.

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Captivate Your Audience in 3 Easy Steps

By Maribel Steel (Toastmaster Glen Waverley)

Toastmasters, whether you are new to the 'club' or have mature years behind you in the **craft of speaking** – I have discovered something amazing I'd like to share with you all.

It is the 3 easy steps to creating a captivating speech – every time!

I honestly believe, if you follow the steps (outlined in the CC Manual in Project 2) and work the plan, the plan will work for you.

How do I know?

I'm a relatively new member to the Glen Waverley club and having recently received "Best Speech" for the third time in a row, **I am writing to encourage you as a Toastmaster to review the template I am about to share as it is pure gold in our hands!**

A Basic Structure

Most speakers follow a basic speech structure of:

The Opening. The Body. The Conclusion.

However, if you read page 14 of the Toastmasters CC Manual, you can use "Sample Speech Outline" as your guiding template every time you want to craft a solid structure and plan your points by filling in the blanks.

I place the following points in front of me when preparing each speech as a reminder of my goals. The key to a great speech is Structure and Organised Points, and

- 1 Opening should catch immediate audience attention*
- 2 Body must have support material for clear points and ideas*
- 3 Conclusion should reinforce main message and be highly memorable*

BONUS TIP: I do consider this next point I discovered in Project 3 which is highly beneficial to know before I find support material or anecdotes for my speech –and this is to ask myself

- 1. What is the GENERAL purpose of my speech?**
- 2. What is the SPECIFIC purpose I want my audience to gain from my speech?**

Once I know if I want to inform, persuade, entertain or inspire (the general purpose) and I am clear about what the audience will know after hearing my speech –then I begin to fill out the Toastmaster's speech template which I have typed out and keep in my computer and use for each Project.

1 OPENING

- a) Plan to capture the audience attention
- b) Clearly lead into your speech topic

Transition...

2 BODY

- a) Main point #1 is...
Subpoint = your Support material (relevant and interesting)
 - b) Main point #2 is...
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Subpoint = your support material (keep reinforcing point with an anecdote etc)

c) Main point 3 is...

Subpoint = your support material (leave the audience in no doubt of your speech purpose)

Transition...

3 CONCLUSION

a) Review points in an interesting way as your summary

b) Make a suggestion, a call to action or best of all, a memorable statement.

In summary, the 3 easy steps to crafting a captivating speech not only requires a catchy opening, a well supported and engaging middle, and a memorable conclusion (with crafted transitions) but when also paired with good preparation – the results for you and your audience will be outstanding!

To your speaking success...

'The starting point of all achievement is desire.'

Napoleon Hill

[Maribel Steel](#) is a freelance writer, speaker, tour guide and Glen Waverley Toastmaster. She is vision-impaired and is a peer advisor and international correspondent for VisionAware (The American Foundation for the Blind). Maribel is passionate about sharing our stories by keeping the world in touch, one inspirational story at a time.

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The Best Toastmaster Club in the world

A claim by Nola Sharp (DTM), well substantiated by the following facts.

It began with an idea shared with Nola Sharp by Judy Murphy to establish a Saturday afternoon Toastmasters club in the beautiful township of Wandin in the Yarra Valley.

The Local Fire Brigade offered access to their meeting room with no charge.

On the 2nd March 2013, the first demonstration meeting was held sponsored by Lilydale Toastmasters.

Eighteen months of promotion, and encouragement to join us and observe what we had to offer was ongoing with the help and support of many Toastmasters from Ranges Division.

Our fledgling club was officially Chartered on October 25th 2014. Our charter was our birthday gift to Toastmasters International who were 90 years old on the same day!!!

Held at the home of Les and Nola Sharp, the presentation of our Club Banner occurred at our Clubs Christmas meeting in 2014

Wandin Toastmasters earned Distinguished Club status in just 6 months. In the following two years gained Presidents Distinguished status. This is the highest Toastmaster International club award. It is also our attainable goal again this 2017/18 year.

To be the **"Best Club in the World"** you need to attract current and potential leaders. The personal achievements of our current membership are exceptional. Inclusive of one Toastmasters International Presidents Citation awardee, two past District 73 Directors, six DTM awardees, three awarded District officer of the year, two District 73 Toastmaster of the year awards, two Division Directors of the year, three District contest winners, six past Area Directors, two of whom won Presidents Distinguished Area status during their leadership.

Wandin Toastmasters is home to three current Area Directors, two Pathway Guides and two Pathway ambassadors, plus three Youth Leadership coordinators who take our program to potential leaders of the future. Our members have a **"culture"** of pride in our service and volunteering to be test speakers, contest chairs, and judges for contests within and beyond our Area and Division and are regularly involved at District Conventions.

Our Clubs commitment to the Toastmasters Promise, is all encompassing. **And we have FUN!**

The mentoring process is an important part of our Clubs culture and currently ten members mentor and establish wonderful friendships within that important frame work. To our past and long-term members who continue to give service and who have achieved personal growth and personal bests in the roles and speeches they present, thank you!

To our newest members I know you feel welcomed because you tell us so. Thank you for adding strength and colour to the fabric of this Wandin Toastmasters that is, in my view ...

The Best Toastmaster Club in the World!

Nola Sharp DTM

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Speak of the Devil

D73 Calendar Contest

to raise funds for the

Speak of the Devil

convention, we're creating a D73 calendar...

we need your club, area or division photos!

Submit by November 30 to convention@d73.toastmasters.org.au

Submissions must have the consent of all participants to be published in the calendar.

Be creative, you can theme your photo to any event, anniversary or holiday.

The winners will be decided by a committee of 4 little devils and advised prior to publication.

Calendars will be on sale for \$15 by mid December.



Smedley Award

Congratulations to the following clubs that added 5 or more members during the period (1 Aug - 30 Sept): Bayside Toastmasters Club, Launceston, Footscray Skyline Toastmasters Club, National Australia Bank Toastmasters, Hawthorn Toastmasters Club, South Yarra Toastmastrs, Telstra Exhibition Toastmasters, Siemens Orators Club, Port Melbourne Toastmasters and Pentana Solutions Toastmasters Club!!

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Eastern Division Round 2 Club Officer Training: **SOLUTIONS.**

Date: Saturday 2nd December, 2017

Time: 12:30pm for 1:00pm start, 5pm finish

Place: Austin Tower, Level 4, Education Centre,
[145 Studley Road Heidelberg](#)

Food: Coffee, tea and afternoon tea to be provided

Please find further information and confirm your attendance [at the link.](#)

The Second Round COT will have a focus on **SOLUTIONS** to common club issues and will have essential information for Officers running the Pathways education program from December.

A reminder that at least 4 officers are required to be trained for each training round to receive DCP credit.

I look forward to seeing you all on the day

Stephen Lakey

Eastern Division Director

[Glen Iris Toastmasters](#)

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Toastmaster Talk **Trivia.**

1. As of 17 Nov 2017, District 73 had achieved a total of 182 Awards!
2. This newsletter will be emailed to 2,897 members
(with so many recipients in this email list, check your spam)
3. All email addresses are supplied by Toastmasters International
(If your email is wrong, that is where to update it!)
4. No monkeys are hurt in the production of the newsletter.
5. All newsletter material is supplied by the members of District 73
(you have a say as to what appears here)
6. Toastmasters International has a BETA website for District
Officers !
(I found it when looking at trivial things)
7. District 73 has 8 Divisions, 36 Areas and 157 paid Clubs.
(we are all in this together!)
8. Pathways has 10 Paths, 59 Projects and over 180 different tasks.
(Can't wait till it starts... I am Excited!)

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Educational Excellence

Congratulations to the District 73 members
who have achieved an outstanding array of awards last month (October)

Award	Toastmaster	Club
Distinguished Toastmaster	Flood, Rosella J.	Warragul
Advanced Communicator Gold	Flood, Rosella J.	Warragul
Advanced Communicator Gold	Hughes, Robert Kenneth	Ivanhoe
Advanced Leader Silver	Flood, Rosella J.	Warragul
Advanced Leader Silver	Jorgensen, Leona Jillian	Rowville
Advanced Communicator Silver	Singh, Brij Basi	Satdy Arvo Communicators
Advanced Communicator Silver	Van Schuilenburg, Ryan Thomas	Synergy
Advanced Communicator Silver	Sheppard, Steven	North Melbourne

Advanced Communicator Silver	Ratnaike, Arvind Viranga	RMIT
Advanced Communicator Bronze	Luk, Florence	Surrey Hills
Advanced Communicator Bronze	Perera, A C Dinesh	Hobart
Advanced Communicator Bronze	Balasooriya, Gamini Rohana	Ringwood
Advanced Communicator Bronze	Glass, Sandra L.	Hawthorn Toastmasters Club Inc.
Advanced Leader Bronze	Koutsikas, Con	Adelaide City
Competent Communicator	Godau, Emmi	Nillumbik
Competent Communicator	Zon, Cora	Healesville
Competent Communicator	Neale, Anthony	Pentana Solutions
Competent Communicator	Barbaresco, Ayman	Balaclava Club (St Kilda)
Competent Communicator	Dahiwalkar, Yashwardhan S	Dandenong Ranges
Competent Communicator	Ellard, Vivien R.	505 Speakers Corner
Competent Communicator	Davis, Sharon L.	Ballarat
Competent Communicator	Atkinson, Toby	Ringwood
Competent Communicator	Cap, David Francis	Spiritually Speaking
Competent Communicator	Mudge, Natalie Jill	SA Governors
Competent Communicator	Odera, Correta	Mount Barker
Competent Communicator	Grozev, George	Scientific Communicators
Competent Communicator	Cavic, Vesna	Prospeak
Competent Communicator	Mahesan, Shiranee	Rafters
Competent Communicator	Gadish, Motti	Glen Iris
Competent Communicator	Abandowitz-Lee, Johannes	CFA District 13
Competent Leader	Ellard, Vivien R.	505 Speakers Corner
Competent Leader	Barbaresco, Ayman	Balaclava Club (St Kilda)
Competent Leader	Harris, Paula	Balaclava Club (St Kilda)
Competent Leader	King, Jonathan	Kingston Communicators
Competent Leader	Wacker, Julie	Sunbury and Macedon Ranges
Competent Leader	Ismail, Khadijah	Manningham
Competent Leader	Wu, Cindy	Manningham
Competent Leader	Riley, Ben E.	Sunbury and Macedon Ranges
Competent Leader	Kaufman, Phillip John	Eastern Shore
Competent Leader	McDowell, Nola	Ivanhoe
Competent Leader	King, Phil	Lilydale
Competent Leader	Bee, Tara	Spiritually Speaking
Competent Leader	Bignell, Jacqueline	Port Melbourne
Competent Leader	Haynes, John H.	Carlton
Competent Leader	Pitt, Cleo L.	Carlton

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Speechcraft

For Details on Available Speechcraft Courses.

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A Toastmaster's Promise

As a member of Toastmasters International and my club, I promise...

- To attend club meetings regularly
- To prepare all of my projects to the best of my ability, basing them on the Toastmasters education program
- To prepare for and fulfil meeting assignments
- To provide fellow members with helpful, constructive evaluations
- To help the club maintain the positive, friendly environment necessary for all members to learn and grow
- To serve my club as an officer when called upon to do so
- To treat my fellow club members and our guests with respect and courtesy
- To bring guests to club meetings so they can see the benefits Toastmasters membership offers
- To adhere to the guidelines and rules for all Toastmasters education and recognition programs
- To act within Toastmasters' core values of integrity, respect, service and excellence during the conduct of all Toastmasters activities

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The Southern Cross values your input. If you have a Workshop, Special Event or something wonderful to share with the other members of District 73, contact the [Southern Cross editor](#) .

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