



# Christchurch Toastmasters' Spread

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## April 2019 News

### AGM

We will have our Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 30 April 2019, starting at the earlier time of 7 pm.

The location will be Formaggio's (150 Colombo Street). The menu options can be found on their website:

[formaggios.co.nz](http://formaggios.co.nz)

As always, the club will provide \$20 towards each person's meal. Please RSVP to Scott Simpson so that he can withdraw the correct amount of money.

Annual club officer reports will be sent out beforehand. Please take a moment to read these. Club officers for 2019 / 2020 will also be elected on this night.



### Membership Fees

If you prepaid your membership in September 2018, please remember to set up an automatic payment this month.

Our monthly fee is currently \$20.

### Pre Toast

We are trying to start a social club that will get together before the main meeting.

If you are running early and have some time to fill before Toastmasters, feel free to attend. It is also a casual way for mentors and mentees to catch up and discuss progress.

The plan is to meet in the Cashmere Club from around 6 - 7 pm every Tuesday.

Please note that only members of the Cashmere Club can make purchases.

### District Convention

The District 72 Convention will be taking place from 10 - 12 May 2019, at the Burns Lodge (89 Church Street), Mosgiel.

All four District level contests will take place over this weekend. This includes clubs from all across the South Island and Greater Wellington.

If you are interested in registering, please talk to Brad Grootelaar.



## Division D Conference Summary

The Division D Conference took place on Saturday 23 March 2019 at the Christchurch North Methodist Parish.

It was a well attended event, with members arriving from across Christchurch and South Canterbury to see the best in our division go head to head.

Brad Grootelaar took on the challenge of chairing the Table Topics contest.

Helen Fitt represented our club and area in the Evaluation Contest, placing second.

The winners will now progress to the District 72 Convention, which is being held in Mosgiel.



### Table Topics

- 1st: Rob Woolley  
*Avon Toastmasters*
- 2nd: Jann Meehan  
*Bay Harbor Toastmasters*
- 3rd: Christine Early  
*Spreydon Toastmasters*

### Humorous Speech

- 1st: Tony McNeill  
*Victoria Toastmasters*
- 2nd: Basil Moskovis  
*Spreydon Toastmasters*
- 3rd: Matt Marshall  
*Ashburton Toastmasters*

### Evaluation

- 1st: Barb Curran  
*Alpine Toastmasters*
- 2nd: Helen Fitt  
*Christchurch Toastmasters*
- 3rd: Penny Coffey  
*Civic Toastmasters*

### International Speech

- 1st: Rob Woolley  
*Avon Toastmasters*
- 2nd: Basil Moskovis  
*Spreydon Toastmasters*
- 3rd: Barb Curran  
*Alpine Toastmasters*

## Award Ribbons

The club now has Official Toastmasters Award Ribbons to hand out to our outstanding members.

So that there are more opportunities to receive them, we are going to present these ribbons at both the AGM and Christmas Dinner.

We also have First, Second and Third place ribbons for the speech contests in August and October.

This is being run this year as a trial to see if it improves the club experience. It will be up to future committees to decide whether or not we continue the scheme.

Please send through votes for the following awards. They will be presented at the upcoming AGM on 30 April 2019.

- ▶ Best Speaker
- ▶ Best Evaluator
- ▶ Best Table Topic
- ▶ Most Improved



## Big New Sign

We now have a big, unmissable sign to display near the main entrance of the Cashmere Club. This will give guests a strong first impression of Toastmasters and point them towards our room.

This was made possible with the help of Toastmasters New Zealand (District 72), who covered most of the costs.

The Cashmere Club will allow us to display the sign on the condition that it does not cover any rules or other important text. It must be taken down at the end of each meeting.

This sign is also more fragile than expected, so please be careful when setting it up.



## Your Club Needs You!

The Christchurch Toastmasters Spread is now six months old and has gone through numerous incremental improvements. It is time to take this newsletter to the next level so that it offers more value to members and is a point of difference between us and other clubs. This means writing better content and including many other members.

Here is what we need:



**Experienced members who can write about all the speaking tips they have learned over the years**



**Less experienced members who can attend Toastmasters events and write summaries for the benefit of those who could not attend**



**More photos of our club meetings and social functions**



**Any other suggestions!**

Our purpose as a club is to help members develop communication skills. However, sometimes we forget that written communication plays an important role in our personal and professional lives. Practicing writing tends to also help with speaking, as it stimulates creativity and solidifies chaotic thoughts.

If you are available to help with these monthly newsletters, please speak to Brad Grootelaar. Perhaps we could form a Newsletter Committee!

## Club Details

### Christchurch Toastmasters

Club 1866

District 72

### Meeting Location:

Cashmere Club

50 Colombo Street

Christchurch

### Meeting Times:

Every Tuesday at 7.30 pm

### Website:

[christchurchtoastmasters.co.nz](http://christchurchtoastmasters.co.nz)

### Facebook:

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## Club Mission

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

EST. 1965

## The Toastmasters Promise

When was the last time you read the Toastmasters Promise? The average Toastmaster may only do so once in a given year and would probably struggle to remember anything that is mentioned.

We have the Toastmasters Promise for a very good reason - it is a guide for how a person can get the most out of their time with the club. Have you ever been curious as to how our best speakers became so good? When you look closely at their actions, they tend to always follow the Toastmasters Promise.

If you are one of many members who rarely read this promise, perhaps take a moment to look through it now!

**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.**