



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Dani Streets DTM**

Candidate's Office: **District Director** District Number: **70**

Toastmasters member since: **August 2017**

Education:

Visionary Communication Level 4: June 2023
Leadership Development Level 5: September 2022
Distinguished Toastmaster: October 2020
Diploma Event Management, Fitzwilliam Institute, 2010
Bachelor of Commerce, UTAS, 2005

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

Public Relations Manager: 2023-24
Club Growth Director: 2021-22
Division Director: 2020-21
Area Director: 2019-20
Club President: 2019-20 & 2022-23
VP Education: 2018-19, 2020-21, & 2023-24
VP Memberships: 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2022-23
VP Public Relations: 2020-21 & 2023-24
Treasurer 2020-22

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

Distinguished Toastmaster, October 2020
Division Director of the Year, 2019-20
Area Online Ovation Gold Award 2019-20
Visiting Victor Award 2019-20
Outstanding Member, 2018-19

Relevant work experience and how it relates to Toastmasters and your role as a District leader:

I've held a range of positions across administration, training, project management, IT support, marketing and PR, business development, events management, website management, customer service, and NDIS Support Coordination. This has often included wearing multiple hats at one time, juggling competing priorities and serving various stakeholders.

In each of these roles I have committed to learn as much about the role, business, and topic as I can, gifting me a comprehensive knowledge across a broad range of disciplines.

I bring these skills and knowledge into district leadership, with a multidisciplinary, service oriented approach and membership focus. I combine them with strong communication skills and a firm commitment to empowering individuals. This is a great recipe for ensuring that goals and objectives can be met for the benefit of all.

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

- Involved in developing the strategic plan for multiple Toastmasters Districts, including Club Success Plans and District Communication Plans.
- Working with NDIS participants to set and achieve goals, as well as identify approaches to ensure they secured adequate funding to meet their individual requirements.
- Delivered the largest Amateur Radio "hamfest" two-day event in Tasmania, 2019.
- Actively participated in the strategic planning process with my employer, focusing on identifying future directions, values, and objectives because of needing to pivot after the pandemic.
- Providing expert guidance to a non-profit disability services provider to launch a Statewide awareness campaign, including program development and execution, as well as securing funding through grants and sponsorship.
- As a Board Member for a non-profit disability workplace, working on our future business approach based on changes in funding methods, legislation, and COVID challenges.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

- Actively participated in developing multiple Toastmasters District budgets.
- Thorough understanding of the financial rules for Toastmasters Districts as set in the governing documents.
- Additional understanding of the District 70 specific financial rules as set out in the Procedures and Operations Manual (POM).
- Several years accounts payable/receivable responsibilities as part of regular work duties.
- Two years as a Support Coordinator for NDIS participants, assisting individuals prepare for and negotiate their funding packages, and then managing this budget once approved.

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

I have extensive experience throughout my working life in distilling my role into a procedural manual, to ensure that the lessons I'd learned, especially during temporary and contract administrative jobs, hadn't been lost and the next person could maintain the quality set. Beyond this, I've been at the beginning of new roles for a business, supporting new businesses to establish, and taking on projects and events to run. Each time I make sure that I document the procedures so that it can be passed to the next person. Lastly, I've developed procedural manuals and documents in an IT environment, ensuring that complex/detailed/unfamiliar tasks can be learned and completed by anyone who used these resources.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

- People who feel supported and valued have the best chance of achieving success.
- Plan and back yourself but be open to change with new information.
- Be inclusive. Everyone you meet has something of value to offer, be willing to listen, and learn.
- Don't let perfect get in the way of good.
- Communication and respect are essential.
- Seek ways to build opportunities for others, find out and support their goals and objectives.
- Be transparent in your decision making, and take accountability for your actions.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

There's an urgent need to act—combining the wisdom of our longstanding members with the fresh perspectives of newer members is crucial as we continue to reestablish our District post-pandemic. My skill set is tailor-made for where the district is right now.

Toastmasters should always be a nurturing place where everyone is encouraged to experiment, embrace vulnerability, and build resilience. I personally have experienced these benefits, and wish to ensure that others have the same opportunities. Creating a safe environment for everyone to fail and try again, will ultimately support each member to achieve their version of success!

In your opinion, what are the District mission's major objectives and how would you work to achieve them?

- Above all else: the key objective is to serve the members. This objective is achieved by:
- BUILD NEW CLUBS**
1. Foster a strategic growth mindset at all levels of the District to identify new club opportunities and actively pursue them.
 2. Focus on quality marketing and promotions efforts at all levels of the District to ensure that the collective communications from club level upwards are working together towards greater brand recognition for the wider community.
- SUPPORT ALL CLUBS TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE**
3. Develop informed leaders through strong communications, effective and timely training and guidance.
 4. Provide quality assurance according to the various rulebooks and governing documents of Toastmasters International.
 5. Support individual development and club excellence for positive member and guest experiences.

Additional information about yourself:

I'm a wholehearted, service-oriented leader, coming from a regional Tasmanian background and currently thriving in a corporate, inner city Sydney working environment. I believe in supporting people to be their best selves and brokering opportunities for them. I bring an optimistic, solutions focused approach to all that I do, and relish in seeing others flourish!

Personally, I love cooking, hosting dinners, gardening, building knowledge, live performances, comedy (yes, including dad jokes), and of course, time with loved ones.