



District Leader

Biographical Information

Candidate's Name: **Brett Kenny**

Candidate's Office: **Club Growth Director** District Number: **73**

Toastmasters member since: **1/04/2018**

Education:

Bachelor of Economics Degree, Chartered Accountant, Tax Agent, SMSF Specialist Advisor, Diploma of Financial Planning

Toastmasters offices held and terms of service:

President - Dandenong Ranges Toastmasters, 2020/2022
President - Toast of the Country Club - 2024/2025
Also held VPE, VPPR, and Treasurer at various stages in two Clubs

Toastmasters honors and recognition:

1st Place Humorous Speech Contest District 73 2023
2nd Place Humorous Speech Contest District 73 2019
2nd Place Table Topics Speech Contest District 2023

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

I have been self-employed for over 30 years. In the course of my role as a business consultant, I attended specific training on ways to grow a business. The skills I learned from this and in my formal and ongoing training as an accountant and business adviser were used to assist our client base of over 800 businesses; I was able to advise them in matters all matters of business consultancy, many

What experience do you have in strategic planning?

Certain aspects of strategic planning were mandatory for my business as part of our ongoing organisational compliance. I undertook special training and gained considerable experience from the fora, training and experience implementing it.

What experience do you have in the area of finance?

I have a Bachelor of Economics Degree and am a Chartered Accountant. I recently received recognition for my 40 years of membership in Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. Since 1992 I was a partner, and more recently a consultant to an accounting practice that I formed. Our services included accounting, tax, superannuation, business and strategic advice. I have

What experience do you have in developing procedures?

It was a mandatory condition of our membership with the various accounting bodies that we developed and maintained procedure manuals. Such experience from this was used to assist clients.

What lessons did you learn from previous leadership positions?

I have been the president of a school council, a volunteer fire brigade, a football club and two different Toastmasters Clubs. The most important lesson regarding what an organisation is is that the leader must inspire their team to work towards the organisation's strategic goals with encouragement, clear communication, decisiveness and an approachable disposition.

Why do you want to serve as a District leader?

I have learned an incredible amount from my time in Toastmasters and I have loved my time so far. It is time for me to make a contribution back to the organisation and I believe I can make a contribution back to Toastmasters through serving as Club's growth director

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

To provide support, assistance and advice to clubs to help them grow and achieve their objectives.
To ensure a system exists to maximise enquiries from Toastmasters and maximise conversion from an enquirer to a member.

Additional information about yourself:

Over the years, providing business advice to my clients has given me the experience necessary to fill this role. I am fully supported in this role by my wife. I have always thrown myself into the community and have many outside interests and community connections. In my younger (and thinner) days, I held a Black Belt in TaeKwonDo. I captained a football team, and I am an ordinary