Toastmasters District 17 Convention 24-26 May 2013

Information Sheet

What is the starting time?

周五 6.00 pm，包括注册，开幕式，凭证桌（为区议会会议）和烧烤。主入口将开放在6.50 pm，7.00 pm开始。

周六 – 7:30 am 注册，8:00 am 凭证桌。官方开始时间为9.00 am。

周日 – 7:45 am (DTM 早餐)。注册桌将在8.45 am 开放，官方开始时间为9.00 am。

Where is the Kings Hotel?

The hotel is located at 525 Hay Street（在皮尔街的拐角处），珀斯。在Google Maps搜索Kings Hotel, Perth。或者看附带的地图。

How do I get there?

The Kings Hotel is easily accessible by public transport. Buses run along St Georges Terrace, it is a short walk to Hay Street. The Red Cat runs along Hay Street, near the hotel. Get off at Stop 8, the hotel is a two minute walk away.

To get there by car, you can drive up Pier Street, please note that you cannot turn left into Hay Street. Alternatively you can drive up Irwin Street or Victoria Avenue (from St Georges Terrace) and turn left into Hay Street.

Road closures will occur on Sunday, 26 May for the HBF Run for a Reason. Exact times and which roads will be closed for the event will be advertised two weeks before the event in The West Australian newspaper. For further information, please go to www.hbfrun.com.au.

Where can I park?

Parking is available behind the hotel in Wilsons Car Park. Access to the car park is via Hay Street or Pier Street. The cost is $15 per night, however you must leave your car there. Taking your car in and out will incur standard car park charges. As we are getting a reduced rate, you will need to tell the hotel reception that you are attending the Toastmasters convention. Other car parks are located nearby.
Why do I need to bring my club banner?

On Friday at the opening ceremony there will be a banner parade. Bring your banner with you to join in with all the other clubs in the parade. Please make sure that your banner has string/rope (no hooks) so that it can be hung up for display. You will need to be there half an hour before the start of the opening ceremony so that banners can be placed in club alphabetical order.

Where is and what do I pick up at the Registration desk?

Signs will be placed in the hotel lobby directing you downstairs to the registration desk. Registrations will be open from 6:00 pm (Friday) and 7:30 am (Saturday). Please be there early to allow yourself enough time to register and be seated.

At the registration desk, you can pick up:

- For those attending full day events: Your badge, security wristbands and tickets (if applicable), your convention bag with program, meal details and convention materials.
- For those attending the Royal Gala Dinner and/or contests only: An envelope with your Gala Dinner wristband and/or contest tickets and contest form. No programs, badges or bags are provided.

Can I have my photo taken with John Lau, International President?

Club Presidents or a club nominated representative will have a photo opportunity. If you are a nominated representative you will need to have been nominated by your President prior to the photo session. Please contact Nola Haddrill (toastmaster.nola@gmail.com) to advise who your club representative will be. The photo opportunity will be after the District Council Meeting (Saturday afternoon) in the Charles Room between 4.30 and 5.30 pm only. No long chats please as the photo session will only be for an hour. One person only per club, there will be no group pictures. However, there will be opportunities throughout the convention to have group pictures.

Why is the District Council Meeting so important?

Did you know the main purpose for having a District convention is to hold the District 17 council meeting? It also gives the opportunity to hold district level contests. All of the other great stuff; workshops, keynote presenters, gala dinner, etc are an added bonus.

Presidents and Vice Presidents Education are eligible to vote at the council meeting. If you hold one of these positions and are unable to attend, please remember to give your proxy to another member in your club who is attending. Members holding a proxy will need to bring it with you; otherwise you won’t be allowed to vote on any matters that are presented. If only the President or Vice President Education are attending, no proxy is needed to carry the other’s vote.

To save money, Presidents and Vice Presidents Education are asked to print and bring a copy of the agenda. For those who are environmentally friendly, the agenda will be displayed on screen during the council meeting.
**Why do I need to sign in at the Credentials Desk?**

To ensure you receive your vote entitlement, you **must** register at the credentials desk. At the desk, your credentials and proxy will be registered. You will be given a ticket valid for the number of votes you are entitled to. Eg, if you are a President/Vice President Education of one club, you are entitled to one vote. (There is a maximum of 2 votes per member, unless you are a District Officer, then the maximum is 3 votes per member.

**Where can I find a copy of the final program?**

The final program will be posted on the district website shortly. It will also be included in your convention booklet.

**Can I wear my Club or District badge?**

Absolutely! Your convention badge will have your name printed on it but you are more than welcome to wear your club and/or district badge. Toastmasters International Executive, District Executive and District representatives should all bring their badges with them to wear throughout the convention. Contestants **must not** wear their badges during contests.

**Why do I have to wear a wristband or produce a ticket, isn’t my badge enough?**

In order to ensure that our meal and delegate costs remain within budget, we must ensure that only registrants who have paid for that particular day have access to the meal areas and convention meeting rooms. Hence, only delegates wearing the correctly coloured security wrist band will be given access to the rooms. There is a different coloured security wrist band for each day of the convention - please make sure you wear the correct one on each day. If you forget your wrist band, you will be denied entry and only permitted access after all delegates are seated and your registration has been checked against the master list.

**Do I need a ticket to get into the contests?**

Yes, unless you are a full or part registrant. Then you will be issued with a coloured security wrist band that will give you entry to all events and meals that day. People who have registered for just a contest will not be issued with security wrist bands, only a ticket that must be produced on entry to the contest.

**Is it too late to bring a friend on the day or to attend a contest or workshop?**

No. You can purchase a ticket for a workshop or contest on the day for $20.00 per event. Tickets for Rory Vaden’s Master Class are $50.00 each. Tickets will be available at the Registration Desk. Please note, no catering will be provided with these tickets.
Will there be a raffle?

Yes. This year there is one prize which is two nights accommodation in a Superior Room at the Sebel Mandurah. The prize is valued at $458.00 and valid until 31 December 2013. Tickets are $10.00 each.

What can I do during my free time?

Perth CBD is less than a five minute walk from the hotel. You can do some window shopping, check out the cafes, restaurants and bars. Weather permitting; go for a walk along Riverside Drive. If you have a lot of spare time, take the No 34 bus to Kings Park and enjoy the view or catch any bus from Barrack Street to get to the Western Australian Museum.

Workshop or contest only tickets, does not include catering. If you don’t want to walk into the CBD, the hotel has a restaurant and bar to purchase food and drinks.

What is the dress code for the convention?

Smart casual is ideal for the meeting days. Remember to wear layers as the temperature in the venue rooms may vary.

What is the theme for the Royal Gala Dinner?

As the convention is being held at the Kings Hotel, this year’s theme is royalty. Dig out your crowns, tiaras, don’t forgot the royal jewels and dress up like a King or Queen. The dress code is formal or the theme of royalty.

Dance the night away to the band ‘Hit Factory’, a 6 piece musical entertainment & comedy sensation.