



Julie Dall

Candidate: Central Division Director

I am passionate about seeing people grow and develop their self confidence and skills.

While I've only been in Toastmasters for just over 3 years I have enjoyed many opportunities to help and encourage others – from being VPPR, VPE, President and now VPM for my home Club (Southern River), to Club Coach and Area Director, to presenting at Club Officer Training (from December 2018 onwards).

I joined Toastmasters as I was terrified of speaking in front of people – so much so, that for the first 8 months of my Toastmasters journey I would generally not turn up when I had a scheduled speech. The support and encouragement of my Club helped me overcome this and now I would like to help others overcome their fears, grow in self confidence and develop leadership skills – just as I have.

I am solution focused – when faced with the introduction of Pathways, I set about designing manuals and other materials to help people understand it. These materials have been used by several clubs in the District and world-wide.

When it was decided that some of the educational material that needed to be presented at COT should be sent as pre-reading, I designed a number of online learning “teasers” which cover the basis of all the roles, so that this ‘homework’ was more engaging.

While being an Area Director for an Inner-City area I realised that there was a reluctance to attend Club Officer Training as the dates and times weren't convenient, and many officers felt that the materials and presentations weren't relevant to their situations. To meet this need I decided to run Corporate Club Officer training in February, ably assisted by many Toastmasters in the District.

I believe that we are entering a very challenging year for District 17 and for Toastmasters in general. The effects of Covid-19 and the end of the traditional program is putting pressure on the clubs. I believe that rebuilding these clubs, while encouraging and fostering new clubs is what is needed in the coming year, and my enthusiasm for Toastmasters, along with my solution focused approach I think will serve the District well.

Thank you for your support.