



## District 17 District Leadership Committee Report

I'm pleased to submit the District Leadership Committee Report for 2025–2026.

### **Nominations**

Formal Call for Nominations was issued on 15 January 2026. Nominations were called for all District Leadership positions to aid with filling these positions in the 2026-27 Toastmasters Year, but the focus of this Report is for District 17 elected district officer positions, which are as follows:

- District Director
- Program Quality Director
- Club Growth Director
- Division Director (Central Division)
- Division Director (Northern Division)
- Division Director (Southern Division)

### **Outcome of Nominations**

The Committee reviewed the submitted nominations for the various elected positions and have endorsed the following nominations, noting the nominations are in alphabetical order only based on surname and do not represent any ranking of the nominations:

- District Director
  - Maree Pickens
- Program Quality Director
  - Desmond Miranda
- Club Growth Director
  - Souzy Theophilopoulos
  - Cassie Walraven
  - Ross Wilkinson
- Division Director (Central Division)
  - Mariana Paliu
- Division Director (Northern Division)

- Eloyise Braskic
- Jo Parker
- Division Director (Southern Division)
  - Frank Crisafio
  - Suthan Mayilvaganam

The DLC Report is considered as 'Complete' due to all elected positions having met the nominations requirements.

As District Leadership Committee Chair, I thank the Committee members for their input and wish all the candidates the best.

### **District Leadership Committee (DLC) Composition and Acknowledgement**

The District Leadership Committee (DLC) for District 17 was duly constituted in accordance with the Toastmasters International District Administrative Bylaws and Protocol 9.0. The Committee comprised two representatives from each Division, with myself as the DLC Chair.

#### **DLC Chair (non-voting):**

- Jeff Zhang, IPDD

#### **DLC Members:**

- Central Division - Gavin Hyslop, DTM, PDD
- Central Division - Henry Yau, DTM, PDD
- Northern Division - Sue Fallon, DTM, PDD
- Northern Division - Kevin Sansome, DTM, PDD
- Southern Division - Mark Richards, DTM, PDG
- Southern Division - Robyn Richards, DTM, PDG

I extend my sincere appreciation to all DLC members for their work throughout the candidate evaluation process. In accordance with Toastmasters International policy, all DLC deliberations, assessments, and voting outcomes remain confidential and have been shared only with the District Director as required.

***Jeff Zhang***

*District Leadership Committee Chair 2025-26*

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