



TOASTMASTERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Charlie Starrett

2014–2016 International Director, Region 12

Charlie Starrett of Rosebank, New South Wales, Australia, is a horticulturalist for Coates Horticulture in Lismore, New South Wales. He helped develop the first macadamia farm in Australia to receive Best Farms Accreditation for sustainability in production and environmental conservation. In 2009, he received the Best Practice Environmental Award from the Byron Shire Council for his energy-efficient design and construction of a post-harvest facility.

Starrett holds a bachelor's degree, majoring in English from Leicester University in the UK and a post-graduate certificate in Education from Exeter University in the UK. He helped save an independent school from closure, and then served as board chairman to oversee the changes made to it. In 2003, he earned the Silver Award New South Wales for Rivers Alive, a non-profit organization committed to maintaining clean waterways around the world.

A dedicated Toastmaster for eight years, Starrett is a member of two clubs, including the Byron Cavanbah club in Bryon Bay, New South Wales, Australia. He has held a number of prominent leadership positions within the organization and has attained the Distinguished Toastmaster designation—the highest level of achievement in Toastmasters. “Toastmasters has given me the opportunity to experience, understand and continually refine my leadership skills in a wide variety of settings and across cultures,” he says.

As a member of the Toastmasters International Board of Directors, Starrett is a “working ambassador” for the organization. He works with the Board to develop and support the policies and procedures that guide Toastmasters International in fulfilling its mission.

About Toastmasters International

Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Headquartered in Rancho Santa Margarita, California, the organization's membership exceeds 313,000 in more than 14,650 clubs in 126 countries. Since 1924, Toastmasters International has helped people of all backgrounds become more confident in front of an audience. For information about local Toastmasters clubs, visit www.toastmasters.org. Follow [@Toastmasters](https://twitter.com/Toastmasters) on Twitter.