



Division C Director Report

5 August 2022

Goals:

- Rebuild Membership
- Support Pathway's Uptake
- Division members step up into leadership roles

Achievement: yet to be measured

Club Membership at a Glance

12 or Fewer	13-15	16-19	20+
Oamaru Toastmasters Lunchspeak Club Scarflies Speechcraft Club Oyster Orators Taieri Club (closed) Gore Toastmasters Club Dawnspeakers Club ROAR Wavecrest Club	Five-Thirty Forum Club Speak-Easy Club Foveaux Club	Wanaka Toastmasters Tabletalk Toastmasters	Grand Club Queenstown Club Dunedin Toastmasters Club

Area Directors:

- C1 – Vacant
- C2 – Liz Doubtfire
- C3 – Vacant
- C4 – Glenys Forsyth

Division C currently has two very inspirational and committed Area Directors – Glenys and Liz. My goals are to:

- Ferret out two more potential leaders within the Division.
- Support the ADs to take the skills they have already achieved, step out of their comfort zone, lead from their own leadership styles and be an example that will encourage other members to step up into future leadership roles.
- Support AD's in working together as a team.
- Encourage AD's to focus on supporting their clubs to rebuild, to achieve their goals.

Club Officer Training: five sessions held online, the final sessions to be completed this coming weekend. Currently Division C has 7 (17) clubs who have met the training goals.

Club Visits: club visits are currently in progress.

Distinguished club program: although we are very early in the Toastmaster year, to date 13 members across the Division have achieved pathways levels.

Division & Area Contests:

Division C's contest is scheduled to be held on Saturday 11 March 2023 in Invercargill.

Area contests will again be held jointly as this has been found to work successfully. Area C1&C4 speech contests will be held in Dunedin on Saturday 11 February 2023 and Area C2&C3 on Saturday 25 February 2023 in Queenstown. Venues however will be finalized pending the outcome of the District's decision to hold speech contests as either hybrid/on-line.

Club Closure: It's with sadness that Division C closes a club after 26 years – Taieri Toastmasters. Taieri chartered on 1 January 1996. Their members have contributed significantly to the success of the Division and District over these many years. I thank you all on behalf of Division C from the heart for your commitment and support as club members and District leaders. Division C has been far richer for having Taieri Toastmasters club within the Division.



Picture taken from Taieri Toastmasters Facebook Page

Club Coach:

In the process of assigning a club coach to Oyster Orators.

Celebrations:

In July Dunedin Toastmasters Club celebrated its 60th year. The event was well attended by past and present members. Graeme Hunt was presented with a Life Membership Award for his ongoing, consistent, and dedicated contributions and support to the Dunedin Toastmasters Club and District 72.

Division C Challenges:

Division C has a large geographical area which presents unique challenges as we face pandemics, cost of living & inflation. What can we do? I believe we have the tools in which to help us overcome those challenges. One of those tools is to use technology which, if we see it as a tool to enhance what we do rather than as a barrier to connect, we have the potential to succeed individually and as a Division.

Going Forward: SMART Goals for Division C: in order to thrive I feel the Division needs to focus on the following areas:

1. Growing membership: a significant number of clubs have low numbers. However, it is good to see a total of 10 new members have signed up in Areas 2, 3 and 4 since 1 July 2022.
2. Supporting members move into leadership roles – there is a significant gap between new members who may not yet be ready for a leadership role and long-standing members who have already held leadership roles.
3. Club Officer Training – increase attendance of all club officers.

Division C has a great group of clubs with people at all levels of experience. I look forward to working with the team to see Division C keep moving forward in 2022-23 embrace the challenges and thrive.

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