



District 72, Division E

Area Realignment Proposal 2020

Background

Over the last two Toastmaster years Division E has lost two clubs, being Hokitika from Area E2 and Westside from Area E4. This has left Area E2 with only two clubs and Area E4 with three clubs. Generally, the minimum number of clubs in an area is 4, however in the past a dispensation has applied to the West Coast clubs due to the geographic proximity of those three clubs and the distance to any potential fourth club. The opportunity now exists to realign the areas within Division E to eliminate the two and three club areas.

Current Situation

The current layout of of Division E clubs is as shown in the table below:

E1	E2	E3	E4	E5	E6
Nelson Madhatters	Greymouth	Kaipoi	Southern Cities	U-CAN-SPEAK	Riccarton
Nelson	Westport	Northside	Airwaves	Bishopdale	Everest
Sunbelt Speakers		Rangiora	Christchurch Women's	Cathedral City	Oaklands
Motueka		Belfast		Speak For Yourself	Hornby
High Noon		Blue-Blooded*			

* Blue-Blooded is currently not a club in good standing due to unpaid dues

Currently there is one area with two clubs, one with three clubs, two areas with four clubs and two areas with five clubs. This situation is not in compliance with the Toastmasters International Governing Documents, Policy and Protocol 7.0 District Structure, 1. Club Assignments. Following the proposed realignment there will be one area with three clubs, but that area will have one club that is currently in formation, which is in compliance with the Governing Documents.

Proposed Realignment

The proposed realignment options aim to address the non-compliance with the governing documents while also ensuring that each area remains as geographically sensible as possible and that each area (where possible) consists of at least one club with strong membership.

The main interactions between clubs occur at Club Leadership Training, which does not have to be completed within your own area or Division and may be delivered by online video conference in the future, and at Area Contests, the location and timing of which may be discussed with your Area Director.

The alignment options for Division E for the 2020 - 2021 Toastmasters year shown below were circulated to all Division E clubs for comment and to allow them to express their preference. Feedback was received from 4 of the 23 clubs, with preferences being split.

Option 1

E1	E3	E5	E6
Nelson Madhatters	Kaiapoi	U-CAN-SPEAK	Riccarton
High Noon	Northside	Bishopdale	Everest
Sunbelt Speakers	Rangiora	Cathedral City	Oaklands
Nelson	Belfast	Speak For Yourself	Hornby
Motueka	Blue-Blooded*	Airwaves	Southern Cities
Westport	Greymouth	Christchurch Women's	

This option sees Division E consolidated into 4 areas of 5 - 6 clubs each. It sees the two West Coast clubs separated between Christchurch and Nelson/Marlborough based areas but would not prevent these clubs from working together as they see fit.

Option 2

E1	E2	E3	E5	E6
Nelson Madhatters	Westport	Kaiapoi	U-CAN-SPEAK	Riccarton
High Noon	Greymouth	Northside	Bishopdale	Everest
Sunbelt Speakers	Motueka	Rangiora	Cathedral City	Oaklands
Nelson		Belfast	Speak For Yourself	Hornby
		Blue-Blooded*	Airwaves	Southern Cities
			Christchurch Women's	

This option relies on the effort to charter the Tasman club as the basis for having an area of 3 clubs (as allowed by the Toastmasters International Governing Documents, Policy and Protocol 7.0 District Structure, 1. Club Assignments).

Summary

It was recognised finding a solution that would satisfy all club preferences was unlikely, and that there are a number of different iterations that could have been proposed. The above two options represent the proposals that the Division Director considered would provide the best outcome for the Division as a whole.

Based on the very limited feedback received it is proposed to adopt **Option 1**, consolidating Division E into 4 areas.