

## DISTRICT 72 DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Division	E	Division Director	<b>Brian Preddy (outgoing)</b> <b>Daniel Kennett (incoming)</b>	Report date	<b>10.06.2019</b>
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### Division Goals for the year

#### 2018/19

- To have no loss of clubs this TM year.
- To have at least 1 club charter.
- To obtain Distinguished Division
- Involve at least 40 Toastmasters in Division events

#### 2019/20

- Manage the Area E2 realignment to ensure minimal disruption to clubs (no net member loss)
- Ensure that 4 educational workshops and 2 social events are held in addition to CLT and division conference
- Achieve member engagement such that event attendance is typically 50+ with over 100 at conference, and at least 30 Division E Toastmasters are given unique speaking or leadership opportunities at division events through the year
- Achieve Distinguished Division status

### Personal Goals:

#### 2018/19

- To ensure that I don't burn out by trying to manage my Area Directors.

#### 2019/20

- Connect with as many new people as possible, take every speaking and leadership opportunity that arises and successfully managed varied time demands through the year

### Division Celebrations & Successes

- The visit by the International President was a highlight this year. Toastmasters were amazed that she was able to speak on so many topics over a short space of time, and each time she spoke to the audience, she had its full attention. Congratulations must go to those that organized her visit.
- The Hornby Toastmasters Club recently held their 10 year anniversary. They are a bunch of dedicated people who have always been involved in the local community. Congratulations to them all.
- The Riccarton Club have just celebrated their 25 year anniversary. This is a club that just keeps growing and growing. The really dedicated and enthusiastic bunch of people will ensure this club's longevity.

### Club Membership at a Glance

12 or Fewer	13-15	16-19	20+
6 (6 last report)	4 (3 last report)	2 (6 last report)	12 (9 last report)

### Division Challenges, Issues & Solutions



- **Area re-alignment:** as a result of the Hokitika club closing last year, there is a re-alignment of Division E Areas 1 and 2. It is envisaged that at least one club from the Nelson area may become part of Area 2 which has the two Coast clubs. With the Richmond Club getting close to having 20 members, if no club from the Nelson/Marlborough area aligns with the Coast clubs, the Area E1 Director would have 6 clubs to liaise with and visit.

- **Area Directors:** at time of writing Division E has four of the six Area Directors confirmed for the 2019/20 TM year with E2 and E6 still to be filled. One of the most rewarding times we and others, including the International President, have had is being an Area Director and I urge anyone who is unsure whether or not to take on this role, to give this some serious consideration.

- **Membership Retention:** this remains one of the biggest challenges for any division. Pathways may be a stumbling block for some members, but the message for those who are struggling to get to grips with this, is to preserve while the Pathways team endeavour to make the interface and actual paths more user-friendly. There are also Pathways savvy members around the District who are only too willing to visit clubs and/or do one-on-one sessions with members.

- **Conferences:** There was much discussion about the pros and cons of each Division having all four contests squeezed into one day. The main concern was that for those winning at the Area Humorous and Table Topics contest, there is a wait of approximately nine months for the Division contest. Although this Division Director thought that the one Division Conference worked well this year, the time distance between Area Contests should be taken into consideration when the incoming District and Division Team make a decision.

**Thanks.** Finally, Brian would like to thank all those who made his job so much easier this year by stepping up to help out and/or offer advice. For fear of missing someone out, I will not name individuals, of which there were so many, but suffice to say, there were people from District, Division, Area, club level, two who had roles not recognized as official TM positions, and even one member who is no longer in Toastmasters. All these people made my job much easier. Thank you all.

Daniel notes thanks to Brian for his hard work and support throughout the year and for his guidance through the Division Director role transition.

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