

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

Division	<b>F</b>	Division Director	<b>Sharon Kerr-Phillips</b>	Report date	<b>30<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b>
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### Division Goals for the year:

Division F's primary goal over the next three months is to do everything to ensure each member is given the opportunity to reach their full potential in an enjoyable, supportive environment. The measurement of these goals, as set out in previous Division F reports, are still relevant and are, overall attainable.

A further goal is to ensure all club officers have received adequate training, are comfortable in their roles and feel confident in explaining their roles to their successors. We are in the process of sending each club officer refresher notes and are offering both group and one on one sessions for any members who would like to take up this opportunity.

To support clubs in both retaining and growing membership, alongside other marketing and advertising initiatives, Division F continues to display billboards, advertise on community notice boards and in supermarkets, in BNZ stores and on Facebook to encourage as many people as possible to join Toastmasters. Clubs are encouraged to contact their Area Directors, or Division Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips on 021 059 9897, should they wish assistance in submitting promotional funding applications, or would like magazine labels printed for them. (To use Toastmasters magazines to advertise their clubs in medical waiting rooms, coffee shops, etc.)

To provide support to all clubs in making a smooth transition to Pathways. Extra Pathways Virtual Support sessions have been arranged, please ask members to contact Division F Director, Sharon Kerr-Phillips on 021 059 9897, should anyone be interested in these sessions. We have a team of people within the Division dedicated to helping minimise any challenges experienced with Pathways and to share the numerous opportunities Pathways offers,

### Division Celebrations & Successes:

Division F congratulates our members who have attained their **Distinguished Toastmasters** award since the last Division F Report: **Allister Laurent, Akiko Maruno, Marianne George and Monique Vlaar**

Division F congratulates the many members who have attained their **Triple Crown award**, those who have enrolled in **Pathways** and those who have completed a level(s) towards their Path.

We look forward to recognising these successes at the Division F Conference and Division F Celebration Dinner on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April.

Division F warmly welcomes **Long Bay Toastmasters** and thanks the team of people who worked hard to make this happen – **Helen Gainsicke, Ling Chan, Margaret Jane, Rowena Foster** and others.

Division F congratulates **Chris Glanfield** from **Taka-Talkers** and **Area F2 Director, Sian Killick** for chartering **Ma Runga Waka** into **Division A** in February.

Division F welcomes **Intergen Toastmasters** who are in the process of submitting their charter documents to Toastmasters International. A big thank you to the team who made that possible – **Sharni Wilson, Jonathan MacDonald, Francy Parfitt, Katrina Matich, Sabrina Naseem and Kingsley Moody**.

It is an absolute pleasure to observe the growth of members of the four clubs that have chartered this year. We anticipate that Moo Talk Toastmasters Club, WNZL Toastmasters Auckland, Long Bay Toastmasters and West Harbour Toastmasters will end the year distinguished.

**Hokianga Toastmasters:**

Division F congratulates Area Director, **Frank Phillips** and a combination of Northland based club coach, **Troy Smith**, and Auckland based coach, **Rob Wightman**, for supporting **Hokianga Toastmasters** in steadily regaining strength. This is a club which exemplifies Toastmasters core values, we look forward to watching the continued progress of this club.

Congratulations to all of our Division F Area Directors for holding well organised, successful contests. A special thanks to Area F2 Director, **Sian Killick**, for the accolades she has received for her well-run contest. A few clubs have taken up the Demonstration Meeting promotion offered by District and have had great results. We found the advertising worked well, attracting guests, many of whom have subsequently become members. We appreciate District's support in this venture.

A few members have taken photos of the back of the "Toastmasters" bus. While this advertising has been done in conjunction with other promotional activities, overall guest attendance at meetings has increased, which is very positive, making the adverts worthwhile.

**Club Membership at a Glance:**

<b>12 or Fewer: 10</b>	<b>13-15: 9</b>	<b>16-19: 7</b>	<b>20+ :20</b>
Dargaville Toastmasters	Academic	First Light	Albany Toastmasters
Devonport Esplanade Toastmasters Club	Belmont	One Hour Toastmasters	Auckland Advanced Toastmasters
Hokianga	Northrise	Shortland Street Toastmasters Club	Birkenhead Toastmasters
Northland Review	On Top	Silverdale Orewa Toastmasters	DIATrIBE
NORTHTEC	Orewa Lunchtime	Sunnynook Toastmasters	EastCoast Bays Toastmasters Club
Rosedale Toastmasters	Review Toastmasters	Taka Talkers	Early Birds
Research on Toast	Takapuna Toasters	Tohi Toastmasters	Flying Start
Takapuna Midday Toastmasters	Toastmasters@Lunctime		Glenfield Toastmasters
Top Notch	Weekend Toastmasters		Hibiscus Coast
Vodafone Club			Ingram Micro Toastmasters
			Long Bay
			Milford Toastmasters
			Moo Talk
			North Shore
			Sovspeak
			Top Start
			Warkworth
			West Harbour Toastmasters
			Whangarei
			WNZL Toastmasters Auckland

## **Division Challenges, Issues & Solutions**

### Dargaville Toastmasters:

No progress made since last report re Area Director ascertaining whether club would like a coach. Club has not paid renewals to date. Concerned about this club – await feedback from Area Director.

### Devonport Esplanade Toastmasters Club:

Club numbers have dropped. Area Director, **Felicity Hopkins**, will be conducting a Moments of Truth and a marketing campaign is being planned. Anticipate this club will overcome its difficulties and regain its strength.

### NORTHTEC TOASTMASTERS:

The club has not held any meetings this year. The implementation of a Tōhī model of Toastmasters at NORTHTEC, is a work in progress which has not come to fruition, but will hopefully, be successful, in the next Toastmasters Year, enabling this club to be reformed.

### Research on Toast:

While the club numbers are low and short meetings are being held, members appear to have embraced Pathways. We are hoping this club, with the correct support, will grow in strength.

### Taka-Talkers:

This club is facing challenges due to the council relocating. The Division is running a marketing campaign in Takapuna to assist all the clubs in that area.

### Takapuna Midday:

Matt Meintjes has recently been appointed as club coach. This, together with the marketing strategy in place, should enable this club to go from strength to strength.

### Top Notch Toastmasters:

While club numbers are low, the club has a few core members who are passionate about the club. We have recently had successful discussions with the Far North District Council. We await final confirmation, but it is likely the council will support their staff in attending all Toastmasters clubs, which will enable this club, as well as other clubs in the region to grow.

### Vodafone Toastmaster:

This club has faced a few challenges this year including relocation and internal restructuring. The club has key dedicated members. Katrina Matich, has recently been appointed as second club coach and she is committed to seeing the club regain its strength.

We strongly recommend leadership potential continues to be identified and grown within Northland. The appointment of a Northland Assistant Division Director has been most worthwhile. While some of Northland's challenges come from the loss of two core members from the region, I believe this region has the potential to regain strength if members from the region could be encouraged to embrace the opportunities of taking up District roles.

## **New Clubs Progress:**

**Intergen Toastmasters** – 26 charter membership application forms are being submitted to Toastmasters International tomorrow.

Three other clubs are in the process of being chartered and will hopefully charter by the end of June.

## **Division Events and other newsworthy items:**

**Division F Autumn Conference:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Come along to hear magnetic Kenyan keynote speaker Kageni Njeru and other excellent presenters. The calibre of contestants this year must be the highest we have seen in many years. We would like to invite members from all Divisions to attend this conference. This event is being run as a marketing opportunity to attract members of the public, as well as Toastmasters.

**Division F Celebration Dinner:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm. This is the last Conference Division F, as we know it, will hold, so we are celebrating our Division F Celebrities, successes, long standing members and Unsung Heroes at a Celebration Dinner to reminisce over the history of Division F. We have asked each club to nominate an



“Unsung Hero”, someone who works tirelessly behind the scenes receiving little, or no recognition. Tickets are \$25, join us for an evening of fun with Murray Chapman as our Master of Ceremonies.

**Elmar Nel** is assisting members to achieve their goal of completing their Distinguished Toastmasters and other awards. Please contact Elmar through your Division Director, **Sharon Kerr-Phillips**, 021 059 9897, should you want to ascertain your outstanding requirements, are looking for an opportunity to coach, mentor or sponsor a club, need ideas for your High Performance Leadership project, need a venue or assistance with running a workshop to complete your Advanced Communicator Gold award or need an opportunity to deliver a speech or educational.

Huge thanks to the dedication displayed by **the Division F** team this year, The Division would not have attained the results seen to date, were it not for the hard work of our team who have displayed true team spirit throughout the year – **Francy Parfitt, Neela Lumanglas, Felicity Hopkins, Murray Coutts, Frank Phillips, Rowena Foster, Sian Killick, Kingsley Moody, Allister Laurent, Troy Smith and Stephen Lindsay**. Thanks too to **Rob Wightman** for his support of the Division F Team.

Division F would like to thank our club coaches for the efforts they are making to assist with the strengthening of our clubs. We recognise and appreciate the significance of the work being done. Many thanks for the support **Fiona Hodge** and **Neil Stichbury** have provided.

A big thank you to **Allister Laurent** for being our marketing representative.

Division F would like to especially thank Assistant Division Director, **Stephen Lindsay**, for assisting with the Division claims this year, his thoroughness and constant support has been much appreciated.

We would also like to recognise the efficiency of **Tania Fraser** and the caring way she handles claims submitted. Her reminders have been much appreciated.

Finally, thanks too to our District Statistician, **Alun Chisholm**, Alun’s regular reports have assisted us in keeping track of our performance, motivating us to achieve our stretch goals.