

DISTRICT 72 DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Division	B	Division Director	Georgie Templeton	Report date	6 October 2017
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Division Goals for the year

Support those clubs that are struggling in any way. Encourage growth and strengthening of them and their club executives.

Support and encourage all clubs to achieve DCP goals

Achieve Distinguished District

Division Celebrations & Successes

Katrina Hudson, Area B5 Director has recently achieved her DTM and we are extremely pleased for her. She has consistently been at the forefront of the Division and continues to serve the clubs she is a member of. Katrina served as Club Coach for Te Awamutu last year and lifted membership and achievements in the club, assisting them to meet Distinguished Club for the first time in several years.

The Division B conference was held on 30th September in Hamilton, with Toni Sharp attending on behalf of the national executive. A very good contest resulted with 5 excellent humorous speeches and 5 very well performed Table Topics. Overall winner for Division B in Humorous Speech was Jayden Conceicao and Table Topics winner was Ross Kennedy. Division B will be well represented at national conference in November by both these contestants.

Club Membership at a Glance

12 or Fewer	13-15	16-19	20+
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At a glance, it seems that a number of the clubs are struggling to meet membership requirements. However, the reports seem to be quite slow in updating and talking to the club executives some advise me that their member numbers have risen as 'stragglers' finally pay their fees.

Division Challenges, Issues & Solutions

Low membership for approx. 40% of the Division clubs will be a focus for the next few months. Supporting the clubs to grow their member base has been an ongoing issue the IPDD also faced.

Travel distance for attending training, area contests and division contests, while not just a Division B issue, continues to plague events in the Areas and at Division level. There is no easy solution to this problem while the Division remains spread out over more than 300 kms.

Isolation is the biggest single limiting factor for a handful of the clubs, particularly for Taumarunui which continues to struggle with very limited member numbers. However, Clubs in the Division remain in good heart and continue to work on building membership numbers and strengthening member achievements.

New Clubs Progress

Forestland has continued to hold meetings on a fortnightly basis, but is heavily reliant on existing dual members from the Waikato, Taupo and Rotorua clubs. Their intention is to reform, however the strength of that cannot be maintained by members outside their club area.

Division Events and other newsworthy items

Three successful Club Leadership Trainings were held in July and August. Two for the Waikato clubs and one for the Taranaki clubs. One area, B5 had over 100% required attendance of Club Officers.

During July and August clubs held their Humorous Speech & Table Topics contests, with winners going forward to Area contests. Area B1 & B2 combined their contests and an entertaining day was held in New Plymouth with a good attendance. Areas B3, B4 and B5 each held separate contests and there was strong competition for the winning speeches in each section.

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