**Division C Director Report**30 June 2021

**Area Directors**

Division C has 4 Area Directors. Reflecting back over the year, Dunedin had a very experienced Area Director that really assisted smooth running of the Division. The was also the very willing and capable new Area Director in Dunedin that stepped up and was fully engaged with the contests. Invercargill was serviced by a willing Area Director who completed the role for the first time without attending any of the training workshops. The Central area was not serviced well as the Area Director had a lot of troubles that made it impossible to complete the role. The Division Director covered for this so the Division continued to function well. What a great team.

**Clubs**

Division C has maintained 17 Clubs which has been an achievement in the current circumstances. The membership has grown from 269 to 262. This represents a very slight drop, but it is encouraging to not that the membership is stable. The Queenstown club stands out as the club that has grown the most during the year.

Even though it looked like 2 clubs were Distinguished, 3 clubs were Select Distinguished, and 1 club achieved President Distinguished, in reality only 3 were distinguished due to not meeting the 20 membership requirement. Some clubs are struggling but it is heartening to see some clubs still achieving high results.

**CLT**

Just under half the clubs managed to have at least 4 attend both training sessions. This was certainly not due to the lack of opportunity. It is more a reflection that some clubs are struggling. However, there were some strong clubs that still did not achieve this requirement. This could be a reflection on timing and not being available or not being fully aware of their duties as club officers. The feedback from the online sessions was very positive. As Division Director, I found being assigned one of the training sessions put a positive pressure to motivate the division to step up and get involved. I highly recommend this for next year.

**Pathways**

There are more registered with pathways than before, but a lot are still not fully utilizing it after being registered. As clubs become more aware of the impact on DCP and as more members complete paths, the engagement might increase.

**Contests**

The contests were very successful given the online format. Some did not compete due to the format. The division hopes to hold these in person next year.

**Aims**

I look back at my original aims and feel I failed on the pathway adoption and did achieve the survival of existing clubs and number of members. There are some clubs that are struggling and may not make the next year. The engagement was maintained with online activities, but it was less than what an offline situation would have created. Feedback indicates people joined toastmasters for the in-person interaction and not online. This is to be encouraged when given the opportunity. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve and meet you all.

**Division C Director 2020-2021**

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