

Division C Director Report

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My goal for the year is to support a united team of Area Directors who are focused on encouraging their clubs to be the best they can be in the delivery of the Toastmasters programme, thus supporting the District's aim of empowering members to be better speakers and better leaders through creating opportunities and striving for excellence.

I have a great team of Area Directors this year:

C1 - Doug Fraser

C2 – Karen Squires

C3 - Peter van Lokven

C4 - Craig McGregor

I am looking forward to receiving their club visit reports so that we can review where the clubs in our Division are at in terms of areas where they are doing well and areas that they need help with.

Many clubs in Division C have low membership (under 20) with the exception of three clubs (one in each of Areas C2, C3 and C4). However there are seven clubs (spread through each Area) who have membership in the high teens and it is encouraging to see that 8 new members have signed up (in Areas C3 and C4) since 1 July 2021.

Obviously, with the new toastmasters year having just started there are not many goals completed yet for the Distinguished Club Program, however 7 people from the Division have already completed Pathways Levels so far this year.

Club Officer Training is currently in progress. It was decided not to run in-person training for Division C this year due to this option only being available at Division Level rather than area, with Division C being quite geographically spread out (Oamaru to Invercargill, including Central Otago). I hope that as many people as possible attend the online training, with plenty of dates and times there should be a session that suits everyone.

Areas C1 and C4 are once again holding joint area speech contests in Dunedin on 12 February 2022. Areas C2 and C3 are also holding joint area speech contests in Invercargill on 19 February 2022. The Division C Contest will be held on 12 March 2022, place and venue still to be confirmed.

I am looking forward to another great year in Toastmasters and being able to help support the members of Division C.

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