



# Division C Director Report

6 October 2021

The past few months have been very dis-jointed as far as regular toastmaster club meetings go, with the three week lockdown in August. Many clubs temporarily met via Zoom and some clubs are facing the challenge of finding alternative meeting venues due to their regular venues not renting the rooms while we are at Level 2. This does cause disruption for regular attendance by members with some members not wanting to join in on Zoom meetings and likewise prospective guests are also holding off visiting clubs while they are not meeting at their regular venue.

This has also been reflected in the number of members renewing on 1 October 2021. Generally, most clubs across the Division are down in numbers. I would expect numbers to increase slightly in the coming days as I am aware of some clubs chasing up late paying members.

I congratulate the clubs who completed the minimum requirement of having 4 officers trained in the first training period. I encourage all clubs to have their officers attend the second training period later this year.

Planning is underway for Area and Division Speech contests in February / March next year. I expect to be able to announce soon the venues for the combined Area C1/C4 and C2/C3 speech contests. A reminder that Areas C1 and C4 are holding joint area speech contests in Dunedin on 12 February 2022 and 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 at Age Concern rooms, Forth Street, Invercargill.

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