



Division C Director Report

22 January 2022

Happy New Year to all. I hope you managed to have some relaxation time with family and friends during the holiday period.

There are currently 250 members in the Division. Since the beginning of the Toastmasters year, there have been 34 new members.

Area Directors have completed their first round of official club visits and the following strengths and weaknesses in the clubs were noted:

Strengths

Well organized meetings

Most clubs follow standard structure of pathways speeches and table topics

Members friendly and welcoming

Some clubs hold regular social events

Membership packs handed out to prospective new members

Weaknesses

Some clubs are struggling with Pathways due to only a few members in the club really understanding it

Recognition of achievements under both pathways and club central is not always happening

Some clubs are finding it hard to attract new members

More Educational sessions would benefit club members

Many clubs don't have a club success plan in place

These matters are being addressed by the clubs with the assistance of their area director.

Area speech contests planning is now underway with all area contests taking place in February and clubs will shortly be receiving confirmation of venue and time for the contests from their area director.

I will be organising the Division C speech contests and will be in touch with members of the Division in early February to ask for volunteers to fill the various roles.

A reminder of the dates for the Area and Division Speech contests:

- Areas C1 and C4 are holding joint area speech contests in Dunedin on 12 February 2022.
- Areas C2 and C3 are holding joint area speech contests in Invercargill on 19 February 2022.
- Division C Contests will be held on 12 March 2022 at Age Concern rooms, Forth Street, Invercargill.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the area and division speech contests.

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