



Division C Director Report

20 January 2023

Division C Area Directors:

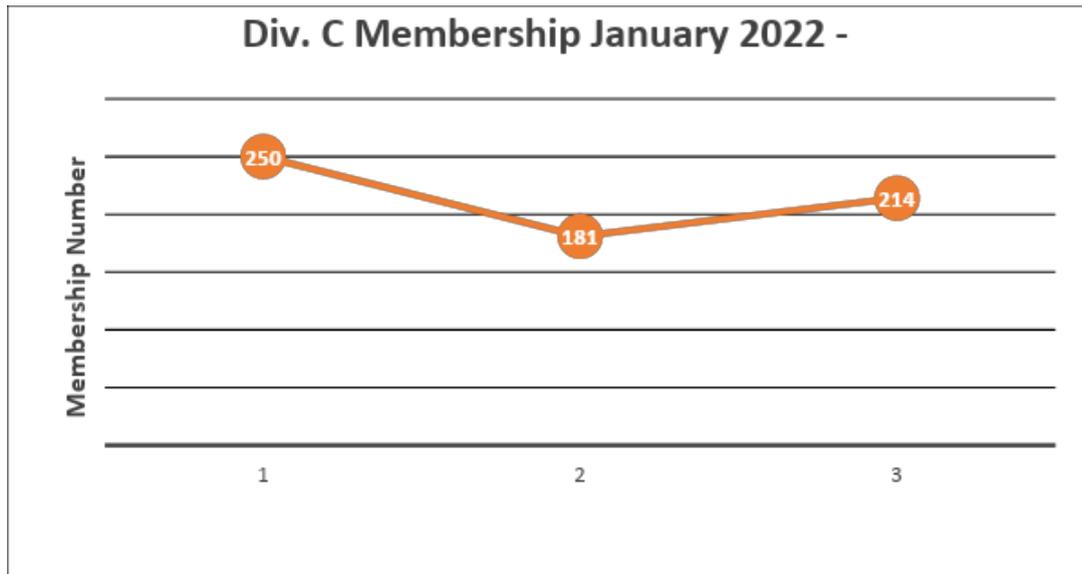
C1 – Graeme Hunt

C2 – Liz Doubtfire

C3 – Gordon Goodall

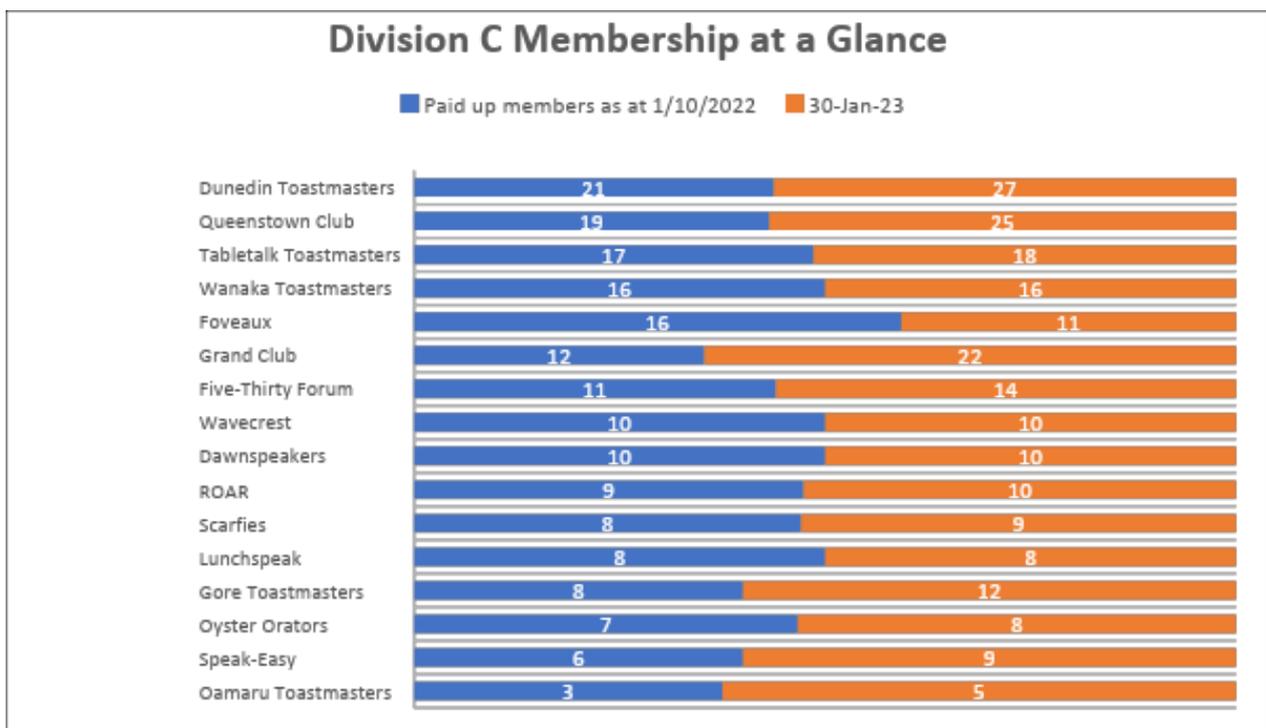
C4 – Glenys Forsyth

Division C Membership at a Glance:



Following a slow start to the toastmaster year it is very encouraging to see overall division membership is trending upward. There has been a total of 33 new members across the division in the last three months (Oct 2022-Jan 2023). This equates to approximately 50% of the total membership lost (69) between January 2022 to October 2022.

See chart below for a breakdown of membership numbers for each club.



Distinguished club program: in the three month period 14 members across the division completed Pathways levels. Two of the 14 members completed two levels each. This is an increase from the previously reported 6 members to complete levels. Congratulations to all members who have passed their levels.

Club Officer Training 2: Division C ran a very successful second round of club officer training ably led by C4 Area Director Glenys Forsyth and supported by the Area C Directors. A special thank you to all the members in Division C, D & J who took on a facilitator role and supported the training.

I note following the training that all attendees appeared quite comfortable on zoom and using zoom functions. This allowed for general discussion to be had prior to the session with less focus on technical issues and freeing technical support to work their magic in the background allowing the training to flow seamlessly.

Club Visits R1: The main theme running through club visit reports has been to increase membership, however as seen above most clubs have increased between 1 and 6 members which is very encouraging. Oamaru Club remains a club not in good standing, however there is the possibility of more members on the horizon for this club.

The Area Directors report all clubs are very welcoming and friendly, well organized, and enjoyable to visit. Suggestions for improvements were around more educationals, undertaking Moments of Truth and setting goals. The Area Directors are working with the clubs to support these sessions.

Three clubs requested Club Coaches (Scarflies, Speak-Easy, Gore).

The second round of club visits are in progress.

Division Realignment: Division C currently has 17 clubs within 4 Areas (C1-4) spread across a large geographical area. Ten of the 17 clubs have 12 or fewer members. The proposed change to reduce the South Island from three divisions to two would see the creation of an extra Area (C2-6) in Division C increasing the number of clubs to 23. This should provide extra support for those clubs struggling with low membership and help strengthen the Division. All Division C members have been encouraged to give feedback and comment on the proposed document and attend a scheduled Zoom meeting in February.

Division & Area Contests:

Planning for the Area speech contests are underway. Both combined contests are being held in February. More information about venues and times etc. will be forthcoming shortly.

Area C1&C4, Saturday 11 February 2023, Dunedin

Area C2&C3, Saturday 25 February 2023, Queenstown

Division C Contest, Saturday 11 March 2023, Invercargill

I look forward to seeing as many toastmasters as possible at the Area and Division contests.

I would like to thank all members of Division C for the hard work they are putting in to grow their club membership and thrive in this toastmaster year and to Area Directors Glenys, Graeme, Gordon and Liz thank you for all the time and effort put in to support the clubs in their areas.

Kayleen Gilder

Division C Director 2022-2023