



# Division C Director Report

14 April 2023

## Division C Area Directors:

C1 – Graeme Hunt

C2 – Liz Doubtfire

C3 – Vacant

C4 – Glenys Forsyth

**Area Director Resignation:** it is with regret that Gorden Goodall has resigned from the Area C3 Director role. I wish to thank Gorden for his dedication and commitment to the role in the time he was the C3 Area Director but wish him well in continuing his toastmaster journey overseas.

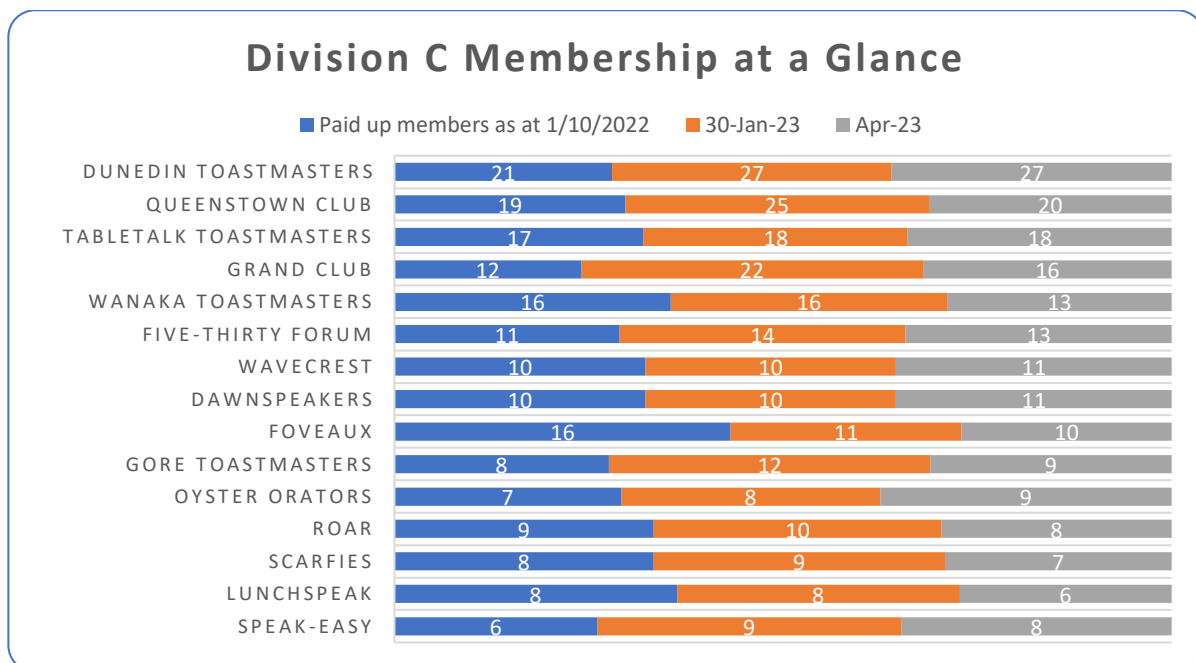
### Division C Membership at a Glance:



Since April dues membership levels fell to slightly above October 22 figures. This was in part due to the closure of Oamaru Club.

Two clubs are not in good standing - Scarfies Toastmasters & Lunchspeak however these clubs are looking to increase their membership over the next 2-3 months.

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



**District Realignment:** Following April club dues Division C now has 15 clubs (down from 17 previously reported with the closure of Taieri and Oamaru clubs) within 4 Areas (C1-4) spread across a large geographical area. Nine of the 15 clubs have 12 or fewer members. It is anticipated with the District realignment Division C will see more clubs within the Division to support its regrowth.

**Distinguished club program:** over the six month period 25 members across the division completed Pathways levels. This is an increase from the previously reported 14 members to complete levels. Congratulations to all members who have passed their levels.

Triple Crown: congratulations to: Esther Haines (Dunedin Toastmasters), Duane Donovan (Dawnspeakers) & Glenys Forsyth (Dunedin Toastmasters) for achieving the triple crown award this Toastmasters year to date.

**Club Officer Training R2:** attendance was lower at the second round of club officer training. Although members were encouraged on several occasions a higher level of awareness needs to be raised within the Division of the benefits of training offered by the District Trainers which has been exceptional over the last few years. Congratulations to Speak-Easy Toastmasters who had all 7 club officers attend both training sessions.

**Club Visits R2:** the AD's are in the process of undertaking club visits.

#### **Division & Area Contests:**

The AD's ran two very well organized and successful Area contests in late February, early March. The contest winners went through to Division in mid-March. The first-place getters were:

Table Topics: Sonya Fenton (Dunedin Toastmasters)

Evaluation: Doug Fraser (Dunedin Toastmasters)

Humorous: Craig McGregor (Dunedin Toastmasters)

International: Maddi Post (Dunedin Toastmasters)

Congratulations and well done to Dunedin Toastmasters Club for pulling a 'hat trick' to take first place in all four contests. On behalf of Division C, I wish you all the very best as you all go through to compete at District level at the District Conference in May 2023.

A huge thank you to Doug Fraser from Dunedin Toastmasters who ran technical support for all Area and Division contests. Doug was ably assisted by Louise Gizzi (new Dunedin Toastmasters member). Under Doug's guidance the hybrid sessions ran with little to no hiccups.

#### **Division Celebrations & Social Events:**

Birthdays: the following clubs celebrated significant birthdays since their establishment:

Foveaux Toastmasters – 40 years (October 2022)

Wavecrest Club – 25 years (April 2023)

#### President's Distinguished Award:

Congratulations to the Dunedin Toastmasters Club who reached 20 consecutive years in achieving the President's Distinguished Award.

Social Quiz Night: clubs in Area C1 & C4 are taking the opportunity to reconnect and are in the process of organizing a quiz night on 16 June which will be open to the public to encourage new membership.

It has been a very busy year and a lot of hard work done by the Division's Area Directors to support the Division.

It has been and continues to be my privilege to work with a great team of toastmasters in Glenys, Graeme, Liz and Gordon and for you all as Division C members. Thank you! I encourage you all to think about giving a leadership role a chance and consider stepping into an Area Director/Division Director role. The roles are very rewarding, the members are friendly, encouraging and supportive.

Kayleen Gilder

**Division C Director 2022-2023**