



District Director Report

June 2023

The purpose of the District Director report is to look at how the district is progressing with regards to achieving our district mission, which is “we build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence”.

As my term as District Director draws to a close, I would like to thank all our district officers for the time and effort you have put into the role. Our goal was to help our clubs to thrive with your support and guidance, many of our clubs are indeed thriving. We started the 2022-23 Toastmaster year with over half of our clubs eligible for a club coach, we finish the year with that reduced to just over a third of clubs still requiring a coach. Some clubs have made the hard choice not to renew. This, while sad, is however part of the process and means that when guests do come rather than joining 4 or 5 people in a room they are seeing vibrancy and passion for Toastmasters and this I believe will lead to membership growth.

Although we will not be meeting any of the District’s goals – I believe our district has turned the corner as shown by our paid clubs and membership payments have us ranked third in the region. It is pleasing to see the number of distinguished clubs significantly higher than last year.

Southern New Zealand (as of 2023-06-20)

District Goal (to be dist)	Actual to date	Year's goal	Needs more	Percent complete	Rank in world	Percentile in world	Rank in region
Paid clubs	92	106	14	86.8%	72	44.5%	3
Mem payments	3179	3545	366	89.7%	93	28.1%	3
Dist. clubs	25	42	17	59.5%	84	35.2%	6

There is still work to do, that we can let the incoming team can take up the mantle. Be proud of the work you have done. Please, take the opportunity to give your replacement any advice and support you can. The District looks to you (and me) now as the mentors for the future leaders.

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