



Division C Director Report

14 June 2023

Division C Area Directors:

C1 – Graeme Hunt

C2 – Liz Doubtfire

C3 – Vacant

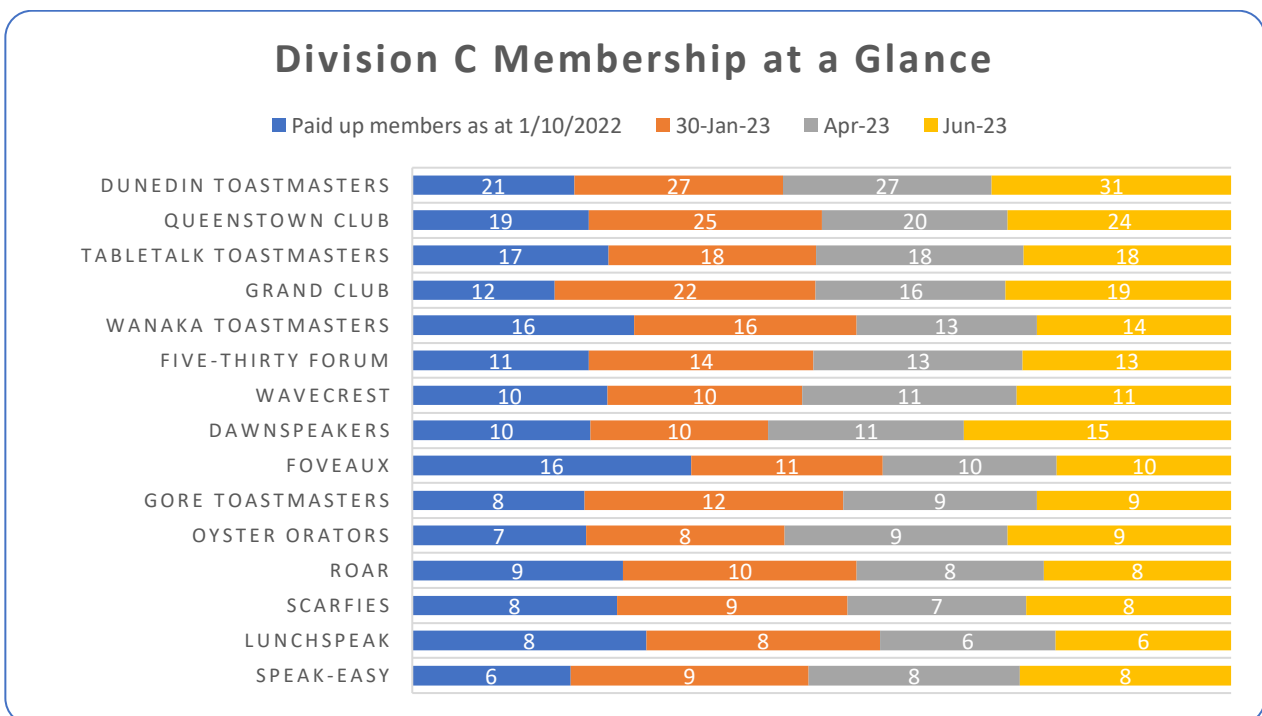
C4 – Glenys Forsyth

Division C Membership at a Glance:



Membership has increased to 203 since April 2023, showing a total of 17 new members across the division in the last two months (April-June 2023). This year has seen a fluctuation in membership with a slow upward trend over the last couple of months.

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



At September club dues the division reported two clubs not in good standing (Lunchspeak & Scarfies) however Scarfies now has 8 members and meets the minimum membership for good standing status. Lunchspeak remains at six members.

Distinguished club program: in the last four month period 17 members across the division completed Pathways levels. Of the 17 members one member completed two levels. This again is an increase from the previously reported 14 members to complete levels indicating that more members are getting pathway levels signed off in Basecamp and Pathways. However, the number completing levels is still low and significantly more work needs to be done to increase the number of members achieving education goals.

Congratulations to all members who have passed their levels.

Club Visits R2: 75% of areas reports completed (Areas C1, C2 & C4). C3 no reports completed.

The main theme running through club visit reports continues to be increasing membership and marketing clubs. Area Directors report clubs maintain a high level of friendliness, are supportive of each other and visitors, achievements are acknowledged. More members are taking up Pathways.

Suggestions were around:

- Encouraging current members to attend club meetings as those clubs with small numbers often members need to double up on club and/or committee roles.
- Greater attendance at second round of COT – some clubs no officers attended.

Division Realignment: with the closure of Taieri & Oamaru clubs Division C currently has 15 clubs. Following the approval of the D72 realignment for the 2023-24 toastmaster year Division C will see five clubs moved into the division – Westport, Greymouth, Everest, Alpine & Ashburton bringing the club total to 20 clubs. This will not diminish the challenge the division has in terms of geography however Zoom and other platforms will support future area director visits.

District Contests:

A huge congratulations to the following members of the Dunedin Toastmasters Club who placed in the District 72 contests at the conference in May.

Table Topics: Sonya Fenton, first place

Evaluation: Doug Fraser, first place

Humorous: Craig McGregor, third place

International: Maddi Post, third place

Awards:

Triple Crown: congratulations to: Marie Fox (Foveaux Club) and Raewyn Hunt (Foveaux Club) for achieving the triple crown award this toastmaster's year to date.

At the beginning of the toastmaster year the Division had two Area Directors (C2 and C4). Area Directors for C1 and C3 came on board early in July which met my first goal. All the Area Directors demonstrated strong leadership skills and supported each other through the club, area, division contests & training throughout the year which is another goal met. Frequent attendance at club meetings was observed.

Attendance at club officer training partially met with good attendance in the first round however more incentives needed for clubs in the second round.

Geography will always be a challenge for the Division but this year the challenge was well met by the Area Directors mostly affected – Glenys, Liz.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Glenys Forsyth, Liz Doubtfire, Graeme Hunt and Gorden Goodall for their commitment, hard work and support over the last 12 months. It is very much appreciated by the members and myself. I wish you all the very best in future leadership roles.

Kayleen Gilder

Division C Director 2022-2023