



Division D Director Report

24th June 2023

Club Membership at a Glance

	12 or Fewer	13-15	16-19	20+	Club Total
As @ 24 th June 2023	6 (1@0)	3	2	5	16 (15)
Base at 31 July 2022	6	3	2	7	18
Change	0	0	0	-2	Net loss 2 Clubs

Goals:

This year the Division D leadership team wished to focus on assisting Clubs with increasing their membership along with assisting the members with education, along with more in-person connection.

- Sadly most clubs have lost members with 2 clubs closing, and 1 has taken a hiatus. Some clubs have been steadily on the rise again. Well done
- Division D Conference was well attended. Thanks to those who attended and supported their clubs, or friends in contests. Well done

Dues Renewal & Membership Status:

At the start of the year, District Dashboard showed that the Division D base membership number was 317, with club numbers were showing 18. Although the reality was much different and the base was in fact 16 paid clubs, with 2 clubs already in bad standing, and not intending to renew.

The Division D membership is now down to 246 and we are now at 14 clubs, with a further loss of 2 clubs:

- Avon is now fully up to date with dues and is about to have to club coaches to assist them.
- Lincoln Research are taking a 6-month break (hiatus) in order to regroup and see if they will continue as a club.

Good luck to all Clubs in the aligned Division D in their new areas.

Division Team:

Congratulations to the team of Division D Area Directors consisting of Lisa Coppins, Leonie Wilkinson, Dillon Skipper and Louise Landess. Special Congratulations Lisa Coppins for stepping forward and becoming the new Division C Director for the newly aligned southernmost Division.

Please note that there are still 3 Area Director roles to be filled within the newly aligned Division D. All 3 available Area Director roles are within the Christchurch city. Please contact the incoming District 72 Director Glen Pearce at somesglen@gmail.com or Reuben Painter, incoming Division D Director at rpa139@uclive.ac.nz if you wish to take on one of these roles.

Becoming an Area Director will help to grow your Toastmasters and speaking skills, along with taking you outside your club and meeting other likeminded Toastmasters. Contact me if you wish to understand more about what the role entails.

Distinguished Clubs

Congratulations and special recognition goes to the following clubs for participating and being successful in the Distinguish Club Programme.

- Boaters – Presidents Distinguished
- Christchurch – Presidents Distinguished
- Liffey – Presidents Distinguished
- Victoria - Select Distinguished (so far)

Well done to these clubs on striving towards the Club Pinnacle of Toastmasters. Each of these clubs has gained recognition and as a consequence will receive a ribbon for their Club banner.

Check out the website who is your new Area Director, and also find out all the other exciting news happening within the District. Click this link >>>> <https://www.toastmasters.org.nz/news>

Personally within my Division Director role, some things happened that challenged me, yet I learnt from these challenges and mistakes. I always remember that Toastmasters is a “Learn by Doing” process, and we learn most from our mistakes, gaining personal growth in the process, so I give thanks to these opportunities. I will still be around doing small jobs within the District where asked. Feel free to touch base with me if you have a question.

Again, thanks to my Area Directors for the work they have done this year. I believe each of them have all grown in some capacity over their term as Area Directors. Thank You again for stepping up to take on this exciting Area Director role.

Well done to all clubs. Each journey is different, and each club has different struggles to overcome. If you have gained new members or are simply enjoying each meeting, then you are doing well. Congratulations.

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