



Division D Director Report

August 31st 2023

Goals:

Division D encompasses a wide region, stretching from the Canterbury Plains to Nelson.

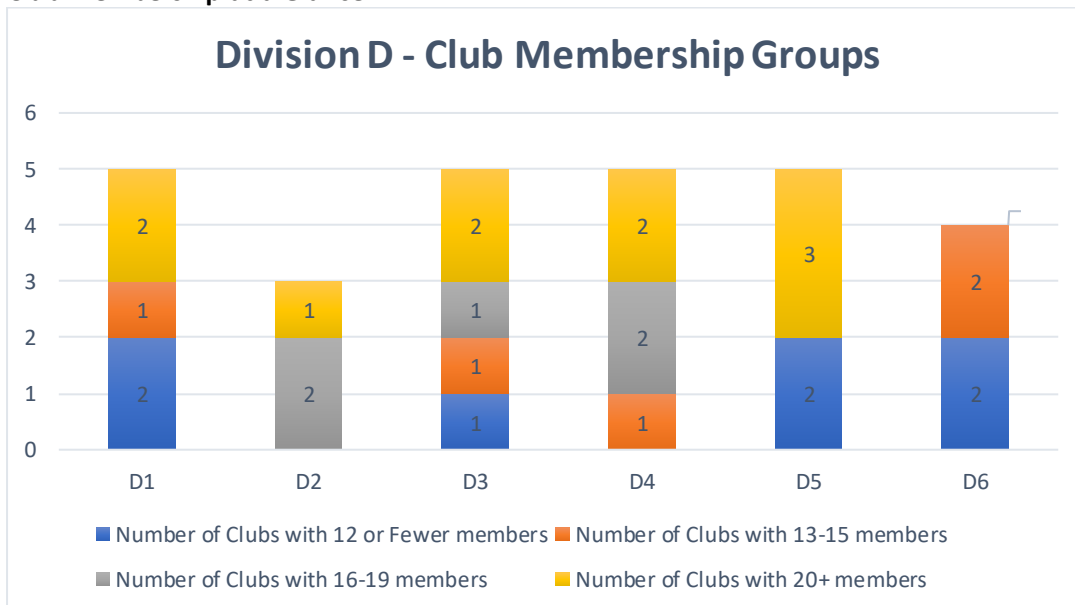
The goals of our Division centre around fostering strong bonds between clubs, empowering them to engage in pathways and their success plan, and encouraging membership growth.

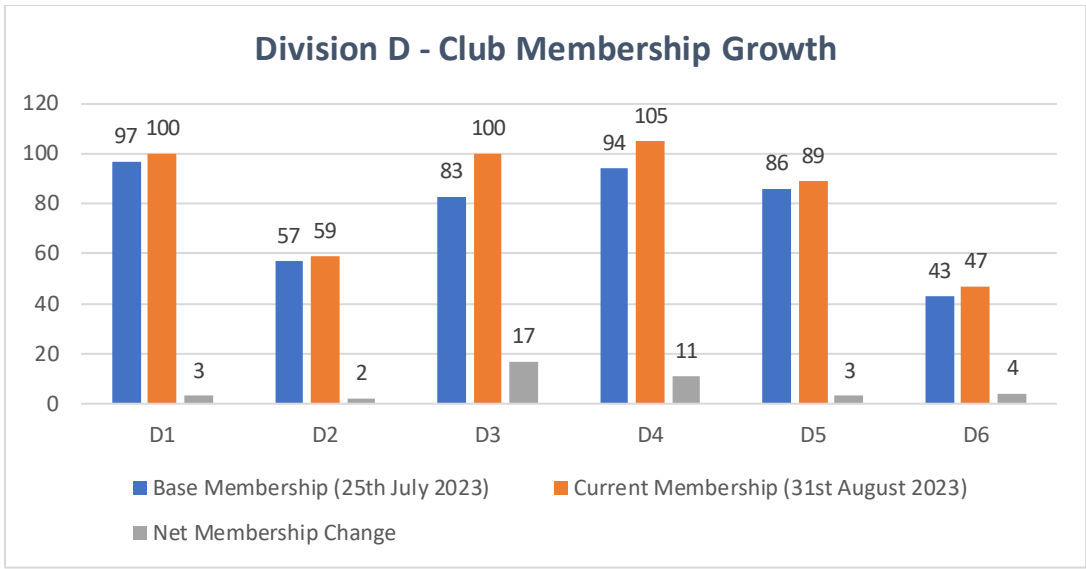
Due to the distances involved between some of the Areas it can be difficult for some clubs to stay in touch or build relationships with each other. By supporting joint events and club exchanges (in person and on zoom), we aim to help a sense of community develop – no club is on its own, and the wealth of knowledge and experience many clubs have can be shared for the benefit of all toastmasters.

Membership in Division D is in a good state, with a net increase of between 3-20% occurring in all areas. However, 7 of our 27 clubs are at 12 or below members and will need further support. Running a club at low numbers puts a strain on all members there – our Division Team will make sure that they aren't on their own and receive the support of the district in returning to good health.

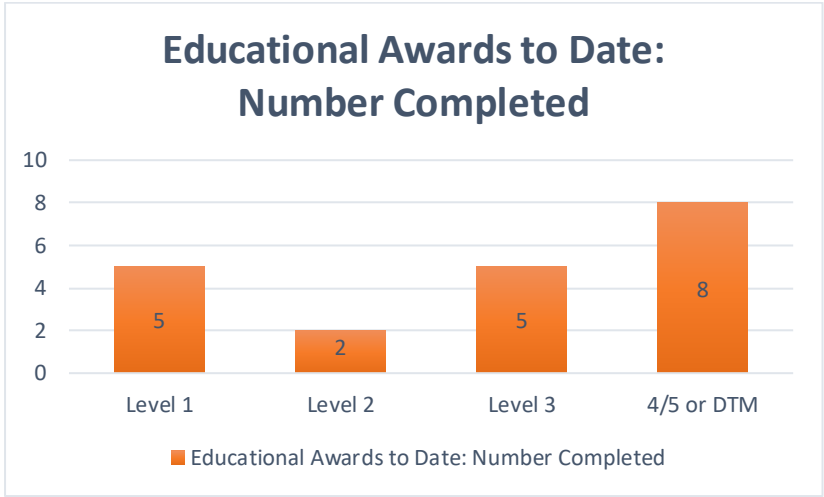
Empowering clubs to engage with pathways, and setting out distinguished success plans is another key area of focus for Division D. By moving new members through the education pathways, they are more likely to stay and become part of the toastmasters community – passing level 1 is a great milestone for clubs to celebrate with them!

Club Membership at a Glance:





Educational Awards to Date:



Forwards with Division D:

Our team consists of Rose Kerin (D2), Peter Simmonds (D4), Harry Fox (D5), and Jude Spencer (D6). The Division D Contests are set for the 9th of March 2024 in Christchurch, with Area contests being organized between November – February.

We have vacancies for Area Directors in D1 (*Alphabet Athletic Toastmasters Club, Avon Club, Boaters Club, Southern, Cities Club, Sunrise Club*) and D3 (*Aranui Toastmasters Club, Bay Harbour TM Club, Christchurch Club, Oakland Toastmasters, Pegasus Toastmasters*).

Our Area Directors are meeting with the Areas to ensure they are supported – if you would like to put your name forward for D1 or D3 as an Area Director then please contact our district director Glen Pearce director.d72@toastmasters.org.nz

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming contests, go Division D!

Reuben Painter
Division D Director 2023-2024