



Division C Director Report

26th January 2024

Division C Area Directors:

C2 – Vacant, C3 – Vacant, C4 – Glenys Forsyth, C6 – Kath Cherrie

Acknowledgements

I would like to start my report by giving some thanks to those who have been supporting Division C.

Firstly, a big thank you to Marie Fox for her work as C3 Area Director. Marie has stepped down from this role, due to other commitments. Marie has been a real asset to the team, and I thank her for all her hard work for the first half of the Toastmaster's year.

I also want to acknowledge those who helped with Division C's club officer training, which was held on the 6th of December, it was a group effort and I really appreciated having the support of you all. Thank you to the following people Glenys Forsyth, Kath Cherrie, Karen Hoyland, Jane Gregory, Rhonda Palten, Leanne Fox, Karen Lynley, John Sullivan and Esther Haines. I couldn't have done it without your support! Thank you!

Goals

Division C team goals are to aim for four distinguished clubs, to promote the DCP to our clubs and to support clubs in growing membership numbers. In setting these goals we are hoping to empower members to be better speakers and better leaders. So far this term Division C has seen an amazing 43 new members join, with Queenstown Toastmasters welcoming 14 of those members! The next focus is to support the new members in starting their Pathways journey.

Club Membership at a Glance

	Number of Clubs with 12 or fewer members	Number of Clubs with 13-15 members	Number of Clubs with 16-19 members	Number of Clubs with 20+ members	Number of new members
C2	2	1	0	1	17
C3	4	0	1	0	7
C4	3	0	2	1	15
C6	4	1	0	0	4
TOTAL	13	2	3	2	43

Over half of the clubs in division C remain at 12 or fewer members. Clubs with members of 12 or fewer are eligible for a club coach. If you are in a club that is eligible or you are an experienced member looking for an opportunity to work alongside a struggling club, please get in touch with the club growth director Kayleen Gilder

clubgrowth.d72@toastmasters.org.nz

Challenges

Division C has two remaining area directors, thus making club visits more challenging for the second round. If you are interested in serving as an area director in C2 or C3 please contact District Director Glen Pearce at this email address director.d72@toastmasters.org.nz

Another challenge for Division C is the progress being made through Pathways, which is broken down in the next table.

Educational Awards to Date

	C2	C3	C4	C6	Total Number Completed
Level 1	1	10	13	2	26
Level 2	1	2	9	2	14
Level 3	0	1	6	2	9
Level 4	1	0	1	1	3
Level 5	0	1	1	0	2
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We are now at the halfway mark through the Toastmaster's year. Out of the 20 clubs in Division C, there are nine clubs that have not achieved any educational awards yet. We need to make this a focus to help these members and clubs.

Dunedin Toastmasters and Foveaux Toastmasters deserve a special mention with 14 level 1 awards achieved between them – amazing effort! Well done! It is positive to see members starting their Pathways journeys.

Contests

February is a busy month for Division C with the following dates and venues booked for area contests – **Area C6** contest will be held online on the 3rd of February – this has been the easiest option as the clubs are spread between east and west coasts.

Area C4 contest date is Saturday the 10th of February 2024 and will be held at the Mornington Presbyterian Church, 16 Mary Hill Terrace, Dunedin.

Area C2 & C3 are having a combined contest on Saturday the 17th of February being held at Hearing Association Rooms, 126 Leet Street Invercargill.

Division C contest date has also been set as Saturday the 2nd of March 2024 and will also be held at the Mornington Presbyterian Church, 16 Mary Hill Terrace, Dunedin.

Club Visits Second Round

Club visits for the second round will start in the coming weeks. I will be contacting Presidents and VP Education's from the areas C2 & C3 without an area director to make a plan going forward for club visits in this round.

I'm looking forward to the next part of my term as Division Director. It is hard to believe that half the year has gone by already! It has been an awesome learning experience, and I am sure there will be much more to learn before my term is up! If you are thinking about putting your name forward as an area or division director, now is the perfect time to start finding out about what the roles involve. I'd love to see a full team for Division C next year!

I'm looking forward to connecting with members at the area contests in February, and Division in March, and hopefully I'll see many of you at the conference being hosted in Division C in May!

Lisa Coppins

Division C Director 2023-2024