

## **Toastmasters District 72 Alignment Committee Report 2024**

### **Club alignment into Areas for the year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025**

Each year Districts are required to review and, if necessary, amend the alignment of clubs, areas and divisions within their boundaries. This review takes into consideration the geography and demographics of the District, growth opportunities and the Toastmasters International Policy requirement that each area has between four and six clubs.

A committee comprising representatives from all Divisions was established to carry out this review.

The Board of Directors of Toastmasters International has decided that:

1. From the 2024-25 year all Area, Division and District Contests will be in-person.
2. A new Online Contest will be introduced.

For more information see the [text of the email](#) sent to District Directors, Program Quality Directors and Club Growth Directors on 31 January 2024.

This means that one current Area (C6) is no longer viable. To give online clubs the opportunity to compete Area C6 will consist only of online clubs, with their own contest structure.

Club closures also mean that two Areas (D2 and G1) have only three clubs.

### **Report Structure:**

This report:

- provides background to the need to realign clubs, areas and divisions.
- contains a list of the proposed changes by area.
- contains an alphabetical list of clubs showing current and proposed areas and divisions.

### **Background:**

- District 72 currently has 93 active clubs spread across 4 divisions.
- One club is closing. One suspended club is working on regaining Active status. One club is not in good standing. One club is in formation.
- Currently the District has 31 clubs (33.3 %), that have 12 or fewer members.
- Two areas (D2 and G1) are down to 3 clubs, which is not permitted under [Protocol 7.0 District Structure 1.D](#), unless a dispensation is granted in exceptional circumstances.
- Every year we struggle to find enough members to take on area and division director roles.

### **Principles applied:**

In coming up with the recommendation, the committee applied the following principles:

- Take geography into account in establishing areas.
- Establish areas with a mixture of strong and not so strong clubs, where possible.
- Clubs meeting online form a single Area.

### **Proposed changes:**

#### Divisions C and D:

- Move all online clubs, except Kura Kōrero: Scarfies (Low) (C2), Everest (C6) Online Uncensored Comedians and Humourists (J3) to C6, which becomes a completely online Area. This leaves C2 with three clubs. We can ask for dispensation for C2 to return to being a three-club area.
- Move Greymouth and Westport from C6 to D6.
- Move Alpine Toastmasters Timaru and Ashburton from C6 to D5

- Move Cathedral City from D5 to D3 so that D5 has six clubs if Lincoln Research returns to active status.

#### Division G:

G1 has only three clubs as Harbourside has closed. Changes:

- Move Up Top from G2 to G6.
- Move two of BNZ and DIALOGUE from G2 to G1 and Solnet from G2 to G6, effectively merging G1 and G2. The new area is designated G1 to allow for growth.

This reduces the number of areas in Division G from six to five.

#### Division J:

- Online Uncensored Comedians and Humourists moves from J3 to C6.
- Due to concerns about potential club closures, Cup Cake Communicators moves from J2 to J3.

### **Proposed Areas:**

C2 – Gore, Queenstown, Wanaka loses Scarfies.

C3 – Five-Thirty Forum, Foveaux, Grand, Oyster Orators, ROAR) is unchanged.

C4 – Dawnspeakers, Dunedin, Lunchspeak, Speak-Easy, TableTalk, Wavecrest is unchanged.

C6 – becomes a completely online Area, consisting of Everest, Toast NOW, Online Uncensored Comedians and Humourists, Scarfies (Low) and potentially Cyber-Five (in formation)

D1 – Alphabet Athletic, Avon, Boaters, Southern Cities and Sunrise is unchanged.

D2 – Bishopdale, Kaiapoi, Rangiora – Toastmasters International has granted dispensation for three club area.

D3 – Aranui, Bay Harbour (closing), Christchurch Club, Oaklands, Pegasus, Cathedral City – losing Bay Harbour, gains Cathedral City

D4 - Christchurch Women's, Civic, Dollan House, U-CAN-SPEAK, Victoria (Christchurch) is unchanged.

D5 – Hornby, Liffey, Riccarton, Lincoln, Alpine (Timaru), Ashburton – loses Cathedral City, gains Alpine and Ashburton

D6 – Motueka, Nelson, Nelson Madhatters, Sunbelt (Blenheim), Greymouth, Westport – gains Greymouth and Westport

G1 – BNZ, DIALOGUE, Capital Breakfast, Capital Chatterers, Sunrise Speakers – gains BNZ and DIALOGUE.

G3 - Five Crowns, MBIE, NZTA, Te Puni Korero, Terrace@12, Toast IT! is unchanged.

G4 - Capital Club, Te Aro, Wellington, Wellington Professional, Kura Kōrero is unchanged.

G6 - High Noon Bankers, LINZ, Statistically Speaking, Solnet, Up Top – gains Up Top and Solnet

G7 - Cook Strait, Island Bay, Newtown, Peninsula Presenters, Turbine Talkers is unchanged.

J1 - Churton Park, Porirua Central (closing), Spinnaker, Tawa, Waikanae is unchanged.

J2 - Karori, Newlands, Ohariu, Wadestown - loses Cup Cake.

J3 – Cup Cake, Gracefield, Silverstream, Wairarapa, Upper Hutt – loses Online Uncensored Comedians and Humourists and gains Cup Cake.

J4 - Hutt City, Hutt Valley, Phoenix, Wainuiomata, Sunday Afternoon is unchanged.

## Alphabetical List

Club Name	Current Area	Proposed Area
<b>Alphabet Athletic Toastmasters Club</b>	D1	D1
<b>Alpine Toastmasters Timaru Club</b>	C6	D5
<b>Aranui Toastmasters Club</b>	D3	D3
<b>Ashburton Toastmasters Club</b>	C6	D5
<b>Avon Club</b>	D1	D1
<b>Bay Harbour TM Club</b>	D3	D3 - closing
<b>Bishopdale Club</b>	D2	D2
<b>BNZ Toastmasters HQ</b>	G2	G1
<b>Boaters Club</b>	D1	D1
<b>Capital Breakfast Club</b>	G1	G1
<b>Capital Chatterers Club</b>	G1	G1
<b>Capital Club</b>	G4	G4
<b>Cathedral City</b>	D5	D3
<b>Christchurch Club</b>	D3	D3
<b>Christchurch Women's Club Toastmasters</b>	D4	D4
<b>Churton Park Toastmasters</b>	J1	J1
<b>Civic Club</b>	D4	D4
<b>Cook Strait Club</b>	G7	G7
<b>Cup Cake Communicators</b>	J2	J3
<b>Dawnspeakers Club</b>	C4	C4
<b>DIAlOgue Toastmasters Club</b>	G2	G1
<b>Dollan House Toastmasters</b>	D2	D2
<b>Dunedin Toastmasters Club</b>	C4	C4
<b>Everest Club</b>	C6	C6
<b>Five Crowns Club</b>	G3	G3
<b>Five-Thirty Forum Club</b>	C3	C3
<b>Foveaux Club</b>	C3	C3
<b>Gore Toastmasters Club</b>	C2	C2
<b>Gracefield Toastmasters Club</b>	J3	J3
<b>Grand Club</b>	C3	C3
<b>Greymouth</b>	C6	D6
<b>High Noon Bankers</b>	G6	G6
<b>Hornby</b>	D5	D5
<b>Hutt City Toastmasters</b>	J4	J4
<b>Hutt Valley Toastmasters Club</b>	J4	J4
<b>Island Bay Toastmasters Club</b>	G7	G7
<b>Kaiapoi Club</b>	D2	D2
<b>Karori Toastmasters Club</b>	J2	J2
<b>Kura Korero Toastmasters</b>	G4	G4
<b>Liffey Club</b>	D5	D5
<b>Lincoln Research Toastmasters</b>	D5	D5
<b>LINZ Toastmasters</b>	G6	G6
<b>Lunchspeak Club</b>	C4	C4
<b>MBIE Toastmasters Club</b>	G4	G4
<b>Motueka Toastmasters</b>	D6	D6
<b>Nelson Club</b>	D6	D6
<b>Nelson Madhatters Club</b>	D6	D6

<b>Newlands Toastmasters</b>	J2	J2
<b>Newtown Toastmasters</b>	G7	G7
<b>NZ Transport Agency Toastmasters</b>	G3	G3
<b>Oaklands Toastmasters</b>	D3	D3
<b>Ohariu Toastmasters Club</b>	J2	J2
<b>Online Uncensored Comedians &amp; Humourists</b>	J3	C6
<b>Oyster Orators</b>	C3	C3
<b>Pegasus Toastmasters</b>	D3	D3
<b>Peninsula Presenters</b>	G7	G7
<b>Phoenix</b>	J4	J4
<b>Porirua Central</b>	J1	closing
<b>Queenstown Club</b>	C2	C2
<b>Rangiora Club</b>	D2	D2
<b>Riccarton Toastmasters Club</b>	D5	D5
<b>ROAR</b>	C3	C3
<b>Scarfies Speechcraft Club</b>	C2	C6
<b>Silverstream Toastmasters</b>	J3	J3
<b>Solnet Toastmasters</b>	G2	G6
<b>Southern Cities Club</b>	D1	D1
<b>Speak-Easy Club</b>	C4	C4
<b>Spinnaker Toastmasters Club</b>	J1	J1
<b>Statistically Speaking</b>	G6	G6
<b>Sunbelt Speakers Club</b>	D6	D6
<b>Sunday Afternoon</b>	J4	J4
<b>Sunrise Club</b>	D1	D1
<b>Sunrise Speakers Club</b>	G1	G1
<b>Tabletalk Toastmasters</b>	C4	C4
<b>Tawa Toastmasters</b>	J1	J1
<b>Te Aro Toastmasters Club</b>	G4	G4
<b>Te Puni Korero Toastmasters</b>	G3	G3
<b>Terrace@12 Toastmasters Club</b>	G3	G3
<b>Toast IT! By Servian NZ</b>	G3	G3
<b>Toast NOW</b>	G6	C6
<b>Toastmasters Of Waikanae</b>	J1	J1
<b>Toastmasters Wairarapa</b>	J3	J3
<b>Turbine Talkers Club</b>	G7	G7
<b>U-CAN-SPEAK Club</b>	D4	D4
<b>Up Top Club</b>	G2	G6
<b>Upper Hutt Toastmasters Club</b>	J3	J3
<b>Victoria Toastmasters Club (Christchurch)</b>	D4	D4
<b>Wadestown</b>	J2	J2
<b>Wainuiomata Toastmasters</b>	J4	J4
<b>Wanaka Toastmasters</b>	C2	C2
<b>Wavecrest Club</b>	C4	C4
<b>Wellington Club</b>	G4	G4
<b>Wellington Professional Toastmasters Club</b>	G4	G4
<b>Westport</b>	C6	D6