

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
Alphabet Athletic Toastmasters Club	D1	D1
Alpine Toastmasters Timaru Club	C6	D5
Aranui Toastmasters Club	D3	D3
Ashburton Toastmasters Club	C6	D5
Avon Club	D1	D1
Bay Harbour TM Club	D3	D3 - closing
Bishopdale Club	D2	D2
BNZ Toastmasters HQ	G2	G1
Boaters Club	D1	D1
Capital Breakfast Club	G1	G1
Capital Chatterers Club	G1	G1
Capital Club	G4	G4
Cathedral City	D5	D3
Christchurch Club	D3	D3
Christchurch Women's Club Toastmasters	D4	D4
Churton Park Toastmasters	J1	J1
Civic Club	D4	D4
Cook Strait Club	G7	G7
Cup Cake Communicators	J2	J3
Dawnspeakers Club	C4	C4
DIAlOgue Toastmasters Club	G2	G1
Dollan House Toastmasters	D2	D2
Dunedin Toastmasters Club	C4	C4
Everest Club	C6	C6
Five Crowns Club	G3	G3
Five-Thirty Forum Club	C3	C3
Foveaux Club	C3	C3
Gore Toastmasters Club	C2	C2
Gracefield Toastmasters Club	J3	J3
Grand Club	C3	C3
Greymouth	C6	D6
High Noon Bankers	G6	G6
Hornby	D5	D5
Hutt City Toastmasters	J4	J4
Hutt Valley Toastmasters Club	J4	J4
Island Bay Toastmasters Club	G7	G7
Kaiapoi Club	D2	D2
Karori Toastmasters Club	J2	J2
Kura Korero Toastmasters	G4	G4
Liffey Club	D5	D5
Lincoln Research Toastmasters	D5	D5
LINZ Toastmasters	G6	G6
Lunchspeak Club	C4	C4
MBIE Toastmasters Club¹	G3	G3

¹ Typo corrected on 8 May 2024 following District Council Meeting on 4 May 2024. MBIE is in G3 as stated in the Proposed Areas.

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

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Westport	C6	D6
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