



Division C Director Report

28th June 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 helped with completing area director visit reports. With being 2 area directors short this has been a big challenge. The Invercargill clubs did a fantastic job by visiting another club in their area, as well as a shout out to Marzie Fatahi from Gore who visited Invercargill, and Margaret Whittington from Invercargill who visited Gore. Your help was much appreciated. Being based in Timaru made it difficult for me to fill in this gap. Going forward it would be fabulous to see all the areas in C with Area Directors.

Goals

Division C team goals were to aim for four distinguished clubs, to promote 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. As of the 28th of June, we have achieved 2 Distinguished Clubs (Lunchspeak (C4), and Greymouth (C6)). Congratulations to Dunedin Toastmasters(C4) who have achieved Presidents Distinguished. This leaves us one club short of our goal of 4 distinguished clubs. Looking back to our other goals of promoting the DCP and supporting clubs with growing membership, my feeling is that we have had mixed results. We have sadly bid farewell to Scarifies Speechcraft Club. We also have more clubs with 12 members or less than we did at the start of the term. We have seen many new members join, but working on retaining these members and growing membership remains an important goal for Division C.

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 Since April (total)
C2	1	1	0	1	6(29)
C3	4	1	0	0	4(13)
C4	4	0	1	1	8(24)
C6	5	0	0	0	6(10)
TOTAL	14	2	1	2	24(76)

Challenges

One of the biggest challenges has been the lack of Area Directors, as already mentioned. Some clubs in C have also had no new members at all for the 2023-2024 year which is a concern. Assisting these clubs with marketing and ensuring they have the resources to provide quality meetings will be important in the coming year. Another challenge which remains for Division C is the progress being made through Pathways, which is broken down in the next table. To help overcome these challenges education for clubs will be important.

Educational Awards to Date

	C2	C3	C4	C6	Total Number Completed
Level 1	5	9	12	6	32
Level 2	3	7	9	3	22

Level 3	1	3	5	2	11
Level 4	1	0	4	1	6
Level 5	0	1	1	1	3
DTM	-	-	-	-	-

District Conference & Contests

Congratulations to the conference team who were largely based in Division C for a very successful District Conference. The educationals and keynote speakers were fantastic and I'm sure that we all learnt something. A big congratulations to the Division C members who placed in the District Contests – Sonya Fenton (Dunedin) 1st in the International Speech Contest, Christine Livingston (Gore) 1st in Table Topics, Nellie Hunter (Queenstown) 2nd in the Humorous Speech Contest, and Marie Fox (Foveaux) who placed 3rd in Evaluation & International Speech Contests – Well done everyone! I was so impressed with the standard of these contests. At present we are still eagerly awaiting to hear the results of the Regional Contest for Sonya's International Speech.

Being the Division C Director has been a pleasure over the last year, I have learnt so much. I am grateful to the trio for their guidance as well as my experienced area directors Kath Cherrie & Glenys Forsyth for their support. Before the realignment of my club to C I had been part of Division D. I have really enjoyed meeting and engaging with the members from clubs I didn't know well before. One of my highlights was the second round of Club officer training which involved many members from Division C and around the district. Finally, I want to wish both Glenys Forsyth & Kath Cherrie all the best as they step in to Division Director roles for 2024-2025. It has been wonderful to work alongside you both – and I look forward to continuing to work alongside you both this coming year.

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Division C Director 2023-2024