

AREA 8 GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Clubs Overview I can't think of a Toastmaster's year when we have had such a vibrant and exciting start. Maybe it was due to the fact that I have been named as the new Area Governor 8 and I now have some major responsibilities assigned to me. So, as we all take a deep breath we move very quickly into the new financial year to serve Toastmasters. What an honour and a privilege for me to represent Area 8. Highlights so far have been the Club Officer Training, followed by visits to the Area 8 clubs, which are outlined below. What a great group we are, and I know that all of you all know ***"We're Great in Eight"***.

The Charter of **Narangba Valley** was a great day, held on Sunday 5th August. Our club members, associated clubs, Area and District guests were invited along to help them celebrate. President, Rod Luck and the executive team was indeed proud to have all engaging in the celebrations of the day. More great news, they have recently signed two new members to begin their journey with Toastmasters. There is plenty going on in their area, with a planned sausage sizzle being held shortly to encourage guests and new members. Well done to the Narangba Valley Club!

Healthy Chatters (Redcliffe) is hot on the trail of new members. With the pending division of the club I am very happy that they remain in Area 8. Healthy Chatters although chartered, now needs to grow their membership and are aiming to expand before this time next year. Congratulations to the executive team led by Teena Brush they are committed to encouragement, vitality and fun. What a great group! So far this year they have welcomed two new members and are planning a membership drive soon. So stay tuned for updates.

Bunya Club congratulations are due for the continuing support to the Narangba Club. As their Sponsor I know it was wonderful to see them charter. Bunya is 27 years young and has such a strong executive this year with Marilyn Davies as the President. They continue to shine, for this is an exceptional and vibrant group. Already their drive for new members from last year is still showing rewards as they welcomed in two new members within the first month of this new year. Having already conducted the Moments of Truth they remain committed and driven to gain another Distinguished Club Award this year.

Pines have been a long standing club within Toastmasters and this year they have welcomed Lee Garnett as their President to lead the executive group. It's great to see they have already established a core of a quality for the year to focus on four main aspects, member development, meeting programing, Venue and Team approach. The last meeting I attended they were pleased to welcome one new member and one new guest.

Sandgate – Another strong club within Area 8, and this year they celebrate their 38th Birthday. Annette Thompson is our President this year leading a club with 27 active members. On the 29th July the executive team arranged a promotional stand at the Einbunpin Festival 2012. What a successful day they had, the stand was manned by members of the club, handouts and information was given out and they were able to secure many prospective members. Four visited last week with one joining on the night. Fantastic result!

Peninsula – This warm and friendly club has been a great inspiration to me as they have also contributed to the support of the Narangba Club. So far this year Peninsula has been conscious of holding business and executive meetings and has already held successful bright club meetings, A recent educational session was *"Going Beyond the Club"*. Their President David Jones and his executive as an initiative for this year are collectively updating the web site, visiting other Area 8 Clubs and updating their mentoring program.

Stay tuned for the next update from District 69 Area 8. ***"We're Great in Eight"***.

Area 8 Governor-Denise M.D'Alton
