

AREA 13 GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Area 13 is happy and healthy, I'm glad to say. I have completed my first round of Club Visits to Burdekin, Bowen and Whitsundays and thoroughly enjoyed their meetings. It is so great to see the difference between clubs, the innovative ideas and the varied programmes which make for vibrant, successful clubs. Success cannot be gauged on numbers alone, I have found, and there is always something that shines out. The camaraderie among members of all clubs was prominent.

Burdekin Club (15 members) is a healthy, active club which could benefit from local training for officers and members and this is being addressed. It is strong in Speechcraft and Youth Leadership Programme activities. Its attention to business meetings, frivolous motions and use of a Parliamentarian was truly inspiring.

Bowen Club (13 members) has similar attendances and is well organized, also being offered local training. President Jill is actively involved in Youth Leadership Programmes with PCYC for Year 11 students preparing for Year 12. Otherwise, new members are showing keenness and enthusiasm, welcomed by the more experienced members.

City Midday Club (21 members) tasked with convening the Area 13 Conference in October is high in enthusiasm, with Convener Ruth visiting clubs to promote it. This will be a one in a million conference and she has managed to motivate a lot of members who wouldn't normally attend.

Talk of the North Club (12 members) is actively seeking new members, and considering holding a 'Friends Night' meeting...perhaps in October. Meetings are at a variety of locations monthly, and the next two meetings will include their contests.

Tropic City Club (34 members) has had an extremely successful year gaining 'Golden Club' status. Apart from that, they seem to have been a very social club, getting into 'Tango' and their website is well worth a look.

Whitsundays Club (19 members) has an array of new members, earning them the status of 'Select Distinguished Club', thanks to a Communication and Leadership course which has given it a new life. A mix of old and new members resulted in an extremely enjoyable meeting, with a 'welcome back' for John Fowler who has spent a year in Japan.

An extremely successful promotion for Area 2 and Area 13 Toastmaster clubs was held as part of Townsville Jobs and Skills Expo, thanks to Allan Carr, Area 2 Governor, and his team. Contact will be made to all those who indicated interest in the near future with a Toastmasters' Information Session being planned.

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