



## District 69

### Area 14 Governor Report

#### Educational Awards

Area Number (ie A33)	Number Awards	Awards
14	4	CC's
	4	CL's
	2	AC's B, S or G
	2	AL's B, S or G

#### Area Governor Visits

I have emailed all Clubs in Area 14 asking for a date to go over their Club Success Plan for the year, attaching a copy of the Club Visit report for Presidents to discuss with their executives & members in preparation for my visit. I have been able to organise visits to two of the 4 Clubs in the area and finalising their Club reports. I am yet to be able to organise a visit to the other two clubs and follow-up e-mails have been sent to them for this.

Two Clubs held their Handover dinners while I was away on leave, so was not able to attend or be present for their Officer inductions. I was honoured to install the new Executive of Eyeopener Toastmasters Club and looking forward to attending the last Club's hand over evening which is yet to happen.

Of the two Clubs I have visited, both ran text-book style meetings – covering all the needs of their members, guests and Club responsibilities. Both Clubs held a 'theme' meeting – one "Christmas in July" with the other theme being "Olympics". Much fun, frivolity and many speaking opportunities were had by all attending. New guests were in attendance at both clubs, all took part in the meeting and conversations since my visits that the guests are now members were met with hearty congratulation. This will put one Club over Charter strength and the other Club much closer to achieving Charter strength.

#### Clubs Overview

All Clubs appear to be running smoothly and the new faces on their executives have added 'new blood' to the leadership roles, renewed vitality and fresh ideas as the clubs head towards 2013. All Clubs are encouraging members to use their Competent Leadership manual along side their Competent Communicator and this year may see a significant rise in CL and ACL achievements. Established members are also re-doing their CC's and assisting their Clubs to achieve DCP or higher. Calen Canefields Club is stable with the support of its long established members and injection of new faces. Their forward program includes a debate with Mackay Club which promises to be educating and entertaining. Mackay Club has strong membership and is focusing on being Host Club for the up and coming Area 14 conference. Mackay Club's VPPR, Christopher Pozza has done an excellent job with the FreeToastHost2 site over one weekend, skilled at IT and so willing to contribute to his Club – great to see such commitment. Pioneer Club is another strong club at Charter strength and a Club that holds a variety of meetings to keep its members coming back for more. I look forward to my first visit for 2012-2013 with them. Eyeopener Club like the other Clubs in Area 14, has a very strong and committed base – the Club is focusing on retention of members and adding at least four new members this year – the Club has had three new members join in the last two months with another two very close to joining.

#### Membership

All clubs are aspiring to become or exceed Charter strength and/or adding 4 new members before the end of 2012 with another 4 in 2013.

Two clubs have included a Speechcraft/Leadershipcraft course in their yearly plan.

#### DCP Goals

**All clubs are confident they will attain DCP this year.**

**Club Officer Training**

Area 14 TLI co-ordinator was only appointed recently which hasn't given the area much time to consult with the Clubs to research a different approach to Club Officer Training that would be fully supported by the members. A date has been set to comply with District's directive that the first round of training be completed by 30 August – this date being Saturday 25 August 12.

**Contests**

Club are holding their speech contests or nominating their representatives who will compete at the Area conference on 27 October 2012. Competitions begin early September and will all be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> week in October.

**Success Stories**

New members already delivering their Ice Breaker speeches and some have indicated their willingness to compete in Club speech competitions.

Mackay Club is confident they will attain the Smedley Award this year

**Other Information/Comments**

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