



District 69

Area 9 Governor Report

Educational Awards – Nil but expect some to be submitted in the next month.

Area Number (ie A33)	Number Awards	Awards

Area Governor Visits

Four of the six Area 9 Governor visits have been completed, starting with Alice Springs, CDU and Darwin then back to Cairns. This leaves only my home clubs of Kickstart and Marlin Coast to complete. I found the form very easy to work through with the presidents and online completion was simplistic.

Clubs Overview

Alice Springs is a vibrant club with a base of experienced members. Cairns club is challenged by low member numbers but is keen to reinvigorate the club to its former glory. Darwin is energetic and large in members with a high turnover of members causing a lack of advanced experience. Charles Darwin University is a new club with the challenges of its infancy and the seasonal trends of university terms. Kickstart is an inspiring club with motivated members hosting the area conference. Marlin Coast is a sturdy club with a good combination of experience and fresh members.

Membership

Most clubs are showing signs of membership growth.

DCP Goals

Cairns Club is the first to achieve a DCP goal in Area 9, of four new members. All clubs are aware of the DCP and are tracking well toward being a Distinguished Club.

Club Officer Training

The club officer training in Cairns was extremely successful with 30 participants, from both area 9 and 32. The Alice Springs and Darwin club officer training was greatly appreciated by these remote clubs and also well attended. Four of the six clubs have achieved half a goal toward their DCP.

Contests

Most of the clubs have started or will have started their club contests by the end of August. CDU and Cairns may not conduct contests as their focus is on building and strengthening the club.

Success Stories

Area 9 held a Bush Camping Weekend at Emu Creek, approximately 2 hours drive from Cairns on 11-12 August. It was well attended by 24 people, ranging from all clubs in the local Cairns Region, Mareeba Club from Area 32 and an International Toastmaster from Korea. We were entertained sitting around the evening campfire with Table Topics and 5 manual speeches. I hope this inspires Alice Springs club to hold an Ayres Rock meeting so we can fly over and join them.

Other Information/Comments

The Advanced club is progressing slowly. A full executive team has been nominated and members are trickling in.

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