

Area 35 Governor's Report.

The first few weeks of my tenure as Area Governor have been great for learning, making new friends, seeing how the clubs in my area operate and getting to know the members.

Club officers have been installed.

I was privileged to be at Palm Beach-Currumbin club's 700th meeting which was most enjoyable as was the food and fellowship celebrated afterwards.

Ice breakers and advanced speeches have been evaluated on my visits to clubs and I really enjoy watching new members learn and grow.

Several visits to each clubs (as a visitor) have proved beneficial in getting to know members I had not previously met.

I will continue to visit the clubs as often as I can to encourage, discuss ideas and assist the clubs in any possible way. I feel it is

important to set an example, as well as discover member's personal goals.

When visiting as an Area 35 Governor it makes things easier when you know most of the members.

I have enjoyed the official visits as it has given me an insight into the workings of the clubs and the executive members.

While all four clubs are at barely charter strength (20 members) they are all actively seeking new members at every opportunity.

Palm Beach/Currumbin has the least number of members and they work very hard trying to build up numbers and on the

occasions I have visited, other visitors have been attending.

Each club flies the Toastmaster flag, displaying banners, ribbons, programmes, flyers, trophies, magazines etc.

Some of them present weekly awards and all acknowledge member's achievements.

All clubs have interesting and enjoyable meetings and each one is different. All use the DCP plan and all speeches

are from CC and advanced manuals. I have been encouraging members to bring their CL manuals with a view

to gaining their CL awards. All clubs are working to improve their programmes, evaluations and mentoring processes.

As all clubs are reasonably close to each other any prospective members who visit one club are told about the other

clubs in the area. This gives potential members a choice of morning or evening and weekly or fortnightly meetings.

This seems to be working quite effectively. Most New members come from word of mouth or internet enquiries to the Toastmaster websites.

As all first round of club visits have been completed, reports submitted, the next big event is the Area 35 Conference and plans are underway for this.

I anticipate that the rest of my time as Area Governor will be as interesting and enjoyable as the first couple of months have been.

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