



## **District 69**

### **Brisbane Division Director's Report**

**16th April 2019**

It is with pleasure and pride that I present this Brisbane Division report. Let me begin by thanking all the Toastmasters who have been kind and encouraging - and those one or two who were not, but who provided learning experience and challenge. Within our team, we have had frequent contact either formal, informal or ZOOM. Area 17 Director Peter Anderson resigned for personal reasons in December but fortunately Sasi Geether accepted the role for the remaining 5 - 6 months.

#### **Membership**

There is concern expressed by several club leaders about club membership, viability and reaching the goal for the DCP. While some clubs are thriving, they are the exception. While guests are drawn from Meet-up, not a large percentage of people from there join and remain members.

It would be helpful if workshops on club building could be promoted more as part of our leadership training.

#### **Corporate clubs**

The Brisbane Division has 27 clubs and the highest concentration of clubs in the smallest geographic area of District 69 (Kevin Croft DTM, Brisbane Division report 2018). Engagement with corporate businesses presents a challenge - even following up the leads takes some time, not just a phone call. If the number of corporate clubs increases as anticipated, there will be increased need for sponsors and mentors etc. and neighbouring Divisions may offer help. Training would be needed as would familiarization with corporate culture.

#### **Division re-alignment**

It is hoped that the re-alignment will present equality (as much as this is possible). There has been opportunity for input so there should be some satisfaction with the result.

Information about boundaries needs to be clear.

#### **DCP progress**

Progress is slow in most areas. According to Mike Rafferty (13th April 2019) To be Distinguished, the division needs 11 more distinguished clubs.

10 clubs have 5+ DCP goals earned so far.

8 clubs have 5+ DCP goals earned and 20+ or +5 members so far.

Areas 5,15 and 21 need 4 club visits and 3 more distinguished clubs. Area 36 needs 5 club visits and 3 more distinguished clubs. Area 17 needs 5 club visits and 4 distinguished clubs.

Area Directors are aware of the need for club visits to be made and reports submitted well before 31st May

#### **Club Officer Training**

Training was held over two nights and was well attended - more than 100 people on one night. The training attracted several Toastmasters from outside Brisbane Division.

Although there are 27 clubs in Brisbane Division, the number reporting a minimum of 4 executives was below half.

There needs to be increased awareness by club executives of the value of training so attendance by members is encouraged.

### **Brisbane Division Conference**

Our Council meeting was held at the Division Conference 19th March.

### **Speech Contests**

Area and Division Speech Contests were well attended and speeches were of a high standard.

Winners were:           Evaluation    Suzanne Wacker    Humorous    Philip Bate  
                                  International   Joshua Morotti    Table Topics    Suzanne Wacker

### **Briscon**

This year the goal was to increase the overall attendance by offering workshops for those who might not want to attend all speech contests. Mark Snow DTM organised Briscon 2019, two professional development workshops for each contest night This was to offer choice for those people attending who might not want to attend all speech contests. This did not rival the speech contests but complemented them. The workshops were well attended and feedback was positive.

**Thanks to Mark** for this initiative and to the presenters:

Stephanie Yeo CC ALB, Robert Green DTM, Bendan Tyndall and David Mysliwy ACB

### **Conference Expenses**

The budget for the Division Speech Contest shows that there was \$20.07 loss. There were donations of gifts for the raffle which covered almost all the expenses.

### **Awards**

Over 60 education awards were presented to members of Brisbane Division. Congratulations to all.

### **Clubs**

Two clubs—QUU (previously suspended) and CBD Executive Breakfast Toastmasters have closed.

Red River and Boeing clubs need coaches.

Telstra Transit is struggling. It would seem this is mainly because of restructuring within Telstra. ZOOM meetings occasionally could be an option. The club now has two coaches.

Change of club name “Energex” to “Energy Queensland (Brisbane)”.

Two new clubs ITP and Pride.

### **Celebrations**

1WS, Yarning and Pride celebrated milestones.

John Hill and Ron Wyllie achieved 50 years of being a member of DC Toastmasters.

DC celebrated its 50th anniversary in July.

Congratulation to everyone, especially to Ron and John.

### **Thank you for the honour of being Brisbane Division Director.**

Jenny Bostock

Brisbane Division Director

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