



## CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

**20 April 2019**

Central Division has had a wonderful year.

We started the year with the Executive Leadership Training, which offered the extra leadership training that cannot be adequately covered at Club Leader Training. It was definitely well received. Special thanks go to Rod Moore for his excellent organisation.

My thanks go to our team of Area Directors, Marjory Hansen, Rod Moore, Judith McConnell, Judith Rowarth and Jeff Williams, who support their Areas in the best way possible. This was demonstrated with their entertaining Area Conferences, all of which I was able to attend, and their sharing of ideas at our monthly Zoom meetings.

We are very aware of the great distances between clubs, and yet several Area Directors have 'gone the extra mile' by supporting as many of their clubs as possible with extra visits, attending Speechcraft courses and popping in via Zoom, to offer extra energy and ideas.

It is a credit to the spirit of 'remembering the member' that pervades our Division, that we give each other so much support.

A highlight for me was the successful Central Division conference, which showcased the talent in our Division, and allowed the International Speech contestants to see themselves on video. Special thanks go to Gabriele Barsing and her team, for bringing everything together to make it a memorable weekend.

Over the course of the year, Cooloola Coast could not rebuild its membership and decided to hand in its charter. As a result, Central Division now has 27 clubs. Keppel Bay club is eligible again, and two of our clubs with 10 or fewer members, have already had Club Coaches assigned. Considering the general drop in renewals across the whole District, in Central we have only seven clubs in total, which are at 12 or fewer members. Knowing that there are membership drives happening, it will not stay that way for long.

Congratulations must go to Hervey Bay Toastmasters Club which has already achieved Presidents Distinguished and Caloundra, Distinguished. 14 of our 27 clubs, have already achieved 5 or more goals. This is excellent, considering that five (5) further clubs have already achieved four (4) goals, with two months to go. Considering the support that we in Toastmasters give each other, we will finish the year much stronger.

On behalf of the 27 clubs in Central Division, I wish our contestants at the upcoming District Conference every success.

I hope you have all gained what you wanted from your role this year, and I wish each and every one of you, all the best as you, and I, continue our learning journey with Toastmasters.

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