

Report - Northern Division – District 69 – Toastmasters International

I meet with my team (Area Directors in the Northern Division) once a month via zoom and individually on a needs basis.

Area 2 – Only one club in this area, Townsville City Council, is at charter strength; Four clubs had six members attend Club Officer Training. I am waiting to be advised of the date of their inter-club competitions.

Area 9 – A regular Area newsletter has commenced in this area and the Area Director (Sharne) has shared her template with the other area directors. Plans are underway to attempt to charter a new club in Port Douglas. No club in this at charter strength and one club, Kick Start only has 7 members; One club had five members attend the Club Officer Training; The other clubs had fewer than four members attend the training. I will be visiting this area (Cairns district) in the September school holidays and the Area Director has arranged for visits with each of the clubs for me. I will also be involved in the demonstration meeting and discussion with potential members at Port Douglas. The Area 9 Conference will be held in Innisfail on Saturday 6th November. There was some talk that Innisfail may fold but they are co-ordinating this event with the Area Director, as a means of promoting membership opportunities. A 50th anniversary dinner will be held in conjunction with the conference (inter-club competitions).

Area 13 - Burdekin Toastmasters Club has closed. Only two clubs in this area are at charter strength – Tropic City and Business Leaders. Three clubs had more than five members attend the Club Officer training. I am awaiting the dates of their inter-club competitions.

Area 14 – The Area Conference has been set for 30th October and will be hosted by Pioneer Toastmasters. A dinner celebrating the District's 50th Anniversary will be held in conjunction with the Area Conference (inter-club competitions). Only one of the five clubs in this area is at charter strength and this is the newest club – Mackay Regional Council Toastmasters. No clubs in Area 14 had four members attend the Club Officer training and this is despite significant promotions at club level.

Club Growth Director / Program Quality Director positions for the Division. – I have made a number of approaches regarding these two positions and while the personnel have been honoured to be invited and they put considerable thought into the proposals, they have turned me down. They have either decided to have a quieter year, are moving away or are focussing on their clubs.

Date of Northern Division Conference – **Saturday 26th March 2022**

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