



District 69 District Director Report

March 2026

As we move into the second half of the Toastmasters year, there are encouraging signs across District 69. Attendance at Division conferences has been strong, and many clubs are reporting an increase in guests.

Clubs are becoming more visible in their communities, with members sharing their experiences through social media, community events, radio, and local newspapers. This increased visibility is helping introduce new people to Toastmasters and is contributing to the steady flow of guests we are seeing.

Our Public Relations Manager, Mel Surplice, has been supporting clubs with practical marketing education, and the PR team led by Anthony Fensom has helped secure mainstream media coverage across the District.

Membership and Club Strength

A major focus for the District this year has been supporting existing members and strengthening club culture.

District 69 continues to have strong member retention compared with many other districts. While our leadership team has been challenged for emphasising retention, we strongly believe healthy clubs are built by supporting the members who are already part of our community. We are unapologetically members first.

Strong member experience leads to stronger clubs, and stronger clubs create sustainable growth.

I am constantly inspired by experienced members who stay involved and mentor newer members. This continuity helps maintain club quality and preserves knowledge within the organisation. Clubs that actively welcome and engage guests are generally seeing the most consistent growth and energy in their meetings.

Focus for the Months Ahead

Member Renewals

As renewals approach, personal conversations remain the most effective way to support members and understand their goals. A simple check-in from a Club President or Vice President Membership can make a meaningful difference to a member, and I will be checking in with Presidents too.



Leadership Development

Clubs are encouraged to start identifying future leaders and giving them opportunities to learn through shadowing and mentoring. Early preparation helps ensure smooth leadership transitions.

Growing New Clubs

A vital part of the District's growth plan is in exposing Toastmasters to new organisations, groups and communities. We have many plans afoot for new clubs.

Conferences

The upcoming District conference provides a valuable opportunity for learning, connection, and recognition. And serves as a chance for club officers to recharge and bring new ideas back to their clubs! I am very looking forward to some Rock Solid Growth in Stanthorpe!

Personal Reflection

Serving on the District Trio over the past 3 years has been a very rewarding experience. It has provided opportunities to develop skills that are difficult to gain in many workplaces, while also building lasting friendships across the District.

My fellow trio members Shubi, Alex, Lou and Denise have been wonderful learning companions. Despite rumours, I promise I never tried to poison Lou. And I didn't try to drown Alex. They got themselves into their own trouble. The ladies remain unscathed!

I extend a hearty thank you to the extended District team for always giving your best. I am particularly proud of our training team and regularly tell other trios that we have the best Club Officer Training in the world, and I truly believe that.

I have leant mentors heavily these past 3 years and I thank them for their unwavering and honest support. Lesley Storkey, Barbara Neilsen, Robert Green, Christine Lennon, Mike Storkey and Denise Buckby somehow still answer my calls with enthusiasm. Thank you for always being there. And if you've read this report this far and you're thinking of stepping into leadership... incubate relationships with great people who will stand behind you as your mentors.

District 69 continues to demonstrate the power of communication, leadership, and community. I am proud of our clubs for creating supportive environments where members can grow.

Nicky Jurd DTM

*District Director
District 69*



Program Quality Directors Report

For District Executive Committee Meeting 29/03/2026 and District Council Meeting 19/04/2026

Club Officer Training

The second round of club officer training was very successful with a strong turnout and great feedback. I would like to thank Thomas Krafft, Deb Barnett and Kate Norris for their dedication in providing quality training to our Club Executives.

Overall, we had 613 positions trained, which is down on this time last year with 690 trained. Congratulations to the 13 clubs who had all 7 executive positions trained.

As a District we also took part in the second round of the Club Officer Training Beta program which had almost 90 members attending. The feedback provided by District 69 and the other participating Districts will be processed and used to refine the packages for the second round of Club Officer Training.

Thank you to all of our trainers this year for your time and expertise. We are very grateful.

District Leader Training

The third instalment of District Leader Training was held in Brisbane over the final weekend of January. Attendance was very good with all Divisions well represented. The feedback was very good and I am sure that Area and Division Directors are primed and well trained to end the year strongly.

Current District Leaders, please pass on to your successors, that the first round of District Leader Training will be held on the weekend of the 27 th and 28 th of June 2026 at Kedron-Wavell Services Club

In addition, Division Directors will receive additional training for a full day on Saturday 30 May, 2026.

Alex Smith

Program Quality Director



Club Growth Directors Report

For District Executive Committee Meeting 29/03/2026 and District Council Meeting 19/04/2026

This year, District 69 has continued to focus on three important priorities: supporting our members, strengthening our clubs, and creating opportunities for sustainable club growth across our communities.

Club growth is never just about numbers. It is about people - people who walk into a meeting looking for confidence, connection, and community. Our role as a District is to ensure that our clubs remain strong, welcoming environments where members can continue to grow as communicators and leaders.

Across the District, Division Directors, Area Directors, and club leadership teams have been working closely with clubs to support membership renewals, encourage engagement, and strengthen club experiences. Their dedication continues to make a meaningful difference for our members.

Clubs Chartered

This year we proudly welcomed Cook Toastmasters Club into District 69.

Every new club begins with a spark - an idea, a conversation, a shared belief that a workplace or community would benefit from Toastmasters. Through demonstration meetings, encouragement, and the support of District leaders, that vision becomes reality.

Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing Cook Toastmasters Club to life.

Clubs in Formation

Momentum continues with Mackay Lunchmasters Club, which is currently in formation and progressing towards charter strength.

Division teams have also been actively following promising leads in high-population areas that currently do not have a Toastmasters club, creating opportunities to introduce Toastmasters to new communities.

Several expressions of interest and pre-demonstration opportunities are currently underway:



Expressions of Interest / Pre-Demonstration Meetings

- Japanese English Toastmasters Club
- Mandarin English Toastmasters Club
- French English Toastmasters Club
- Possible Corporate Toastmasters Club in Mt Gravatt
- Chermside Multicultural Toastmasters Club
- Deception Bay Toastmasters Club
- Burpengary Toastmasters Club

We will also be connecting with the Mayor of Western Downs Regional Council to explore the possibility of facilitating a demonstration meeting for a Toastmasters club within that community.

Earlier this year we conducted a new club brainstorming session, where Division leaders identified several potential opportunities for new clubs within their respective Divisions.

New clubs can take many forms. They may be online, hybrid or face-to-face, and may be community-based, corporate, or interest-based clubs.

If you would like to explore starting a new club in your workplace or community, please reach out by emailing cgd@toastmastersd69.org, and we will connect you with your Division Club Growth Directors to support the process.

Multilingual Toastmasters Clubs

District 69 is incredibly diverse, and we are taking meaningful steps to reflect that diversity in our club growth efforts.

During March and April, demonstration meetings will be hosted for multilingual Toastmasters clubs, including a Japanese English Toastmasters Club, followed by Mandarin English Toastmasters Club, French English Toastmasters Club

Our vision is to give the diverse members of District 69 their voice and the option to participate in multilingual meetings, creating welcoming spaces where members can grow while embracing their language and culture.



Club Coaching Program

Clubs with fewer than 12 members are eligible to request a Club Coach to assist them in rebuilding membership and returning to charter strength. Thank you to the current coaches working with clubs in D69.

The Club Coach program plays an important role in supporting struggling clubs by providing experienced Toastmasters who can mentor club leaders, strengthen meeting quality, and help rebuild membership.

The Club Coach Coordinator for the District is Suzanne Goggolin (clubcoach@toastmasters.org) who supports the process of identifying eligible clubs and appointing suitable coaches.

Clubs Suspended

Two clubs were suspended as of 30 September 2025:

- Southern Cross Toastmasters Club
- KPMG PNG Toastmasters Club

We thank the members of these clubs for their contributions to District 69.

Clubs Closing After the Next Renewal Period

We have received confirmation that the following clubs will not be renewing after the next membership renewal period:

- Business Leaders Toastmasters Club
- Lockyer Valley Toastmasters Club
- Chermside Communicators Toastmasters Club

In addition, due to an organisational restructure within Rio Tinto, where the club sponsor was made redundant, Red River Toastmasters Club will also close after the next renewal period.

While it is always difficult to see clubs close, our priority remains supporting members from these clubs so they can continue their Toastmasters journey at other clubs within the District.

Area Directors and Division Directors are actively working with affected members to ensure they remain connected to the Toastmasters community.



Clubs with Less Than Eight Members

Several clubs currently have fewer than eight members and are receiving support from their Area Directors and Division leadership.

On Track Toastmasters Club recently hosted an Open House meeting, resulting in two new members who will be joining the club, bringing the club back into good standing. The club has also requested a Club Coach to maintain momentum.

4EB Toastmasters Club experienced internal challenges when their club sponsor took time away to care for her father who was undergoing cancer treatment. The club has since regrouped and plans to submit payments for two renewal periods before the end of March, which will return the club to good standing.

Rosewood Toastmasters Club, which currently has seven members, will receive a club visit from the Area Director and Division Director to assess the situation and determine the best way forward.

Northern Communicators currently has 2 paid members for the current renewal period; the Area Director is in conversation with the club to ensure the membership dues are submitted by the due date for the club to return as a club in good standing.

For Areas and Divisions where clubs may close, Area Directors are already exploring new club opportunities to replace those clubs and ensure Toastmasters remains accessible in those communities.

Club Marketing Grants

The Club Marketing Grant program has been well received across the District.

Clubs have used these grants to support initiatives such as:

- Facebook advertising
- Open House meetings
- community outreach activities

We are currently in the process of getting back to clubs regarding reimbursement details for their marketing grant claims and appreciate the patience of clubs while submissions are reviewed.



Speechcraft Programs

Many clubs across the District have also been running Speechcraft programs, which continue to be one of the most effective ways to introduce new members to Toastmasters.

These programs provide participants with a supportive environment to develop communication and leadership skills and often become a pathway for new members to join clubs.

Membership Renewals

Club membership renewals are due at World Headquarters by March 31, 2026, for the April 1, 2026 -September 30, 2026, period. This is an important deadline for clubs and members to be in good standing to continue to access to the Pathways education program.

Division Directors and Area Directors have been working closely with clubs to support renewals and help clubs remain in good standing. For those clubs who are not renewing, we thank you for your contribution to the District over the years. We want to make sure that any “orphaned” members are welcomed to other clubs so their journey can continue.

Our primary focus remains our members - ensuring that they feel supported, valued, and inspired to continue their Toastmasters journey.

My Journey as Club Growth Director

I have truly enjoyed stepping into the role of Club Growth Director and working alongside my fellow trio members Nicky and Alex.

Leadership in Toastmasters is often described as strategic - and it certainly is. But in the Trio, it is also about connection. For us, that connection came naturally because we all shared one priority: putting our members first.

My Trio journey began with a conversation with Past District Director Shane Cooper after the Central Division Conference last year, when he convinced me to submit my application for the CGD role. I am grateful he did, because the journey since then has been incredibly rewarding.

Along the way, I have been fortunate to receive guidance and encouragement from wonderful mentors. I would like to sincerely thank:

Gavin Blakey, Mike Storkey, Ben McCormick, Robert Green, Shane Cooper, Denise Buckby, Barbara Nielsen and Cheryl Lukritz for their support and for inspiring me to embark on this leadership journey.



International Experiences

One of the highlights of this year was attending the Toastmasters International Convention in Philadelphia - my very first.

It was an unforgettable experience connecting with fellow District leaders from around the world, attending the Annual Business Meeting, voting for our international leaders, and witnessing the International Speech Contest live.

And yes... there was also dancing.

The Macarena.

American line dancing.

The energy was electric.

Our Trio bonding experience also began with a memorable visit to Intercourse — which, for anyone wondering, is a small Amish town about two hours from Philadelphia.

What began with Intercourse ended with us witnessing the Philadelphia Naked Bike Ride, where cyclists were protesting to keep bike lanes safe.

Now you know... we are the fun Trio.

I can also confirm there was no food poisoning in the United States. However, when we travelled to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for Mid-Year Training, it was a different story. Let's just say I was quite unwell for a week after returning to Brisbane — possibly food poisoning.

But the most rewarding part of these experiences was connecting with Toastmasters from across the world and realising how powerful this global community truly is.

As our founder Dr Ralph Smedley once said:

"We learn best in moments of enjoyment."

And I can certainly vouch for that. Especially when there is champagne involved.



Trio Visits

The Trio has promised that we will visit every Division and connect with members at their Division Conferences.

So far we have attended:

- Pacifica Division Conference
- Northern Division Conference
- Western Division Conference
- Brisbane Division Conference

We are looking forward to connecting with members at the upcoming conferences for:

- Moreton Division
- Central Division
- Southern Division
- Eastern Division

Final Word

The success of club growth efforts across District 69 is made possible by the dedication of many volunteers.

Thank you to our Division Directors, Area Directors, club officers, club coaches, and members who continue to support one another and strengthen our clubs.

Together, we are not only building clubs.

We are building confidence.

We are building leaders.

And we are creating spaces where more people in our communities can discover their voice.

Because when our members grow, our clubs grow.

And when our clubs grow, District 69 thrives.

And if the stories we have seen this year are any indication, the next Toastmasters success story in District 69 may already be sitting in the guest chair at a club meeting tonight.

Shubhangi (Shubi) Chatterjee

Club Growth Director



Public Relations Manager Report

08/03/2026

Showcase Sprint - Complete

The first round of Showcase Sprint, which commenced in November, has now wrapped up. Eight clubs participated in the program and delivered well organised and actively promoted showcase meetings across February and early March. Participating clubs typically welcomed four to five guests to their featured meeting, with several guests submitting membership applications either on the night or shortly afterwards. While final membership conversion numbers are still being compiled, we've loved seeing social media posts from participating clubs celebrating the induction of new members who first attended as Sprint guests.

The Club Marketing Edge Webinar Series - In Progress

The Club Marketing Edge continues as a free monthly webinar series designed primarily for VPPRs and members interested in supporting club growth. Each session provides practical marketing tips, expert insights and live Q&A. Upcoming dates and registration details are available at: <https://www.toastmastersd69.org/club-marketing/>

Annual District 69 Marketing Awards - Opening Soon

Preparations are underway to open the District 69 Marketing Awards by the end of March. Categories will include Best Newsletter, Best Club Website, Best Social Media Campaign and Best Website-Social Media Campaign. Winners will be announced at the District 69 Convention. For questions or support, please contact Mel Surplice at prm@toastmastersd69.org



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Brisbane Division Director's Report

As the newly elected Brisbane Division Director, my focus has been on strengthening the Division and addressing several operational and structural matters that required attention at the start of this term. This work has centred on supporting our clubs, restoring confidence, and ensuring we are well positioned to deliver strong member experiences and sustainable club growth.

The Brisbane Division Conference, held on 7 March, was delivered in a period of transition. Despite tight timelines and limited resources, the event was successfully delivered and provided members with a valuable opportunity for engagement, leadership development, and recognition. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and resilience of the volunteers who stepped forward and worked together to make the event possible.

Radio 4EB Toastmasters has also been an important focus. The club required additional support around governance, membership, and operations. A structured recovery plan has now been implemented and the club is progressing toward its next meeting in alignment with the upcoming renewal period. In addition, OnTrack Toastmasters is receiving targeted mentoring and support, with encouraging signs that the club will soon return to good standing.

Looking ahead, one of the most significant matters affecting the Brisbane Division is the proposed realignment that may impact the Division's future structure. Many members have expressed a strong interest in ensuring Brisbane clubs continue to have a clear voice in any decisions affecting them. Our priority will be to advocate constructively for our clubs, contribute positively to the discussion, and ensure that the perspectives of Brisbane members are clearly heard as the District considers the path forward.

I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Wayne Taylor for his service as Brisbane Division Director prior to the start of this term. Wayne stepped down due to an unexpected family health matter. On behalf of the Brisbane Division, I extend our best wishes to Wayne and his family during this time, and we thank him for the contribution he has made to our Toastmasters community.

Zach Davis-Hancock
Brisbane Division Director



Central Division Director's Report

It has been heartening to see the enthusiasm within the Division steadily grow throughout the year. Our leaders at every level have demonstrated outstanding commitment, guiding their clubs, Areas, and the Division forward as we progress through the Toastmasters year. Across our clubs, I sense a quiet but genuine enthusiasm, perhaps more in thought than in action, but unmistakably present. To my Division leadership team, thank you. You have been remarkable. At times, I wondered whether I was delegating too much, yet your response was always the same: "What can I do now?"

While the spirit remains strong, our Club Officer Training (COT) attendance highlighted some challenges. Only 67% of Club Executives participated, a slight drop from the first round's 71%, and two clubs fell short of the minimum four attendees. Interestingly, the only two clubs to achieve full attendance were those with a wealth of experienced members, including past International and District officers, a reminder that in Toastmasters, there is always more to learn.

It is pleasing to note that although we did not gain any new clubs, we also did not lose any. Encouraging discussions are underway regarding the possible revival of a former club in Area 10 in the coming year. Membership across the Central Division has grown by 21 new members.

As I write, we are just five days away from our Division Conference in Maryborough. Only a few loose ends remain, and we have a confirmed attendance of more than 60. Sponsorship support has been exceptionally positive, with warm engagement from the local community. Maryborough was chosen to give our northern clubs an opportunity to promote Toastmasters locally and to offer their members a shorter journey for a change.

Looking ahead, I feel confident that the Division has regained some of the old mojo that once defined us. This renewed energy is reflected in the fact that all Division and Area Director roles appear to have nominees, members who clearly see a bright future and are ready to contribute to it. I wish each of them every success.

Ian Pinker

Central Division Director



Eastern Division Director's Report

Eastern Division clubs have had another strong year highlighted by the chartering of our newest club - Cook Medical Toastmasters Club. Congratulations to the entire Cook Medical team for achieving this exceptional milestone. We wish them every success for the future!

On the other end of the spectrum, we're also celebrating several other remarkable achievements, with Jimboomba Club reaching 700 meetings; Redlands Club reaching 1000 meetings; and Sunnybank Club reaching 1300 meetings. Well done to the Jimboomba, Redlands and Sunnybank Toastmasters!

Some clubs are thriving with outstanding membership numbers while a small number of clubs are still facing some challenges. Remember to make the most of "New Year, New You". This is the ideal half of the year to follow up all enquiries and guests and build your club membership.

Thank you to all the Club Executives who attended Club Officer Training (COT) Round 2. COT continues to be the best way to find out what works - and what doesn't - in this ever-changing world we live in. But don't wait for the next COT. If your club is struggling with numbers, contact your Area Director and discuss other opportunities including the appointment of a club coach, or why not visit one of the thriving clubs to gather fresh ideas.

It's fantastic to see clubs reaching out to their Area Directors - who, as we know, are outstanding! - and taking the proactive step to engage a club coach. Club coaching works! We've seen recently with one club growing from less than 12 members to now having a healthy membership base to build on.

As I am nearing the end of my Division Directorship term, I hope you have enjoyed your year as much as I have. It has been inspiring to witness the personal growth of so many members across Eastern Division - from first-time contest participants to new DTMs. We have so much to celebrate!

It has been an honour and a privilege to share my Toastmasters journey with this incredible community. To quote a famous actor who recently received a lifetime award: "I am lucky to have found my people!"

Keep challenging yourself, keep learning and, most importantly, keep having fun!

Geoff Roberts
Eastern Division Director



Moreton Division Director's Report

I am pleased to acknowledge that club quality has continued to be at a high level this year in Moreton Division. With most clubs attracting guests which is a result of committees promoting the Toastmasters club experience to a high standard and striving to achieve their Pathways goals.

Over the past 10 years there has been a slow decline in the number of clubs and areas in the district. It has been advised that the reality is the district may need to reduce its divisions by 1 or 2 by 2028. In attempt to strengthen Moreton division, we need to charter 4 more clubs by 2028.

There are currently 17 clubs in Moreton, and our capacity is 24 clubs. Our area directors are considering new clubs at Burpengary, Deception Bay and Chermside and looking for volunteers to assist in demonstration meetings and chartering these new clubs. The alignment committee is currently assessing the alignment of areas and divisions in an attempt to achieve minimal disruption to members. Kirsty Watts and Barb Nielsen are representing Moreton on the alignment committee.

As Division Director, I encourage you to learn as much as you can from your mentors, to commit to pathways and to stretch your boundaries. In analysing the date our members have initially joined (as of 23/02/2026), our division has grown in membership at a steep rate from 2017 with the largest growth in 2024 (53) and 2025 (97). This means there is a large number of new Toastmasters still maturing in their leadership and/or public speaking.

There is also much needed improvement in education and orientation around Pathways. 152 members have not completed level 1 or are not using Pathways to record completed projects. I urge you to check in with your members and help them plan and record their level 1 projects. Pathways is our product of value and the system that measures personal growth. It gives access to awards, leadership and speaking opportunities. Please try to apply more discipline to your learning habits, it is worth the effort because leaders will be able to see your achievements when they are looking for talent

Regarding the proposed realignment. The main objection to this proposal is that it limits expansion due to many areas now having the maximum number of clubs and areas. This means that any new clubs such as Chermside, Deception Bay or Burpengary would force another realignment causing disruption to the Toastmasters club experience. Other than this factor and the contested clubs, the proposal makes some sense in terms of convenience to members but will limit our growth. I do wish that members retain the pride they have in their clubs, areas and division, because it is in our interest to retain Moreton Division as it is a high growth area.

It has been a great honour leading the Division this year, your support, achievements and encouragement have made it special.

David Boyle
Moreton Division Director



Northern Division Director's Report

This Toastmasters year to date has been one of many highs! Our Area Directors have shown great connection with their clubs and encouraged them every step of the way. Whilst, to some, the goal they might aspire to is not perhaps achievable this year, they have embraced the "one member at a time" attitude to their clubs, and, consequently, to the members.

The re-emergence of the Northern Division Newsletter is well received and, one might hope, has gone some way towards reconnecting the NORTH and bringing back our indomitable spirit.

The Division Conference, kind to us in the weather, was an opportunity to showcase our speakers and to celebrate the wonderful collaborative work of the conference committee. A change of date to November 2026 for the Division Conference was voted upon by the Division Council members.

Area 4, whilst still feeling their way into the division, are understanding of the challenges and the tyranny of distance. Disappointing to lose Business Leaders Toastmasters, however, Lunchmasters (Mackay) are working hard towards charter.

Every one of our "recycled" Area Directors are working hard (and succeeding) in encouraging and motivating a member to step up into a new leadership position next year. Embrace the challenge when someone "taps you on the shoulder" with a "I think you'd be an aspiring/ motivating/ leader in the role of ...?"

Thank you all for your support of clubs, club officers, and their leadership.

Lesley Storkey DTM, PID
Northern Division Director



Pasifika Division Director's Report

Division Status & Highlights

Pasifika Division remains stable and progressing, with strong performance in Areas 38 and 41, while Areas 40, 44, and 45 continue to require targeted support. The Division currently sits at 17 of 19 paid clubs and 388 members.

Contest Cycle Completed:

- Area 45 – 28 Sep 2025,
- Area 38 – 12 Oct 2025,
- Area 44 – 26 Oct 2025,
- Area 40 – 9 Nov 2025,
- Area 41 – 16 Nov 2025,
- Division – 30 Nov 2025

Strengths

Highperforming clubs include BPNG TM, BSP TM, Komuniti TM, PNG Unitech, Life Foundation, Lae Community, and Success Synergy. Corporate clubs Credit Corporation TM and CTSL Corporate TM continue to rebuild and show positive momentum.

A full leadership transition for 2026/27 has been prepared and have nominated for roles:

Division Director – Okera Amini

Area Directors – Bonaventura Talingapua (A38), Rose Paul (A40), Ancilla Ulai (A41), Rachael Kobal (A44), Frank Manue (A45)

Key Challenges

Several clubs remain below 20 members, meeting discipline is inconsistent across some Areas, and recognition/mentoring practices need strengthening. COT2 attendance issues have now been resolved after updates for Unitech Staff TM, NGCB TM, Eda Wanwoks TM, and Brian Bell TM, whose online attendance records have been verified.



Strategic Issue - Fiji Club Realignment

If the Fiji club exits during District realignment, one Area will fall below the minimum fourclub requirement. Mitigation options include:

- Rebalancing clubs across Areas
- Fasttracking a new club charter.
- Requesting a temporary variance

Next 60 Day Priorities

Over the next two months, Division efforts will focus on:

- Delivering a strong renewals sprint
- Uplifting meeting quality across all Areas
- Advancing pipeline conversion for high potential corporate/community leads
- Finalising realignment planning, including Area structure adjustments post Fiji exit.

Support Requested from District

Not urgent, but support is sought for:

- Corporate prospect briefings
- Area rebalancing guidance
- PR visibility to showcase Pasifika achievements.

Conclusion

Pasifika Division is tracking steadily toward yearend goals. Trio support remains essential in three areas: Area realignment guidance, CGD co-leadership for corporate prospects, and PR promotion to elevate Division achievements.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raha".

08/03/2026

Division Director

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Southern Division Director's Report

All clubs are going well, even Eternity and Murwillumbah are experiencing membership growth.

The Southern Division speech contest had to be postponed because the council failed to book the large room for us and we only found this out one hour before the contest was due to start. I then had to find an alternative venue which meant the contest will be held this coming Saturday 21st March. It did also mean a couple of contestants had to withdraw due to the change of date.

Ron Atkinson
Southern Division Director



Western Division Director's Report

8 March 2026

Western Division is settling in for the ending of another good TM year. We have completed our Division Conference which saw 62 people attend. We completed a quick Division Council meeting with a bigger one occurring in May after the District 69 Conference via zoom. I would like to thank all who attended to make the conference the success it was, and to thank Dalby Toastmasters Club for hosting the event.

Western Division Club Officer Training Two was another great success at Dalby. We had a good number of officers who attended. Thanks again to the excellent facilitators, support and thanks to everyone who attended. Planning is underway for COT1 in July, date TBC.

Sadly, we are going to lose Lockyer Valley TM Club who have voted to suspend the club in April 2026. I attended the club at that meeting. I would like to thank all the past and present members of the Club for the support they have given D69 and Western Division over the years.

Sadly, Matt McDiarmid Area 12 Director has had to stand down as Area Director due to health and will be sadly missed and I will be filling in until the end of the Toastmasters year. Good news I have found four Area Directors for the 26/27 TM year who have all agreed to fill the positions at this stage.

Challenges in the Division include adoption of Pathways in all clubs and member progress recognition. There is at least one club in each Area with low educational awards or with a member not signed up to Pathways.

I hope to see most of you at the D69 Conference to cheer on our winners in May.

THE WEST IS THE BEST.

Darrell (MAC) McLeod
Western Division Director