



District Leader Reports

September 2026

Club Growth Directors Report

For District Executive Committee Meeting 13/9/2026 and District Council Meeting 27/9/2026

Membership Growth

Over the 2025–2026 Toastmasters year, District 69 saw a total of 6,155 membership payments. A strong number, which exceeded our Select Distinguished goal of 6,093 by 62 member payments. We needed another 52 payments to achieve the President's Distinguished status for the district. As a result, our overall membership growth rate is at 4.06%, indicating an increase in paid membership compared to the previous year. A net addition of 240 payments above our base highlights the exceptional vitality of our clubs. By achieving DCP Goals 7 and 8 through steady renewals and new member growth, we have built a sustainable foundation for ongoing member achievement.

Moving forward into 2026–2027, our primary focus will be to continue strengthening of club membership levels, ensuring that clubs are robust and in good standing. To support this, we have several initiatives planned throughout the year aimed at helping clubs build membership, including outreach campaigns, and targeted assistance for clubs falling below membership thresholds.

Clubs Chartered

District leadership is targeting the chartering of two new clubs in the Metro division prior to 30 September 2026, to leverage the fixed \$60 USD semi-annual membership dues rate. This initiative accelerates our Distinguished District expansion strategy and ensures new member cohorts benefit from the locked-in old rates.

New Club Leads

District leadership encourages Division leadership teams to prioritise prospective club extension as a core pillar of their Division Success Plans. Sponsoring a new club provides a high-impact platform for members seeking Level 5 Pathways completions and DTM credit, while ensuring our community benefits from the Toastmasters experience.

The district has a few new club leads in PNG, and Brisbane. Each Division Director is encouraged to identify two “Club Sponsor Candidates” and pair them immediately with an Area Director to conduct market research on corporate or community leads.

Club Coaches

Division	Clubs Coach Eligible (<13 members)	Percentage of clubs
Central	2	11.1%
Eastern	4	16.0%
Metro	8	21.1%
Northern	9	50.0%
Pasifika	2	9.5%
Southern	4	16.0%
Western	12	57.1%

As of this report, there are 41 clubs in the district that are eligible for a club coach having 12 or fewer members. We encourage eligible clubs to proactively leverage the District's Club Coach program as a strategic tool for sustainable growth. Assigning qualified coaches to support capable executive committees reinforces the “Moments of Truth” standards, ensuring clubs expand their membership base while maintaining a high-quality environment. Members of strong clubs who have, completed level 2 in a path, served in officer roles, seeking DTM credit and have completed the Club Coach Program Training module on Base Camp, please consider becoming a club coach. We invite you to reach out either to me or to our Club Coach Coordinator, Marina Bruno, to learn more about the role and its rewarding benefits.

Clubs Dissolved

As of this report, no clubs have indicated an intent to suspend operations or surrender their charter.

District leadership continues to monitor club health through Area Director visits and proactive outreach to ensure operational stability across all Divisions.

Suzanne Gogolin, Club Growth Director

District 69 Marketing & Public Relations Report

During the first two months of the 2026–27 Toastmasters year, the focus of the PRM has been on establishing a clear direction and putting in place the key programs and communication channels for the year.

A District 69 Marketing & Public Relations Plan for 2026–27 has been developed, with activity centred around three priorities: building new clubs, strengthening existing clubs and retaining our valued members. The plan brings together District-level awareness activity, member communications and practical marketing support for clubs, including media outreach, LinkedIn, Facebook, email, the District website, Club Marketing Edge webinars, Showcase Sprint, Marketing Grants and the District Marketing Awards.

The Club Marketing Edge webinar series commenced in late July. This free monthly program is designed to give VPPRs and other members interested in club growth practical marketing skills, ideas and resources they can apply within their own clubs. The series will continue throughout the year, with a break over the Christmas period.

Planning is also well underway for Showcase Sprint Round 1, which will commence in November. Building on the success of the program over the past few years, Sprint will take participating clubs through a structured process of developing and promoting a Showcase Meeting, with the main program activity running from November through January, and Open House/Demo meetings in February.

Work is also progressing on strengthening the District's communications approach, including a more intentional LinkedIn content program from September/October, ongoing use of the District Facebook community and targeted member email communications.

The full [District 69 Marketing & Public Relations Plan 2026–27](#), including the activity timeline and further detail on each initiative, is available on the District 69 website.

Melanie Surplice, District 69 Public Relations Manager (PRM)

CENTRAL DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Summary

Central Division has commenced the term with a strong focus on club quality, member support, and leadership development.

The snapshot in the table below shows how Central Division has been performing.

Central Division Performance Tracking Table 23 August 2026

AREA	AREA DIRECTOR	Club Visits due 30.11.26	COT 1 (%) Trained 22.08.26	Semi Annual renewal Oct-Mar	CSP Submitted Due: 30/9/26	Area Contest Dates
10	Leonard Strub	0/5	65.71%	3/5	3/5	7/11/26
16	Huw Humphreys	1/5	71.43%	2/5	2/5	14/11/26
22	Karla Ogg	0/5	68.57%	4/5	0/5	17/10/26
28	Robinlyn Sinclair	0/5	71.43%	3/5	3/5	24/10/26

- **Training:** All clubs in the Division have 4 or more officers trained as at 22 August 2026. 97 out of 140 (69.9%) officers have been trained.
- **Club Success Plans** – Area Directors are following up with clubs while they schedule their Area visits, ahead of the due date of 30 September 2026.
- **Membership Growth:** 60% of clubs have renewed the semi-annual renewals for 8 plus members. 40% are actively following up on renewals.
- **Club Conflicts** – 2 club conflicts have been resolved but are being monitored closely.
- **Club Coach** – One club has a club coach appointed.
- **Division council meeting** – scheduled for 20 September 2026. Notification sent out.
- **Division Conference** – Confirmed for 14 March 2027, booked at Madcota Hall, Maryborough.

Conclusion: Central Division has no critical issues on hand. Most effort is being placed on membership growth and retention as this is the main challenge the Division is facing for majority of the clubs.

Tara Singh

Central Division Director 2026-27

23 August 2026

Division E — Club Officer Training & Area Visit Report

COT Success — Division E (78/175 seats, 45% overall)

Redlands Club and Carina Toastmasters Club had full 7/7 (100%) attendance. Area 20 led overall (66% of seats filled); Area 21 lagged well behind (20%).

- **Not represented (Area 21):** Young Achievers @ QUT, Brisbane CBD Toastmasters, bToasty Brisbane Toastmasters Club.

Attendees from Outside the Division (18 total)

- Algester (Division S) — 5
- Daisy Hill (Division S) — 4
- Jimboomba — 3
- Powerlink (Division M) — 2
- Crest — 4

Issues & Notable Successes

No issues escalated by Area Directors this period. Area 21's low COT turnout noted by Area Director; Area 20 continues to perform strongly.

Area Visit Progress

- HOT Toastmasters — Exceeds Expectation
- Sunnybank Club — Far Exceeds Expectations
- Young Achievers @ QUT — Exceeds Expectation
- bToasty Brisbane ,Carina ,Leading Edge and Waterloo Bay Club — Incomplete

Fawzia Batty, Division E Director

23 August 2026

Metro Division Director Report – August 2026

Metro Division has now delivered two Club Officer Training sessions for the current training period, with a further COT being organised specifically for officers from the new clubs.

A key development has been the creation of Area 51, comprising KIQ Toastmasters, Daraja Toastmasters, Milton Toastmasters and UU Online Toastmasters, with Dr Wonder Chimonyo appointed as Area Director.

All Area Directors have been connected with their clubs and the first round of Area Director visits has been completed. Renata Daniveska has stepped down as Area 25 Director and a replacement is currently being sought.

Growth activity is also continuing. Brisbane North Multicultural Toastmasters and Burpengary Toastmasters have officially commenced the chartering process and are now clubs in formation. Other club and leadership leads are also being progressed as part of the Division's commitment to developing the next generation of Toastmasters leaders.

All Area Conferences now have confirmed dates and locations, providing certainty for clubs and Area teams to commence planning. The Metro Division Conference has also been confirmed for Saturday, 6 March 2027.

The Division's immediate priorities are supporting the new and forming clubs, completing the Area 25 Director appointment, progressing conference planning, delivering training for new club officers, and continuing to build a sustainable pipeline of future club and District leaders.

Zach Davis-Hancock

Metro Division Director

REPORT OF THE NORTHERN DIVISION DIRECTOR

DEC SEPTEMBER 2026

Every year I am in leadership I say ... time is speeding by, too fast!

However, our team of Area Directors and their club teams are embracing the motivations this year – keep the North connected and grow our members in existing clubs and through potential new, sustainable clubs.

What is working?

The Northern Division newsletter is continuing to be distributed monthly, and I am heartened by the comments.

Our monthly ADs “catch-up” by phone are inclusive, although that hasn’t stopped the additional conversations we have had!

Our newest area, Area 4, is hosting the Northern Division Conference on Saturday 28th – that’s exciting, Rockhampton, here we come!!!

Areas at work!

The strength of areas is in the area directors, collaborating with their club executives to achieve the needs of their own members. Mark Hegarty (Area 2), Charlene McKenzie (Area 4), Rob Whyte (Area 9), and Bert Pulman (Area 14) are focused on the job ahead. Congratulations to Area 2 on achieving 100% of proxies assigned, epitomizing the belief that we are a members-based organization with a say in electing our international leaders; and a further “well-done” to Area 2 on 30 club officers attending COT. ADs have scheduled their club visits, and I have no doubt that all club visits will be completed in the required timeline.

How do we improve?

Club Officer Training is disappointing to date with 10 out of 18 clubs achieving at least the mandatory attendance. Let’s have better communication and a greater opportunity in Round 2. We are proud that the North has embraced the new club officer materials availability.

Area conference planning is well underway with the ADs, however the area council meetings will include a motion towards set scheduling, since this year we have had 2 conferences set on one day, and another causing disappointing rhetoric.

Our newest club (to be re-named FNQ Multi-Cultural) is working hard, although needing a lot of support from their mentors and Area Director, with gaps in their knowledge of procedures. We need to have that improved for the new potential clubs to come!

Lesley Storkey DTM, PID

Pasifika Division Update Report as at 23/08/26

COT1: Separate sessions face to face and online. Total of 76 officers trained.

Face to face held at Shady Rest hotel Sun 19/07/26 9am-12:30pm. Attended by 50.

Session 2 – online, sun 26/07/26 1pm-4:30pm. Attended by 50+, 4 Western, 1 Southern

Clubs with 4 officers, submitted 12/08/26.

A38 – Brian Bell, Komuniti, Eloquence Exchange

A40 - BPNG

A41- Eda Wanwoks,

A44- NCD, Phoenix, Success Synergy

A45- Lae Community, PNG Unitech staff, WPU staff, WPU students

• *Some attended Metro and D70 COT. Yet to confirm and update accordingly.*

Overall COT1 was well attended, feedback was positive. separating them was more effective for discussions and networking. Successful clubs featured to encourage clubs to strive for excellence ie Smedley.

Trainers were AD's Frank Manue, Ancilla Ulai, Rachel Kobal, Rose Paul, PD Okera Amini, PQD Ellenor Iutiko, CGD Julia Auka, Mentor Greg Soweni, Sharon Woruba, Monique Toisenegila DTM. Presenters ticked off projects ie level4/5 where applicable.

Area visits:

A38 – Bona. was on leave, scheduled visits, installations for two: Komuniti, Eloquence.

Visits/reports pending. A40 – Ancilla. two visits, reports submitted Deloitte/Nambawan Super. All installations done.

A41 – Rose. installations/schedule/visits/reports pending.

A44 – Frank. installations, visits to three: NCD, Success Synergy, Phoenix. Reports/Santos installation pending. A45 - Rachel, installation and visited two: Lae community, PNG Unitech staff (Life/WPU tbc). Reports pending. Two sessions (2 hours each) for AD's with Mentor Greg, PD Okera and PQD Ellenor to assist those that missed DLT, mainly how to schedule visits, fill and submit reports and attend to any queries.

Proxy assignment – most clubs submitted.

Realignment – finalised by 12th Aug, AD's swapped A44 – Frank, A45-Rachel.

Speech contest dates remained, only areas swapped. A44 oct 4, A45 oct 25.

A45 trophies ordered by frank. email addresses were confirmed by Deb.

Pending matters:

Area visits and report submissions

Area success plans – drafts in progress

Division success plan – draft in progress

Final update of COT attendance once verified

Judges and chief judge training

Revisit Life Foundation club members and how best to assist

Assignment of mentors/coach to struggling or new clubs ie. NGCB, Life Foundation

Leads for new club – CPL, forms given to complete and payment to confirm.

Sponsor and mentor identified (BPNG Andiopa Sabadi, KTC Okera.

YLP discussion with Army wives assoc. for dependants 23/08/26.

Conclusion:

It has been very busy two months into the year. Once realignment was finalized, we could progress area schedules, visits and reports especially the affected areas. sessions with ad's helped to understand roles better.

The COT was very effective as club officers were inspired to be more successful this year, understanding roles better, aiming for Distinguished and above. Few clubs have already submitted CSP and renewals.

We aim to have two Distinguished clubs per Area and encourage more to achieve DTM's.

The new club lead City Pharmacy Ltd is on pause due to their auditors visit.

We are excited to better our performance collectively this year and appreciate the District support.

Yours in Toastmasters,

Okera Amini

Pasifika Division Director 2026-27

Southern Division Report

Southern Division has made a strong start to the year, supported by a committed and enthusiastic team of Area Directors. **Leanne, Lou, Marty, Priscilla and Priscilla** are to be congratulated for their dedication and contribution, which has made the coordination of Division activities very positive and productive.

Club Officer Training was successfully completed on 4 July, providing club leaders with the knowledge and resources to undertake their roles effectively. The team has continued to encourage Executive team members to attend Club Officer Training with 60% of club achieving their DCP goal

A meeting with all Area Directors focused on key priorities, including **Area Conference preparation, club visits, membership growth and completion of Club Success Plans**. Planning is well underway for five Area Conferences:

- Area 6 – 27 September, Broadbeach
- Area 23 – 11 October, Murwillumbah
- Area 35 – 24 October, Burleigh
- Area 24 – 8 November, Nerang
- Area 27 – 15 November, Griffith University

Judges Training is scheduled for 6 and 13 September, supporting the development of skilled and confident contest judges across the Division. **Pathways Training** is also being planned later in the year in response to member requests.

A major focus for the remainder of the year will be **visiting as many clubs as possible**. These visits will provide opportunities to connect with members, support club leaders, identify challenges and celebrate achievements.

Overall, Southern Division is well positioned for a successful year, with strong teamwork, effective planning and a clear focus on **supporting clubs, developing members and strengthening our Toastmasters community**.

Donna Kildea

Southern Division Director