

TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 73

Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Western Australia



District Council Meeting 11th November 2006

Victoria University of Technology, Hoppers Crossing, Victoria.

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was opened by Chairman and District Governor, Geoff Morrissey DTM at 1:05pm.

2. WELCOME

District Governor, Geoff Morrissey DTM, welcomed delegates to the 2006 District Council.

3. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Geoff Morrissey DTM.

"I know not with what weapons World War III will be fought, but World War IV will be fought with sticks and stones." Albert Einstein US (German-born) physicist (1879-1955).

Toastmasters International strives to improve world-wide oral communication.

It is appropriate on this day that we focus on the good that our organisation achieves on both an individual and community level.

District Council is the governing body of District 73. With the objective of contributing to better communication, I ask that all delegates consider their individual contribution to the governance of our district – for the betterment of all.

4. THE MISSION OF THE DISTRICT

The Mission of the District was read by the District Secretary, Karalee Moore CTM.

The mission of the District is to enhance the performance and extend the network of clubs, thereby offering greater numbers of people the opportunity to benefit from the Toastmasters Educational programme by:

Focusing on the critical success factors as specified by the District Educational and membership goals.

Ensuring that each club effectively fulfils its responsibilities to its members

Providing effective training and leadership development opportunities for Club and District officers

5. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Marlene Sinclair DTM, announced that there are 139 active Clubs in District 73, and a quorum comprises one third of active Club votes. Club Presidents and Vice Presidents of Education receive one vote each (278 votes total), which can be proxied. One third of votes are required for

a quorum - 92 votes. 76 Club votes are registered today, so no quorum is present. In addition, 22 District Officer votes are registered, making 98 votes in total.

6. DISTRICT SECRETARY'S REPORT

a. Apologies

The District Secretary announced that the following apologies had been received:

Cheryl Prideaux, Jim Stephen, Greg White, Linda House, Jo Wite, Mike McNamara, Judy Young, Barbara Youd, Helen Kubenk, Lynette Kelly, Lynette Horrigan, Lorna Eaton, Craig Harrip, Diana Walter, Stan Blackford, Phil Roberts, Dianne Leech

The Chairman called for any further apologies and the following were advised: Bruce Hill, Craig Wyrill, Michael Gow, Sally Edwards, Debbie Bishop, Noel Edyvane, Manny Vassal, Doug Hughes, David Earley, Paul Fanning, Pat Rzialek, Andrew Lord, Philip Fairbrother, Rita Tsourbakas, Debbie Ling, Eammon Moran, Jon Flowers, Ashish Chopra, Betty Hart, Stephen McConchie, Natasha Markulev

Motion: "That the apologies be accepted."

Moved: Wendy Powell **Seconded:** Seraphina Carthew **Carried**

b. Minutes of Previous Meeting of 20 May 2006 (as circulated)

Motion: "That the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the District Council meeting of 20 May 2006."

Moved: Anna Riggs **Seconded:** Andrew Monaghan **Carried**

c. Correspondence In

There was no Correspondence In to report.

d. Correspondence Out

There was no Correspondence Out to report.

7. FINANCIAL REPORTS

a. Year End 2004-05 District 73 Audit Report (as circulated)

Motion: "That the Year End 2005-06 District 73 Audit Report be received."

Moved: Judy Murphy **Seconded:** Derek Mikolaj **Carried**

Roy Miller asked that it be noted that there are discrepancies in the Year End 2005-06 District 73 Audit Report.

b. Adoption of District Budget (2006-07)

Motion: "That the District 73 Annual Budget 2006-07 be adopted."

Moved: Judy Murphy **Seconded:** Marlene Sinclair **Carried**

c. District 73 Treasurer's Quarterly Report July 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006

Motion: "That the District 73 Treasurer's Quarterly Report July 1 – September 30, 2006 be received."

Moved: Judy Murphy **Seconded:** Seraphina Carthew **Carried**

Motion: "That the District 73 Treasurer's Quarterly Report July 1, 2005 – September 30, 2005 be adopted."

Moved: Judy Murphy **Seconded:** Seraphina Carthew

Carried

8. REPORTS BY DISTRICT OFFICERS, DIVISION GOVERNORS & AREA GOVERNORS (as circulated)

Report by District Governor

Report by Lt Governor Education and Training

Report by Lt Governor Marketing

Report by Central Division Governor

Report by Southern Division Governor

Report by New Member Co-Ordinator

Report by Area Governor C9

Report by Area Governor C18

Report by Area Governor C22

Report by Area Governor C27

Report by Area Governor E14

Report by Area Governor N8

Report by Area Governor S7

Verbal Reports

Report by PRO

Report by Eastern Division Governor (written report included below)

Report by Metropolitan Division Governor (written report included below)

Report by Northern Division Governor (written report included below)

Report by Perth Division Governor

Report by Western Division Governor

Report by Area Governor E15 (written report included below)

Report by Area Governor M4

Report by Area Governor N1 (written report included below)

Report by Area Governor S5

Motion: "That the reports (as circulated and verbal) of District Officers, Division Governors, New Member Co-Ordinator and Area Governors be received."

Moved: Marlene Sinclair **Seconded:** Roy Miller

Carried

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. Question by Trish Zanos in relation to Early Bird cut-off dates for 2007 District 73 Convention. Cut-off date for Early Birds advised as March 31 2007.
- b. Question by Anne Hancock on a brochure for Fremantle Convention. Maree Pickens advised information is on District 73 website.
- c. Darren McClelland asked the chairman if a paper on District 73 insurance liability would be accepted. The chairman advised a paper if submitted would be considered.

- d. Question by Len Moore on the WHQ recommendation to only announce the name of chief judge at contests. Sylvia Chuah LGET advised the new protocol would be implemented at District level at the 2007 Convention. It is a recommendation at Division, Area and Club level.
- e. Ann Wilson-Vlotman advised that some DCP Club ribbons for 2005-06 were not yet received. Advised to follow up with past president before reapplying to WHQ.
- f. Question by Rona Ptschelinzew in relation to District passing on information to club members directly, instead of going through Division Governor, then Area Governor, the Club President. The meeting agreed that this was not practical.
- g. Question by Bridh Hancock on Toastmasters week. As this is usually held early in the year (February), it does not give clubs time enough to organise to be involved.
- h. Question by Michael Capon on a proposed for an 11th DCP point (refer previous District Council). The chairman advised that TI was not looking to make changes in this area at this current time. The chairman advised Michael that he could submit a 'motion on notice' for the proposal to be placed on the agenda for the 2007 Fremantle Convention to the District Secretary or District Governor.
- i. Question by Heather Whittingham on the difficulty of getting up to date club lists. The chairman advised the clubs themselves need to be more proactive in getting this information submitted (that is, after first meeting in May for newly elected officers).
- j. Question by Derek Mikolaj that TI is considering holding some future International Conferences in different continents – in particular there was a survey from WHQ regarding holding an International Convention in Australia. The chairman advised that a survey had been distributed and that Australia was one of the suggested locations. The chairman also indicated that he responded in favour of this proposal.

Motion: To extend the meeting by 10 minutes

Moved: Marlene Sinclair **Seconded:** Derek Mikolaj **Carried**

10. ADOPTION OF THE 2008 ANNUAL CONVENTION BID, LILYDALE/LILYDALE, VICTORIA

Motion: "That the proposal for the 2008 District 73 Annual Convention to be held at York on Lilydale, Victoria by the convention committee from Lilydale TM Club is adopted subject to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding"

Moved: Pamela McConchie **Seconded:** Wendy Powell

By show of hands **Carried**

See below for 2008 Convention Committee Report

MOTION: To extend the meeting by 5 minutes

MOVED: Seraphina Carthew **SECONDED:** Derek Burrige **Carried**

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Club Officer Training second round December 2006 - February 2007

Members reminded of the scheduled dates.

12. NEXT MEETING

District Annual Convention Saturday 19 May 2007, *The Esplanade Hotel*, Fremantle, WA.

The meeting closed at 3.45pm

GEOFF MORRISSEY DTM
District 73 Governor
Chairman

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KARALEE MOORE
District Secretary

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13. REPORTS

TREASURERS REPORT

District 73 Treasurer's Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

After being inspired at the May Annual Convention, I thought I would volunteer to be a Metropolitan Area Governor. As all those positions were filled and knowing the District Secretary's position was available I volunteered my services to Geoff who happily accepted. Filling the Treasurer's role was not easy, so after closing my eyes and stepping forward I volunteered to take that on instead.

It has been a challenge and I have found it to be very time consuming. Nevertheless, I think it is running smoothly. All of the current year's financial reports have been submitted to World Headquarters on time. Reimbursements are now made electronically which has reduced the monthly bank charges as well as being more convenient for members. As payments are processed via two electronic authorisations, we are complying with TI audit requirements. The first payment to district officers will be made at the end of the year. If I don't already have your bank account details, please let me know by email at judymurphy@netspace.net.au.

As the balance of the district reserve account at World Headquarters was not known until August, our financial position was of concern. There were outstanding obligations of approximately \$16000 for speechcraft for which the income had been banked in the 2005/06 year. Once again it took some time to determine this. So in effect it has given us a starting balance of almost \$17,000 with \$11500 required to be retained in the reserve account at the year's end.

World headquarters has guidelines on the proportion of funds that may be spent on various expense categories with the main priority being district and club officer training, followed by club extension, club rescue and membership growth. There has been lots of activity across the district with many workshops already completed and planned. Many catch up sessions of club officer and district officer training have been conducted. Well done to all.

Thank you to Greg Elliott, 2005/06 Treasurer who has answered my many questions. Also thanks to David Reynolds and Andrew Weatherhead for volunteering to be on the Audit Committee. A third person is required, please let me know if you are interested. I look forward to working with you all through the year in developing confidence and discovering success.

Judy Murphy DTM
Treasurer D73

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Continuing Motions as at 20 May 2006

Continuing Motion No.1

That a Management Committee be appointed, consisting of the District Governor, both Lieutenant Governors, Public Relations Officer, District Secretary, District Treasurer & Immediate Past District Governor to draw up the District Budget to be submitted to Toastmasters International by 30 September. Such budget to be approved at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the District Council.
(Amended November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 2

That the District Treasurer's report to meetings of the District Executive contain the following from end of previous month: current balance of the District Account and the District Reserve Account, amount of cash held or on deposit, particulars of income received, particulars of expenditure incurred, particulars of accounts received, but yet to be paid, estimate of accounts due to be received, year to date expenses against whole year budget.

(Amended November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 3

That the District Treasurer's report to each meeting of the District Council include corresponding particulars where available for the equivalent period in the previous year for comparative purposes.

(Amended November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 4

That the District Secretary call for agenda items for consideration at a District Council meeting at least 3 months before the date of the meeting and that all agenda items received not less than 2 months before the date of the meeting be considered by the District Executive for inclusion on the agenda. A copy of all agenda items, as agreed to by the District Executive, is to be mailed by the District Secretary to each Club not less than 30 days before the date of the relevant Council meeting.

Continuing Motion No. 5

That the District adopt the procedure recommended by Toastmasters International for the election of Area Governors.

Continuing Motion No. 6

That if the position of District Public Relations Officer is to be filled in a particular year that officer shall be elected by the District Council at the relevant Annual General Meeting.

Continuing Motion No. 7

That the reimbursement of District Officer expenses be set by the Management Committee appointed as per motion no.1.

(Amended November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 8

That at all District Conventions copies of reports be issued to all Toastmasters, whether attending in a voting or non-voting capacity, at the time of registration at the Convention venue. That a digital copy of all Reports, Agenda and Financial Statements presented at the Annual General Meeting or Semi-Annual Meeting of the District Council be added to the District Website within a month of the date of the meeting at which they were presented.

(Revised 18 May 1996, amended 12 November 2005)

Continuing Motion No. 9

That an up-to-date list of all District Council Continuing Motions be included with the reports at each District Council Meeting.

Continuing Motion No. 10

That the Annual General Meeting of the District Council be held between 1 April and 30 May each year as part of the Annual Convention and that the Semi-Annual Meeting of the District Council be held between 15 October and 30 November each year.

(Amended November 2003, amended 12 November 2005)

Continuing Motion No. 11

That the District Secretary call for Convention bids for consideration at a District Council meeting at least 3 months before the date of the meeting and that particulars of all Convention bids received not less than 2 months before the date of the meeting be mailed by the District Secretary to each Club not less than 30 days before the date of the relevant Council meeting. Convention bids must include the following minimum information:

- (a) Proposed venue;
- (b) Outline budget;
- (c) Nearby accommodation and estimated cost;
- (d) Estimated cost of attendance;
- (e) Name of Convention Chairman.

Where a Convention Bid is not received in sufficient time for consideration at a Council Meeting, the Management Committee shall be responsible for seeking bids and submitting its recommendation to the next District Executive Meeting.

(Amended November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 12

That judges for Division, Area and Club Speech Contests be appointed from outside the Division, Area or Club (as the case requires) wherever practicable. Whenever practicable judges for a Club Contest should be drawn from the Area; for an Area Contest judges should be drawn from Clubs within the Division; for a Division Contest judges should be drawn from other Divisions. All judges should be Toastmasters International members.

(Amended 12 November 2005)

Continuing Motion No. 13

That District reimburse air travel costs for contestants in the District International & Humorous Speech Contests at the best available economy rate as advised by the District Treasurer prior to travel being booked.

(Amended November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 14

re: Sponsored Annual District Youth Speech Contest.

(Deleted November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 15

re: Structure and Duties of Long Range Planning Committee.

(Deleted November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 16

re: Payment of membership dues through District.

(Deleted November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 17

That District 73 reimburse the District Governor, Lt Governor Education & Training and the Lt Governor Marketing the cost of four (4) nights standard room accommodation at the Toastmasters International convention venue, for the purpose of attending District Officer training, subject to the availability of funds.

(Amended November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 18

That the District 73 Competitor in the Inter District Contest be reimbursed air travel at the lowest available rate, as agreed by the Treasurer prior to travel being booked and provided an Accommodation Allowance equal to three & half nights accommodation @ the Room Rate advised by TMI.

(Amended November 2003)

Continuing Motion No. 19

That in the current District term the District Governor shall appoint an Audit Committee, as defined under Article XI(c) of the District Administrative Bylaws, to audit the District financial transactions for the six months to 31 December and twelve months to June 31 of the District year, the audit committee to submit their reports to the District Governor and incoming District Governor by the 31 January and 31 July respectively for the review of the Governors to meet the Toastmaster International audit submission requirements detailed in Article X1(c) of the District Administrative Bylaws.

(promulgated 12 November 2005)

Continuing Motion No. 20

That District 73 reimburse the District Governor, Lt Governor Education & Training and Lt Governor Marketing air travel costs based at the best available economy rate, as advised by the District Treasurer prior to travel being booked, for the purpose of attending their District Executive and District Council meetings and fulfilling their responsibilities as District Executive Officers subject to the availability of funds.

(promulgated 12 November 2005)

Continuing Motion No. 21

That as a matter of responsible District Governance, District 73 Public Liability Insurance protecting our members, Clubs and District Officers, set at a cover determined by the Management Committee, be formalised at the beginning of each Toastmaster year to provide continuous public and products liability risk insurance.

(promulgated 12 November 2005)

REPORTS BY DISTRICT OFFICERS**District 73 Governors' Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006**

District Council and members, the role of a District Governor is largely to coordinate the administration of the district towards achieving distinguished district status or higher. With this in mind, I am pleased to report that the district is tracking well towards achieving distinguished district. The key indicators for the district are:

Goal	Target	Progress	% of Target
Membership payments	5604	2490	44%
Club growth	+4 (142)	+1 (139)	25%

Competent Communicator Awards	192	71	37%
Advanced Communicator Awards	54	19	35%

Membership payments consist of every joining fee and renewals transactions paid. These are slightly lower than we'd like, but are close to our expectations. With steady membership growth, maximizing new members and clubs chartered before the April renewal period, we will achieve the target.

Club growth is the net increase in clubs over the base figure (138) of clubs as at 30 June. We are expected to put on at least 4 new clubs, but the district is aiming to significantly exceed this number. We have chartered the first of these – Amity (WA) – and at least 3 clubs in formation in Victoria are close to charter. We have others that are looking extremely positive. We expect to exceed the net growth provided that we assist those clubs that are struggling.

Competent Communicator Awards not only indicate the health of our clubs, they are cumulatively used as an indicator of the health of the district. Historically, the district achieves a significant number of these awards towards the end of the year. Our efforts should now turn towards encouraging the early application for these awards by club members. This goal is achievable, but needs to be carefully monitored.

Advanced Communicator Awards again are a reflection of both club and district health. I do not anticipate any difficulties in achieving this goal given past year performances.

Support Activities

The Lt Governors and other district officers will report on some activities. The support activities that I will report on relate to the functioning of the district, include the management of district reporting and finances. The current team has met all of our reporting requirements.

Area Governors have reported their first round visits to clubs covering 99 of the 139 clubs (71%). District reporting to WHQ has been completed on time with the exception of the 2005-06 End Year Audited Financial Report. This Report is the responsibility of the IPDG and past district treasurer. It was due to be submitted to WHQ by 31 August and was delivered directly, without an opportunity for the current leadership team to scrutinize the audit report, in late October. This delay has resulted in the district being unable to access funds from our reserve account at WHQ; and has prevented the district from ordering supplies for members and clubs.

Speechcraft in Victoria is largely funding the operations of the district. To date we have commenced six Speechcraft courses. We have a strong ongoing demand for Speechcraft courses – expecting to run another four courses between February and June in 2007. We also have a demand for corporate Speechcraft courses that we cannot meet at present. West Australian divisions are conducting Speechcraft courses to support the Annual Convention in Fremantle in May 2007. Central Division has advised that they are not in a position to contribute to district finances via Speechcraft; indicating that all Speechcraft courses run in South Australia are being organized and conducted by clubs with no funds going to the division/district – this is a significant reduction to the district funds over last year. Marlene Sinclair DTM PDG has been heavily involved in the administration of Speechcraft in Victoria, as was Elisabeth Edwards; both contributing significantly to the success that we are experiencing.

The formation of new clubs provides opportunities for members to achieve awards; introduce others to Toastmasters and contributes to district goals; it also adds a stream of income to the district with a small portion of membership payments being returned to the district. I particularly acknowledge the efforts of Betty Hart DTM, Geoff Martin (Sponsors) and Sandra Hart, Pauline Saunier (Mentors) for their work in the charter of Amity Toastmasters Club in WA. A number of members are currently involved in the formation of new clubs. These include Marlene Sinclair, DTM PDG; Ann Wilson-Vlotman (AG N8); Jacqueline Gullick DTM and Doug Gullick; Judith Talanoa DTM PDG; Michael Gow (AG S12); Darren McClelland (AG N1); Rona Puntawe (AG E 14); Seraphina Carthew (AG E15); Max Warlond (Div Gov Metro); and Jim Pearce DTM PDG. Apologies to any that have assisted and I've not acknowledged.

Special Acknowledgement – Dick Briggs DTM PDG

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant contribution made to District 73 over an extended period by Dick Briggs DTM PDG.

As many members know, Dick has been actively involved in the administration of District 73 for many years. This has extended well beyond his term as District Governor in 1998-99; where the district achieved Select Distinguished District. He is a respected advisor and friend to many past district officers, clubs and members.

I was very pleased when Dick approached me and offered to be the district parliamentarian this year; and that he was able to continue on as the 'public officer' of Toastmasters International, District 73 Inc.

Over recent years Dick has not enjoyed the best of health. He advised me last month that he wanted to reduce his involvement and was unable to continue as the 'public officer' for district. He will continue to be the district parliamentarian. However, he is unable to attend this meeting.

I have enjoyed the friendship and support shown by Dick over a number of years and wish him good health for the future. I look forward to his ongoing interest in Toastmasters International and District 73.

I hope that all members have a safe and happy festive season. Congratulations to all who have and will contribute to your success as a district.

Geoff Morrissey DTM
District 73 Governor 2006-2007

District 73 Lt. Gov. Education & Training Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

I am pleased to report that District 73 is on track with the educational goals.

Achievements:

Competent Communicator	72 out of 192 goals (120 behind)
Advanced Communicator	20 out of 54 (34 behind)
Competent Leader	3
Old CL	2 (plus 1 pending)
Leadership Excellence Award	5

There is yet to be a registration for the D.T.M. I believe that there are a number of toastmasters who have achieved but not logged on to WHQ. I urge you to do so soon.

Congratulations to Getaway Club for achieving 6 goals. (DCP)

Clubs with 4 goals - 6

Clubs with 3 goals - 12

Clubs with 2 goals - 35

Clubs with 0 goals - 35

Hope this gives you an idea of the Health of District 73.

Congratulations and Thanks to all Co-coordinators, Division, Area Governors, Club Officers and all members who have and are working very hard to achieve their personal goals, club and area goals.

Sylvia Chuah
D73 Lt. Gov Education & Training

District 73 Marketing Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

I would firstly like to thank all the members for their support so far this year. It has been a steep learning curve with all the new tasks that have been involved in this new role. As Geoff said at the start of the year we are getting back to basic Toastmaster ideals and this is evident in the result to the 15th October.

Club Renewals

I would like to thank you for all the effort that has been put into getting the renewals in this month. Would you pass my thanks onto the Division Governors, Area Governors and clubs in your District. Our membership as at mid October now stands at 2490 in 134 clubs. There are another 4 clubs still to send their renewals to Toastmasters in America. There are between 200 and 300 members still to pay their renewal. I have estimated that our membership should reach 2790 members at the end of October. A great achievement!

We have lost one club in Central Division being Formula One.

The challenge now for the clubs, is to ask those members that have not renewed, to renew their membership as soon as possible.

New members

This year 446 new members have joined up to the middle of October, which is an outstanding achievement by the clubs.

New Clubs

There has only been one new club chartered so far this year Amity in Western Australia. The great news is that there now 10 clubs in formation:
Northern Division - Broadley Speaking, Wangaratta, Bendigo
Southern Division - Corporate Express, Latrobe Valley, Pakenham
Metro Division - Pushing the Envelope, Docklands, Huonvale
Eastern Division - Brunswick.

Prospects

There are another 5 new clubs that are being developed.

Distinguished Clubs

As at the middle of October there has been one club that has become distinguished this year. Congratulations to: Gateway Toastmasters in Western Division in Western Australia, the club president is Ross Wilkinson.

Club Building

At the start of the year the District team encouraged the clubs to take part in the Membership building contest and to work towards the Smedley Award Congratulations to the following 11 clubs that have received the Smedley award:

Southern Division - Bayside, East Gippsland, South Melbourne

Northern Division - Essendon

Metro Division - Talking Blue

Central Division – More than Words

Perth Division – Sandgroper, Justalk, Durak, Rising Stars

Western Division - Banyandah

Membership Award

The following members have achieved a membership award from Toastmasters for sponsoring 3 or more new members. They have done a wonderful job in promoting Toastmasters:

Bayside, Brett Arnold, sponsored 3

Dandenong, Frederick Hill, sponsored 3

Banyandah, Eric Davies, sponsored 3

Justalk, Maeve O'Brien, sponsored 3

Essendon, Eric Giammarino, sponsored 6

Talking Blue, John Noonan, sponsored 5

Talking Blue, Roberto Di Lorenzo, sponsored 6

Formula One, Anna Riggs, sponsored 5

Shepparton, Denis Muto, sponsored 3

Durack, Michael Malone, sponsored 6

Moorabbin Saints, Simon Sheridan, sponsored 5

Kingston Communicators, John Bailey, sponsored 3

Foothills, Geoffrey Martin, sponsored 6

Moonee Ponds, Dianne Seiffert, sponsored 3

Moonee Ponds, Sharif Eldebs, sponsored 3

Northern Exposure, Wendy A Moncur-Bentley, sponsored 5

Advertising

Advertising has started in the Melbourne Weekly and this will go over the next five months, if any other Division Governors would like to do some advertising let me know and I will see if funds can be allocated The bookmark will be finished soon and it is hoped it will be ready by the end of this month and will be distributed to all clubs Areas and Divisions to be used as an advertising tool.

Area Reports

Still with two weeks in November to go there are only 7 Areas that have not achieved this goal and I will be speaking to these Area/Division governors this week. When the Area Governors are visible to the clubs the district is move vibrant. The Area Governors are the backbone of the District.

Banner Raids

Banner raids have been conducted in the Southern Division and have been successful. Andrew and Craig will be speaking about them later on.

I believe that the district is now heading in the right direction, thanks to the hard work of all involved. We have 7 months to go, let's make this year a year where members feel they really belong to a wonderful organisation Toastmasters.

Bernard Marmion
D73 LTG Marketing

Division Governor Reports

District 73 Central Division Governors Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

When I took on the role of Area Governor of C22 in 2004-2005, I had a quantum leap from club to Area. It was a steep learning curve. I personally had to break through that glass ceiling and I surprised myself at the result, President's Distinguished Area, but I must say a lot of the ground work had been done in the years before.

Now as Division Governor, I have another glass ceiling with much thicker glass and a much steeper learning curve but this time instead of the ground work being done by my predecessor, on this occasion the reverse has happened. Added to this is the fact that now the funds/monies raised by Speechcraft courses in South Australia by South Australians over the past few years has gone into the District accounts. There is a knee jerk reaction amongst ordinary members as to why should they work hard for funds to go interstate and never to be seen again.

The year (July/August) started off with a bang because in June (before I took office), preparations were already being started for Adult Learner's Week and a grant for \$1750 was organized to assist with the costs. There were two major events supplemented by events organized with many of the Clubs. Adult Learners week was very successful in terms of potential and paid up new memberships to Toastmasters but the Grant money of \$1750 was only to assist with the costs and some of the costs were worn by Toastmasters along with the hard work. Bad advice and overspending by one person resulted in the final cost reaching just over \$4000 making a shortfall of \$2197. As Central Division does not have its own funds anymore, some of the clubs have worn not only the physical effort but some of the financial burden as well. If the funds earned by South Australian Toastmasters were still being kept in Central Division funds in South Australia (more than \$4000 was transferred to District), the shortfall would have been picked up from Central Division. Instead, District have only paid one account and refused another account – thus promotional campaigns in South Australian are being limited to funding within the clubs themselves.

A decision was made that Speechcraft courses in Central Division would be run by the clubs. This transition has too had it's pitfalls with the final Speechcraft Course that was run under Central Division's banner having some reimbursement claims denied. The money from this course was paid into District and therefore expenses related to that course should be reimbursed by District.

Currently, District is holding \$710 which belongs to Speakers on the Terrace, this being money accidentally paid into the District account during the transition period. The money is related to two speechcrafters who are attending the first course run entirely by Speakers on the Terrace. Reimbursement of this money is now requested by Speakers on the Terrace Toastmasters Club.

In the past Central Division (South Australian) Toastmasters have had a great commitment to volunteering and attending at workshops, contests and assisting with Speechcraft courses, despite not having a large number of clubs. I believe that morale in Central Division is now like our funds, non existent. The commitment to volunteering has also dropped and this is making the work of Area Governor's and me as Division Governor many times harder. Central Division is slipping backwards despite new members, which in anyone's book is not good.

Despite all this, my mother's recent passing, starting my own business and working at a community radio station, I WILL NOT GIVE UP! I will break through the glass ceiling. I will continue the challenge. I am determined to win out, I will learn, I am learning and this is what Toastmasters is all about. Even if I am not the best Division Governor, I am learning.

I am fortunate that I have two Area Governors who are strong and getting their area's motivated, while another Area Governor is working to the best of his abilities and time. Unfortunately, my fourth Area Governor has had to resign due to his work commitments. Their reports are attached.

It is heartening to report that last evening (Wednesday 8th November 2006), Southern Cross Toastmasters held a successful 400th meeting. Southern Cross is Central Divisions strongest club at present.

Derek R Mikolaj ATMB / CL

Central Division Governor

District 73 Eastern Division Governors Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

Area Contests Venues and Dates:

October 2 2006 Vivienne Triplett held her Area Contest for Humorous and Table Topics at Eltham Bowling Club.

October 15 Seraphina will be holding her 4 contests in Senior Citizens Hall in Carrington Road, Box Hill.

October 22 Rona will be holding her 4 Contests in Senior Citizens Hall in Carrington Road, Box Hill.

October 26 Lorna will be holding her Humorous and Table Topics contest at Yarra Valley Club in Glenn Frost Room, Croydon Library, Civic Square, Croydon.

Nov 13 Lorna is holding her International and Evaluation contest at Mt Lilydale College, Anderson St, Lilydale (Melway Ref 38G3).

Nov 29 Vivienne will hold her International and Evaluation contest at Uniting Church Hall, Highview Road, East Preston at 7pm.

Division Bash

It was recommended that this Division Bash be held in June which would coincide with the finalising of our AG roles for the year.

Division Contest

The first is to be held early in February and the second by the end of February. The dates are to be determined by the host clubs.

Workshop

Currently District has held a number of workshops. Area Governors will source feedback from clubs to determine the following issues:

- Would they attend a workshop outside 5 km of their clubs;
- If they attend a workshop what kind of workshop would they like to see;
- Would they be willing to pay for it?

AG will be sending this to all clubs as well as collating all responses from members to determine what they want.

It was also decided that the Workshop will be run between the Division and Area Governors, and the presenter to be an experienced person on the topic decided by the Division.

Elisabeth Edwards
Eastern Division Governor

District 73 Metropolitan Division Governor Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

This has been a busy year, and now upon reflection it is all looking good for the future. On careful examination of the Area Governor reports I believe each Area has the chance to become a distinguished Area. It will require a lot of hard work but we have a very committed team of Area Governors and I know they will give it everything they can to get there.

There are currently 23 clubs in the Metro Division and of those, 17 clubs are Corporate Clubs. Corporate Clubs have their own challenges and their own rewards. The biggest challenge is always keeping membership numbers up to strength.

Members come and go as people change jobs and leave the company. Others members are relocated within the company, and change from the building they were in to a site at the other end of town. Recently we one company relocated premises which caused a big disruption to the club and they lost a lot of members as a result.

These problems are not unique to Corporate Clubs. However, most of these clubs conduct lunchtime meetings of one hour duration, and to travel across the city to a meeting and then back again after the meeting means you are away from your desk for two hours or more which in these days is unacceptable. Often, members on their way to a meeting are called away by their Manager in the last minute causing them to miss the meeting altogether. Finally, when the company has paid the fees for a member, which would be considered a big a plus for those belonging to Corporate Clubs, there is sometimes not the same commitment that those who pay their own way will have.

I have mentioned these things in this report just to show some of the challenges we are facing, but of course we are not unique. I acknowledge every District has its challenges and I think sometimes it is good to remind others of those challenges. Maybe by sharing our thoughts and working together as a team we can find solutions to these challenges.

The clubs in Metro all have plans for membership drives and hopefully the numbers will grow in coming months. Metro Division has conducted some great Area Contests in all four categories and we look forward to the Division Contest on Saturday February 17.

Thank you to those members who have participated in the recent Speechcraft Courses. They have been very successful and I am sure those members have gained a great deal from the experience.

Thanks to all the Area Governors and the Club Officials who are working so hard to make this a very successful Division. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

Max Warlord
Metropolitan Division Governor

District 73 Northern Division Governor Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

All Area competitions will be completed by the end of November. Division competitions are in the process of being organised to take place early in February 2007. Congratulations to those members who have won their Area Competition and thus have secured a place in the Division Competitions.

Area Governor Darren McClelland has been busy organising demonstration meetings at Docklands. He is also working towards the formation of a toastmaster club in Dallas.

Likewise Area Governor Ann Wilson-Vlotman has also been instrumental in organising demonstration meetings at Wangaratta with the aim of a club chartering there. An executive has been formed and they have been invited to join Club Officer Training for N8.

Club Officer Training has been organised for Area N8 to be held at Bendigo on Sunday 4 February 2007 at 9.30 am. Also Club Officer Training for N18 will be hosted by Ballarat Toastmasters at their meeting place on Tuesday 6 February 2007 at 7.00 pm.

Wendy Powell
Northern Division Governor

District 73 Southern Division Governor Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

This year is progressing well for Southern Division. There are 24 established clubs and several clubs in formation.

The Divisional leadership team includes five committed Area Governors, all of whom have brought their enthusiasm and commitment to the role.

Special recognition should be given to AG s5 Sally Edwards. Sally was selected from over 1700 applicants to be one of just 75 to be trained by former U.S. Vice President Al Gore to deliver his climate-change presentation throughout Australia. His presentation has been made famous in the film "An Inconvenient Truth". Sally acknowledges the role her Toastmastering played in gaining this opportunity.

Clubs have now completed their contests. Area competitions are now being finalised. The Southern Division championships will be on 10 February 2007.

Southern Division held a successful Toastmasters Leadership Institute on 5 August. The many enthusiastic attendees could choose what they are most interested in, from a range of workshops. The next Leadership Institute will be on 24 February 2007 and is open to Toastmasters from all Divisions, and their guests.

Southern Division is piloting "Banner Raids" for District 73, to promote inter-club visits. The trial is running well, with visits conducted by clubs including Kingston Communicators and Moorabbin Saints (twice !). In a Banner Raid, one club arranges to visit another's meeting and fill roles on their agenda. If at least five members visit, they can take the other club's banner away with them. It must be returned after four weeks, but if a club wants it back sooner, they must repay the visit. If they bring five members, they can reclaim their banner. If they bring ten members, they can take the other club's banner too. The current program runs to February 2007 and the coordinator is Area Governor S26 Craig Wyrill.

Congratulations to Sandbelt Toastmasters Club on its 30th birthday and to Frankston club, celebrating its 750th meeting this month with a major restaurant evening. All Toastmasters and guests welcome.

As Division Governor, I am convening periodic meetings with all Area Governors and I am visiting every club personally.

All clubs and individual members in Southern Division are enjoying the personal and professional growth and development that Toastmasters offers.

My thanks to our committed Area Governors and hard-working Club executives. Their efforts are appreciated.

Andrew Monaghan
Southern Division Governor

Other Committee Reports

District 73 New Member Co-ordinator's Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

Welcome to the 443 new members to District 73. Being a new member is very exciting because of all of the possibilities that open up as you develop as a speaker and leader.

Reaching our membership goals for District means that we are a growing organization and meeting the needs of our members.

New member kits are supplied by World Headquarters only for new members. So, sorry, I am unable to sell any. The turnaround from joining online to receiving the kit is very fast, usually about four to nine days. Your club may like to keep on hand the C&L and the new Leadership manual to give to a new club member. When their kit arrives they return those items to the club. These can be purchased via District Supplies. Stephen Eldridge is the co-ordinator. Click on the following link for ordering details

<http://www.d73.toastmasters.org.au/members/index.html#supplies>

If you have a new member who hasn't received a new member kit, please send an email to judymurphy@netspace.net.au with their confirmation number and the date they joined. I will check

my list and if I haven't received notification then I will ask you to email membership@toastmasters.org and they will be able to follow up.

Thank you for your diligence in completing new member details correctly. It makes my job easier.

Judy Murphy DTM
New Member Co-ordinator D73

Area Reports

District 73 Area C9 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

It is with great pleasure to report on the condition of the clubs in area C9.

Each club has a good blend of accomplished toastmasters and beginners, what I did like to see was every club was challenging new members to take on new roles. One club had a member down to do his fifth speech out of the speakers manual, came unprepared to deliver the talk so instead of letting him off they gave him the challenge of a 5 to 7 minute impromptu speech. Which I thought was well done.

The clubs have a good membership and appear to be looking for areas to target for new members. What really impressed me was the welcome I received from each club and the welcome visitors received also with each of us being asked if we would like to participate in the meeting. Quite honestly I felt like royalty.

Guests were informed of what was going on and the duty of each role. And if something was overlooked there was always someone who apologised to the guests and informed.

Guests were well looked after well informed and asked if they would like to join, heck even I was asked to join another club.

There is a good balance of members working through the educational program.

The meetings in each club were well organised and run on time with some good innovative ideas being tried, there were a number of things that were new to me that I felt could be shared with other clubs.

Evaluations were very well done with some great recommendations and commendations.

Over all the health of the clubs are in good health.

Derek Taylor
Area Governor C9

District 73 Area C18 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

Area C 18 is in good shape at the moment, with plenty of enthusiasm.

North Adelaide will be inducting 4 new members at its next meeting. One member achieved CTM recently and another 4 are on the verge of doing so. Meanwhile one member (me) has received recognition from TMI of having achieved ATM (Gold).

The club will wind up the year with a humdinger on 18th December to celebrate not only Christmas, but also 30 years of its existence. Seeing that 30 years ago there were only three clubs in South Australia (North Adelaide, Adelaide and Naracoorte), North Adelaide has invited these two other clubs to join in its celebration. So far, Adelaide has accepted, but no word has been received from

Naracoorte, as yet. District 73 has also been in existence 30 years. This will bring further jubilation to our celebrations, but of course we cannot initiate official celebrations; that is up to District.

I have visited Tea Tree Gully twice this year and judged in its club contests. It is as lively and enthusiastic as ever.

I have visited SOTT three times and was present at an induction, and it had a number of visitors on each occasion that I visited, some of whom indicated that they were on the verge of joining. I judged at its contests, and SOTT will also be hosting the Area International and Evaluation Contests on 7th November. SOTT is also running a Speechcraft Course which is due to finish on 13th November.

I have been able to visit Northern Stars only once due to other commitments on Thursdays. I took two visitors along with me in the hope that they might join. However, apart from them, Northern Stars inducted 5 new members on its 10th Birthday meeting on 2nd November.

North Adelaide and Northern Stars have websites linked to Toastmasters SA's website, and they are attracting a lot of visitors, leading to 4 inductions of new members for North Adelaide and 5 for Northern Stars.

For my sins, TAFE at Elizabeth tracked me down through the website and asked me to run a two-hour public speaking course for 16 Long Tern Unemployed. It is hard enough teaching Public Speaking to motivated people over 6 weeks, but in two hours it requires a bloody miracle. 10 of the 16 stayed away (Remember Public Speaking is the number one fear, before even the fear of death, and LTU's are not the most motivated people in the world). But I must have done all right, because one of these 6 LTU's has decided to join Northern Stars Club. That was Monday 30th October. Also, TAFE was organising a "Be Inspired" seminar on Monday 6th November with 4 business proprietors giving these LTU's motivational talks. They have replaced one with me -- see attached flyer. As a lamb to the slaughter shall I go!

Area C18 will be starting the New Year in a very strong position.

Stan Blackford ATM(G) CL
Area Governor C18

District 73 Area C22 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

The feedback and participation of the clubs in Area C22 has been very rewarding.

ProSpeak, Raconteurs and Southern Cross Toastmasters Clubs have been extremely active and successful in their membership building programme. Their websites has been of tremendous success.

The three clubs are all working actively towards their goals achievements of Distinguished, Select Distinguished and even President Selected Distinguished Club.

I have visited at various occasions all the three clubs and my next visit is to Naracoorte on the 15th November, where a selected choice of Educational will be presented..

The final report to TMI and District 73 will be given on my return from Naracoorte (well in time within the timeframe).

The International and Evaluation Contest are to be held on the 23rd November and kindly hosted by Raconteurs.

Anna Riggs
Area Governor C22

District 73 Area C27 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

More than Words

This club has a focus on helping people with speech difficulties, and a proportion of members are overcoming their issues by practice. The atmosphere and enthusiasm of all members is communicated to guests and as a result the programmes are enjoyable. They have a good on-going education programme.

Quintessence

This club projects the air of confidence. Some senior members believe they need to consolidate their newer members, and given an "on paper" membership of 29 that is not unreasonable. They will host the Area C27 International and Evaluation Contest on the 28th November.

Synergy

Small, enthusiastic-disadvantage is meeting place and time (early morning) in a City Bank, with the attendant security issues

At risk because of the small numbers and not a strong focus on recruitment- Can be helped though. They celebrated their milestone 300th Meeting with a special meeting, to which other Toastmaster Clubs were invited. The evening was a great success

Talk of the Town

This remains as a specialist club for experienced speakers. They hosted a very successful special event in Adult Learner's Week

Area C27 has challenges:

- Area C27 provided little support for the major City based activities for Adult Learners Week. Synergy provided one club member to support the "Rundle Mall Streets of Learning" promotion and More than Words provided a speaker for the successful speakers in the Cellar event.
- Area C27 is poor at reaching TMI deadlines: eg getting new office bearer lists submitted on time, getting semi-annual dues into TMI on time. A lot of follow –up was needed, and will be needed again to get behavioural change.

Area C27 has opportunities:

- Area C27's performance can be lifted by getting them to recognise the value of getting new officers to participate in Division officer training
- The Area has strong potential for more members and another club, but this is not near term.

Website progress

Quintessence was one of the first in Central Division to set up their website based on the "Freehost" model. Others are being reminded of the opportunity to do it the easy way.

Geoff Jansen

Area Governor C27

District 73 Area E14 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

Area Contest and Events

Area Contests will be conducted on October 22 for four events (Humorous, International, Evaluation, Table Topics)

Area participated in the Whitehorse Festival

- Two Area Council meetings attended by 6 out of 7 clubs successfully conducted in July and October



Area Performance

3 Area Goals achieved to date

- Goal 3-75% of clubs paid October renewals on time
- Goal 6-First Round Area Visits: 5 clubs visited
- Goal 8- 60% of clubs with >20 members: 4 out of 7 clubs with >20 members; membership has grown from 148 to 161 (13 new members in the Area)
- Working towards other area goals:
 - Goal 1-14 CCs: 3 CCs to date
 - Goal 2- 3ACs: 2 ACs achieved to date
 - Goal 4- Dues to be paid by April

- Goal 9-Club Growth: Demo meeting conducted on October 24, 2006, 7 Brunswick St. Fitzroy
- Goal 5-Distinguished Club goals: HP club has achieved 3 goals to date
- Others:
 - COT: All clubs participated in the COT, 4 out of 7 met DCP goal (≥ 4 officers attended COT)

Area Goals		STATUS						
		Box Hill	Carrington	Doncaster	HP	Nine-ninety	White-horse	YVW
1	2 CCs ave. per club (14 CCs)		-	-	Y - 2		1cc	-
2	1 AC ave. for every 2 clubs (3 ACs)		-	-	Y	-	Y	-
3	Dues Renewal October (75% of clubs)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
4	Dues Renewal April (75% of clubs)							
5	Distinguished Clubs (60% of clubs)							
6	Area Visit Forms Submitted -1st Round (80%)	Y			Y	-	Y	-
7	Area Visit Forms Submitted -2nd Round (80%)					-		-
8	Clubs with >20 members (60%)		Y	Y		Y	Y	
9	Club Growth - 1 new club	Building a club at Brunswick						

 likely to be achieved
 achieved

Rona Puntawe Ptschelinzew
Area Governor E14

District 73 Area E15 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

I'd like to report that Area E15 is progressing exceptionally well, with much enthusiasm and skill-development evident.

On numerous occasions in different capacities, i have visited the five clubs, and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing their diverse talents first-hand.

Our recent area contest incorporated four events. Held on Sunday 15th October, it was tremendous to witness many high-caliber performances and five contestants will be stepping up to represent our area in the next Division Contest:

Mary Voice and Elaine Doyle in the Humorous Speech Contest
 Eamonn Moran and Mary Voice in the Table Topics Contest
 Sandra Glass and Jock Elliott in the International Speech Contest
 Eamonn Moran and Jock Elliott in the Evaluation Contest

Each member has contributed inimitably to the success of their clubs, most evident in preparations for the area contest, as well as on the day.

All clubs are working towards their Distinguished Club Program.

I would now like to briefly describe recent activities in each of the five:

Hawthorn Toastmasters is succeeding in all areas of club strength and will probably have achieved 5 goals towards their DCP by Christmas.

With a solid membership of 25-26 they have attracted 5 enthusiastic recruits since July this year, and guests are included each fortnight.

A vibrant club, their meetings are always diverse and well organised.

In contrast, Alfred Toastmasters were struggling at the beginning of the year with only 6-8 members attending regularly.

Excellent marketing strategies were implemented, with an outcome of 17 paid up members (4 since July) at the present time.

They are also working towards their DCP and I am proud of their achievements.

Kew Toastmasters has maintained their vibrant membership of 29, with one addition since July. The club is attentively working towards their DCP and meetings are memorable. It was from this club that over 60% of first and second place getters were awarded at the Area Contest-Well done Kew!!!

Sinclair Knight Merz Toastmasters is a corporate club that in the past has struggled to get members. From 3 members mid-year, meetings now have 6 paid-up members and sometimes many guests attending which is great. I am thrilled to tell you that two of their founding members represented their club in three of the four speech contests at the Area Contest on October the fifteenth. What a significant achievement for a small club!

Last but not least is the delicious Gourmet Club where you can be assured of a tasty and entertaining night out.

With a solid membership of 20 (2 since July), meetings are vibrant and well-organised.

Elisabeth Hill is doing an outstanding job marketing the club resulting with a constantly high rate of enquiries and guests at meetings.

Jock Elliott, a long-time member, recently represented District 73 in the International Speech Contest and was successful in winning Intra District Speech Contest in Washington DC.

It's been a privilege to regularly join this enthusiastic group.

As a collective team our clubs are working towards their next goal of Presidents Select-Presidents Distinguished Status. We have set a goal to be reached by July 2007.

I will send you the minutes and any other correspondence from our District Governor shortly. Please pass this on to all our Toastmasters friends and inform me if there is anyone who is not getting my emails

Seraphina Carthew
Area Governor E15

District 73 Area N1 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

Area N1 is experiencing quite strong growth in membership numbers. Notably Essendon received a Ralph Smedley ribbon for its recent recruitment efforts. Area contests have now been held and our contestants are looking forward to competing at Division level. A provisional club has been established in the Docklands area and has been assigned to Area N1 for 06/07. It is likely that the club will be chartered by April 2007.

Darren McClelland
Area Governor N1

District 73 Area N8 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

Area N8 began its year in earnest with a successful Area Meeting of Officers, attached to the first COT training, on July 23rd in Bendigo. It was a get-to-know-you for Toastmasters in a very widely distributed area encompassing Macedon Ranges, Bendigo and Shepparton Toastmasters Clubs and set the tone for subsequent Area activities and cooperation. Club visits then consolidated the possibilities for cooperation and need for support. Each visit was very insightful and supportive with everyone learning something. The DCP was the focus of the visits.

By far the biggest endeavour to date has been the planning and execution of the Area N8 Speech Contest held in Bendigo on October 29 – the changeover day for Daylight Saving! All contests were held on the same day with the three clubs participating. It was a full day, an excellent location, with everyone present (28) involved in some way in the successful running of the Contest, but tempered only by the lack of an audience for the speakers.

Area N8 has had several articles published in the Southern Cross and is currently involved in the birth of a new Toastmasters Club in Wangaratta. Shepparton Club is supporting the Club most directly.

Important Second Quarter Goals:

- Support each club's membership drive
- Assist in 2nd COT
- Hold Area Meeting
- Continue with Wangaratta support
- Club Visits (2 more each club)
- Attend District sponsored meetings

Ann L. Wilson-Vlotman ATM-B/CL
Area Governor N8

District 73 Area S5 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

Overall Area S5 is doing well. All clubs have been visited and the last of the Area contests are to be held this coming Tuesday.

There is a new LaTrobe Valley club in formation at Traralgon. It is hoped that with a bit of help it will be able to charter early in 2007.

Efforts to establish a new club at Wonthaggi have ceased since the last Area meeting.

Existing Clubs:

Cranbourne TM:

Cranbourne club have new life with the appointment and support of the two club coaches. They have gained one new member at thus far with another guest expressing the intention to join. Membership remains the most critical issues for the survival of the Cranbourne club.

Any visits from other Toastmasters, either just to visit or to participate in the meeting if their own meetings are crowded, would be appreciated very much, to keep a level of vibrancy in their meetings and make them feel attractive to guests who are considering joining.

East Gippsland TM (Bairnsdale):

East Gippsland Toastmasters are doing very well, especially given their isolation. They already have points towards the DCP and have managed a spectacular membership increase of nine new members since June. The club also has a very welcoming and energetic feel.

Frankston TM:

Frankston Toastmasters, a club with a friendly and fun feel, are also doing well. They have four new members and three points towards the DCP.

Frankston Toastmasters are also celebrating their 750th meeting on the 22nd of November, as reported in the Southern Cross. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting is welcome to attend. It will be held at Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant at Young St, Frankston, at a cost of \$15.00 per person. If you would like to attend please contact Robyn O'Donnell on robynod@bigpond.com or 9770 9438.

Mornington Peninsula TM:

Mornington Peninsula Toastmasters have a new vibrancy and several new members - though several of the older members are behind in their dues. They already have a point towards the DCP and are aiming to achieve President's Distinguished Club this year with a formal plan outlined to do so.

South Coast Speakers TM (San Remo):

South Coast Speakers are an especially vibrant club with a tremendous feel about their meetings. They have earned one point towards the DCP at this stage and I expect that they will do well both in the formal DCP and in retaining the vibrant, friendly feel to their meetings.

Sally Edwards
Area Governor S5

District 73 Area S7 Report to District Council Meeting, 11 November 2006

Area S7 consists of 4 clubs:
The Oaks
Glen Waverley
Monash
Boroondara

The Area Competitions are now completed. I quite enjoyed the challenge of being contest chairman for both events. I received positive feedback after both events.

As previously stated in my last report, the majority of my Presidents and VPEs are new to Toastmasters committees. It has been a learning curve for all. I've been grateful to have had much support and have been warmly welcomed at each Club when I have visited.

Members of all of the S7 clubs have been enthusiastic and welcoming. Typical of clubs in the Area, Monash are a very organised and very keen club. A lot of their members are students which makes for a fairly transient club. At certain times of the year, their membership attendance falls due to exams, school holidays, etc. Next year, they plan to hold their club competitions at the start of the financial year as the timing will suit more of their members. They had been unaware that they could do so and believed that competitions had to be held in August / September. That seems to have been the feeling amongst most clubs in area S7.

Surprisingly, most clubs have approached me and asked if they are able to hold their contests earlier and be able to work together as a team comprising both the outgoing and incoming committee members.

All in all, I believe we are having a successful year. I'm now looking forward to heading off on my next round of club visits.

Michelle Monaghan
Area Governor S7

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