



EASTERN DIVISION DIRECTOR REPORT

02 February 2025

For District Executive Committee Meeting to be held 22 September 2025.

Compiled by Eastern Division Director – Suzanne Gogolin on 02 February 2025.

Eastern Division Team

The table below outlines the 2024-2025 Eastern Division team.

Area	Director
Area 07	Christine Zimmer
Area 20	Sally Turner
Area 26	Melanie Surplice
Area 27	Javeria Khurshid
Support	Member
Administration Manager	Marina Bruno
Parliamentarian	Leonard Scuderi
Support Team	Leading Edge

The Division Council Meetings have been planned out for the following dates:

- 25-May-2025 – Full Council meeting (AD's, Top Table, Presidents and VPE's) with reports, and introduction of the incoming team.

Status of Eastern Division Conferences

Area Directors have completed their conferences, and all records passed onto the Division Director. The Area 26 Conference held on 3 November 2024 was a great success, with 50 Toastmasters present for the entire afternoon, and every club supplying a competitor for each contest. The Division Conference planning is almost complete with final budget to determine registration costs.

Area	Date	Location	Status
Area 07	Sunday, 26 October 2014	RACQ	Completed
Area 20	Sunday, 24 November 2024	Wynnum Library	Completed
Area 26	Sunday, 3 November 2024	Griffith Nathan Campus	Completed
Area 27	Sunday, 1 December 2024	Mt Gravatt Library	Completed
Eastern Division	Sunday, 23 March 2025	Wynnum Community Centre	Scheduled

Status of Eastern Division Club Officer Training

Eastern Division Club Officer Training R1 was successfully conducted on 14 July 2024 75% of club officers trained. Club Officer Training R2 is underway and being conducted by District, therefore reporting of progress is limited. To date, at least 1 club in Area 26 has completed the COT Round 2 training requirements - we're waiting on reporting to understand the status of the remaining four clubs.

Status of Eastern Division Succession Planning

Area Directors to approach members to step up for a challenge next term. Area Directors have been asked to be on the lookout for potential candidates for next term on their club visits. Club Executives are to be encouraging newer/hesitant members to step up by having a trainee or back-up member for their role.

Status of Eastern Division Club's DCP Status

Area	Club Name	Member Base	Active Club Members	Goals Met to Date	Will be Distinguished Status
7	Christine Zimmer	73	74	14	
7	Downunder Club	26	23	4	
7	Redlands Club	23	26	7	Yes
7	Morning Stars Toastmasters Club	10	11	2	
7	RACQ	14	14	1	
20	Sally Turner	75	68	11	
20	Bulimba Riverside Club	10	8	0	
20	Waterloo Bay Toastmasters Club	24	22	5	Yes
20	Carina Toastmasters Club	20	17	2	
20	Leading Edge Toastmasters Club	21	21	4	
26	Melanie Surplice	81	90	15	
26	Sunnybank Club	18	22	3	
26	Mt Gravatt Toastmasters Club	21	25	6	Yes
26	Upper Mount Gravatt Toastmasters Club	12	13	3	
26	Chelmer Speakers	8	9	1	
26	Brisbane Leaders Toastmasters Club	22	21	2	
27	Javeria Khurshid	85	83	13	
27	Daisy Hill Club	12	13	2	
27	Algester Toastmasters Club	21	18	1	
27	Jimboomba Club	11	11	2	
27	Crest Toastmasters Club	18	19	4	
27	Mad Chatters Toastmasters Club	23	22	4	
Grand Total	Suzanne Gogolin	314	315	18	

All Area 26 clubs are working towards the educational points component of the DCP program, and this (plus helping with member growth strategies) will remain the focus for the Area 26 Director in the next 4 months. Discussions are underway with several potential successors for the role of Area 26 Director, and the Area Director has expressed interest in applying for the role of District PRM in 2025-26.

Status of Eastern Division Formation & Growth

Open to expressions of interest in forming new clubs. Looking to start a lunchtime club for the Southgate Business Park and Metroplex on Gateway (Murarrie) business hubs. Venue found close to the Southgate Business Park the Cannon Hill School of Arts to host a demonstration meeting. Ambitious plans to hold the demonstration meeting on 7-Mar-2025 12noon.

Bulimba Riverside Club has secured a member and is now in good standing with 8 members. They have guests attending which is promising.

Area 26 is seeing continued member growth, with 3 of the 5 clubs now at 20+ members, and total member growth of 11% (9 new members) since June 2024 - despite the Presidents of 2 of the clubs stepping down (and out of Toastmasters) in the first half of the year. The Area 26 Director completed 100% of official club visits in the first half of the year, and has scheduled this period's official club visits and reports to be completed by 9 March 2025.