



Division G Director Report

22 August 2020

Division G is made up of many corporate clubs or clubs in the central city that cater to business people (i.e. they meet in the central city before work, at lunchtime or around 5.30pm) - 88% of the 26 clubs. These clubs are heavily impacted by COVID-19 with many members now working from home.

It should be noted that COVID-19 has changed the whole culture of the corporate world in Wellington with more people choosing to work from home on a semi-permanent basis. This means the number of corporate clubs may not be sustainable. In this case, it is important that we do not lose the members of these clubs to Toastmasters but support them in continuing their Toastmasters journey via other clubs.

The Division G goal for 2020 is to support these clubs during this time to run effectively and enable them to support their members during this time of uncertainty.

- Ensure members are aware of and encouraged to take advantage of District workshops.
- Ensure clubs are equipped with the skills needed to address the ongoing issues impacting clubs as a result of COVID-19, including physical distancing at face-to-face meetings, organising and holding online club meetings and contests.
- Convene a Division Conference that will encourage members to attend, stepping outside their clubs and seeing the bigger Toastmasters world.
- Support members of clubs that are struggling with membership numbers by providing a club coach or, where the club feels the need to close, ensuring the members are transferred to other clubs to continue their journey.
- Have speech contests that are run to a high standard and make certain that the best contestants go forward.

Successes to date:

- Appointing an Area Director for G2.
- Division G Conference for November:
 - ✓ venue booked – running from 9.30 am to have a conference that is a half day making it more attractive
 - ✓ venue clean and modern with good parking and public transport access.
- Introducing judges debriefing from contests to enhance the standard of judging.
- Area Director working with one club that is looking at dissolution to provide best outcome for members.

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