

## DISTRICT 72 DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Division	J	Division Director	Helen Cartmell	Report date	Jan 2020
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### Division Goals for the year

- Embedding Pathways into clubs where there is little knowledge, incentive or expertise.
- Build Pathways 'champions' in clubs to assist members
- Strengthen club membership by ensuring all clubs follow Toastmasters protocols and procedures

### Division Celebrations & Successes

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Planning for CLT in Jan/Feb is underway with ADs preparing to deliver specific sessions at the two events.

Preparations for the Division J Conference are also in progress with a small team undertaking the planning and organisation so each can achieve an HPL – and hopefully, three of them with their DTM awards prior to 30 June 2020.

Toastmasters of Waikanae are planning to hold a Speechcraft programme in early 2020 and their President, Pauline Cook is working hard to get this off the ground.

### Club Membership at a Glance

20 +	16 -19	13 -15	12 or Fewer
Paekakariki Early Birds Kapi-Mana@Tawa Ngaio Toastmasters Masterton Upper Hutt Silverstream Hutt Valley Hutt City Wainuiomata	Coastmasters Ohariu Toastmasters Sunday Afternoon	Spinnaker Newlands Phoenix Cupcakes	Toastmasters of Waikanae Porirua Central WOW Churton Park Petone Toastmasters Gracefield

It is really pleasing to see two clubs (Wainuiomata and Hutt City) reach the 20+ membership category recently – as well as Masterton club which is blossoming! Hopefully, Coastmasters, Ohariu and Sunday Afternoon (all with 18 members) will reach the 20+ target by the end of the Toastmasters year. They are all lively, well-performing clubs and their committees deserve recognition for maintaining high standards.

### **Division Challenges, Issues & Solutions**

All bar one club have received visits from their Area Directors and reports were submitted by 30 November deadline. The club missing a report has been visited by their AD but as no report has been produced, they are, quite rightly, feeling a little aggrieved. I will ensure this is the first club visited by this AD during the second round of visits,

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There have been issues with a very long-standing member at Petone Club which we are slowly addressing. His behaviour is regularly in contradiction with Toastmasters values, yet he has, for years, had a strangle hold on most club processes, including finances, equipment and the club's FB page. Some visitors have gone to other clubs after seeing him 'in action'. Those who have worked behind the scenes to resolve this are to be commended – it has been exhausting and frustrating but a reminder not to allow any one person to have such a hold over a club or dominate meetings to the detriment of other members, visitors or the club as a whole.

### **New Clubs Progress**

Hutt City Council's club in formation is starting a publicity/marketing drive at the Council to attract new members and build the club. If this is not as successful as we may like we will propose opening the club to others from Lower Hutt.