

DISTRICT 72 DIVISION DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Division	J	Division Director	Craig Fraser	Report date	03.04.2019
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Division Goals for the year

The aim of being a Presidents Distinguished Division has faded, with Business Communication Club effectively closing down at the March renewals. At the same time progress on the only likely potential new Club project has stalled, and gone into hiatus.

The goal of supporting the growth and experience of the five Area Directors has largely been achieved, with Area Directors showing increased confidence and experience, while carrying out significant roles at the recent Division Conference. Clubs in Division J are embracing Pathways to a large extent, as seen by 106 Pathways Level awards achieved across the Division in the first nine months of the Toastmaster year.

Club Membership at a Glance (based on TI Dashboards as at 31.03.2019 – possibly not a true reflection)

12 or Fewer	13-15	16-19	20+
Waikanae (J1)	Coastmasters (J1)	Paekakariki	Silverstream (J3)
Porirua Central (J1)	Spinnaker (J1)	Earlybirds (J1)	Hutt Valley (J4)
Newlands (J2)	Ohariu (J2)	Kapi-Mana Tawa (J1)	Wainuiomata (J4)
Churton Park (J2)	Sunday Afternoon (J5)	Ngaio (J2)	
Masterton (J3)	Cupcake	Upper Hutt (J3)	
WOW (J3)	Communicators (J5)	Hutt City (J4)	
Petone (J4)		Gracefield (J5)	
Phoenix (J5)			

Total Number of Clubs : 22, after the loss of Business Communication Club - (comprising 321 individual memberships, as at 31.03.2019)

Division Challenges, Issues & Solutions

Club coaches have been installed with some clubs that have fallen below the Club-Coach threshold, and now that we have reached the March-renewals point this needs to be revisited. When the lists have been updated and TI dashboard rolls another close look will be taken at where Clubs are struggling.

Two Area Directors have completed their second round of Area Director reports, so congratulations are deserved. Other Area Directors have visits booked and underway.

A realignment proposal effecting a single club (KapiMana@Tawa) has been put forward, with the main reason being to balance the number of clubs in Areas J1 and J2.

Pathways continues to be taken up by both new members and those more experienced. This is in large part due to the positive encouragement and efforts of Club and District Leaders in the Division, and the enthusiasm and knowledge of our Division Training Officer, Helen Cartmell. As of 31.03.2019 there have been 106 Pathways Level awards registered by Division J members.

Unfortunately Area J2 has lost a club, with the Business Communication Club closing as membership numbers remained low, and no regular venue was found suitable. Thank you for the efforts of the remaining members and Club Coaches to try and resurrect this club.

New Clubs Progress – The concept of a potential new club in Otaki has failed to gather momentum, as the main sponsoring club is struggling with membership and venue issues itself.

Replacement Area Directors are being actively sought for the five Areas in the Division.

Division Events and other newsworthy items

Area J1 International Speech and Evaluation Contests were completed in mid-February.

Very successful Division J Club Leadership Training sessions were run at the end of January and beginning of February. Again feedback indicated members attending enjoyed the more interactive nature of this year's CLT sessions. Area Directors stepped up again with enthusiasm and positivity to deliver engaging and encouraging sessions.

The Division J Conference was held in Upper Hutt on Saturday March 30th, with District 72 Director Celina Templeman attending as the District representative. Four contests of a very high standard were completed, with the winners of the International speech (Marty Pilot), Evaluation (Helen Cartmell), Humorous speech (Theresa Ryan) and Table Topics (Gary Nicholson) contests heading for the District 72 Conference in Mosgiel to represent Division J. Again, the Division team stepped up, and displayed the skills and confidence they have gained this year (working individually, as well as supporting each other through the earlier Contest rounds). I wish to thank all the Area Directors for their efforts.

Towards the end of the Toastmaster year three clubs will be celebrating significant anniversaries:

Toastmasters of Waikanae will celebrate 20 years.

Coastmasters Toastmasters will celebrate 30 years.

Ohariu Toastmasters will celebrate 30 years.