

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

Division	J	Division Director	Colin Leong	Report date	28/1/18
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### Division Goals for the year

Division J to be distinguish, not to lose any clubs, have one club currently in formation to be chartered. Support a team of eight Area Directors to do their best. Organise and complete successful CLTs, Area speech contests and conferences. Prepare Division J for the new Pathways training scheme and for the Alignment which will split the Division into two.

### Division Celebrations & Successes

The eight Area J Directors each successfully organised and ran their Area contests for Table Topics and Humorous speeches. Completed all their official club visits and submitting their reports before the 30 November 2018 deadline.

Held a very successful Division J Conference at the IPU campus in Palmerston North on Saturday 14 October 2017. The first place getters for the Table Topics and Humorous contests went on to compete in the Gisborne Toastmasters convention in November 2017.

Petone CLT completed on Saturday 20 January 2018.

### Club Membership at a Glance

12 or Fewer	13-15	16-19	20+
Dannevirke, CHB, Massey, IPU NZ TM, Speaking of Levin, PN Advance, Business Communication, Porriua Central, WOW, Advanced Communicators and Leaders.	Gracefield, Talk of the Town, Newlands.	Feilding, Palmerston Nth, DRI Remark, Silverstream, Hutt City, Wainuiomata, Coastmasters, Waikanae, Churton Park, Masterton, Petone, Cup Cake Communicators.	Spinnaker, Karori, Ohariu, Ngaio, Wadestown, Upper Hutt, Hutt Valley, Wanganui, Kapi Mana@Tawa, Sunday Afternoon.

### Division Challenges, Issues & Solutions

CLTs for Linden (27/1), Palmerston North (18/2) and Masterton (18/2) still to be taught.

Presenting the Alignment work at the CLTs. Asking for comments and submissions from the audience.



Prompting Pathways at CLT. The presentations are to act as a reminder for the people of how to register and access the Basecamp.

Initial planning for the Division J conference to be held on Saturday 21 April 2018 at the Baptist church, Upper Hutt.

### **New Clubs Progress**

Paekakariki EarlyBirds club still in formation. Need two more new members to charter.

Four experience Toastmasters from the Division J and E Wellington clubs, are sponsoring and mentoring the new Agile Toastmasters club.

Have invited their club officers to attend the Linden CLT on Saturday 10 February 2018. I appreciate the work that the Toastmasters members are doing to setup and supporting the clubs to become chartered. I know the work they are doing as I have been a mentor for the IPU New Zealand Toastmasters club that chartered in October 2014.

### **Division Events and other newsworthy items**

All eight Area J Directors including the Division J Director attended the District Officer training and Toastmasters convention held at Gisborne from Friday 10 to Sunday 12 November 2017. I was very proud that all eight made the long trip to the convention.

Jim Curtis sadly passed away in the Palmerston North hospital on Sunday 24 December 2017. Jim worked as the Division B Governor helping Area Governors look after their Toastmasters clubs in Gisborne, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Wanganui and Taranaki. During this time Jim made an effort to visit as many of the clubs as possible.

In later years Jim took on the role of Area Governor. This covered a more manageable area from Wanganui, Manawatu, Levin and to Waipukura. He did this role a second time from 2012 to 2013. Toastmasters was Jim's lifetime passion. He gained two DTMs, the last was awarded in March 2017. Jim was a sponsor of the IPU NZ Toastmasters Club in Palmerston North that chartered in October 2014. Jim was well known by the Toastmasters community from all over New Zealand. He was not just a club member but an active member with the sheer determination to take on the leadership role of looking after Toastmasters clubs in many areas of the central North Island.