



# Division J Director Report

08 October 2021

## Key Division Goals

The Division is working towards these goals in 2021 -2022.

- That members achieve their goals and enjoy their Toastmasters experience.
- That Club Officers increase their leadership skills and are confident to implement them.
- That the Division members engage in the Pathways programme.
- That Division J organise and lead an in-person Club leadership training session and support the on-line Club Officer Training (COT) sessions.
- To have well organised contests at Club, Area and Division levels.
- That clubs are supported to revitalise and build membership.
- That clubs in Division J achieve distinguished status by June 2022.

## Key success so far

On 14 August Division J along with the District Trainers, organised and ran a very successful 'In-person' Club Officer Training session in Tawa. Over 55 committee members attended from both Division J and Division G.

In addition Division J supported on-line COT.

In the first round of Club Officer Training (COT) this year 19 out of 22 Division J clubs achieved 4 officers attending COT, either on-line or in-person. Five Clubs had all 7 club officers attend and five clubs had 6 Club officers attend COT.

## Area Directors

They are:

Jacqui Blackwell – Area J1

Ron Blackwell – Area J2

Karen Hoyland – Area J3

Sheryl Ryan – Area J4

Murray Ingram – Area J5

## Club Status

This will be assessed after the final payments to TI have been confirmed. At the time of writing this report, all clubs except Coastmasters are in good standing. At this stage it is evident that membership numbers have decreased significantly across the Division.

## Club updates

Coastmasters has had a number of members leave again this round of subscriptions. A club coach has been appointed and is working with the club to improve membership numbers.

WOW has changed its name to Wairarapa Gourmet Toastmasters. They have requested a club coach and we are still searching for a suitable member to do this.

Newlands Toastmasters has recently had a club coach appointed.

Gracefield Toastmasters is also requesting a club coach as their membership is low. This search is currently underway.

### **SpeechCraft**

Newlands Toatmasters had to cancel their Speechcraft course in September due to low applicant numbers and also the COVID lockdown. They are now planning to run this course early in 2022.

### **Area Director Club Visits**

The Area Directors have visited all clubs in their Area. A small number of visits had to be undertaken on-line due to the COVID restrictions. 73% of Area Director visit reports have been received.

### **Club Contests**

Club contests are currently underway and the Area Directors are helping with judging when required.

### **Area Contests**

The following are confirmed dates for Area contests. These are planned to be in-person but we acknowledge that they may need to move to on-line should COVID restrictions occur.

Area J1: - 22 January 2022

Area J2: - 19 February 2022

Area J3: - 15 January 2022

Area J4:- 12 February 2022

Area J5:- 29 January 2022

Division J Contests: - 19 March 2022

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**Division J Director 2021-2022**