



# Division J Director Report

5 June 2022

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 online 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

The first round of COT was held face to face by Division J, this was well supported by club officers and a most successful event. The second round of Club Officer Training (COT) was held this year, online. It is disappointing that a number of clubs did not send the requisite number of Club officers to COT. 68% of Division J clubs met this goal.

## Area Directors

Jacqui Blackwell – Area J1

Ron Blackwell – Area J2

Karen Hoyland – Area J3

Sheryl Ryan – Area J4

Murray Ingram – Area J5

Regular Division J Executive meetings have been held. These meetings have been useful for team decision making, support, coordination of events and fun times.

## Pathways

All new members have joined Pathways. Established members have activated Pathways however, we are seeing slow movement in engaging beyond levels 1 and 2.

## Distinguished status

There are nine clubs that have achieved 5 or more goals and potentially could achieve distinguished status this year if they increase their membership numbers.

## Club Status

20 plus	13 to 19	12 or less
Nil	Paekakariki Early Birds -13 Toastmasters of Waikanae -16 Tawa Toastmasters-18 Ohariu Toastmasters -15 Upper Hutt Toastmasters -14 Sunday Afternoon -13 Phoenix Toastmasters - 13 Hutt City Toastmasters - 16 Online Uncensored Comedians - 15 Cup Cake Communicators - 13 Wainuiomata Toastmasters -16	Spinnaker Toastmasters - 12 Newlands Toastmasters 13 Wairarapa Gourmet 9 Gracefield Toastmasters 8 Porirua Central 5 Hutt Valley Toastmasters -12 Churton Park Toastmasters 9 Silverstream Toastmasters 8 Toastmasters Wairarapa -11 Ngaio Toastmasters -9

There was a significant decrease in membership following the April renewals. Of note: in the April Division report there were 5 clubs with 20+ members. There are currently no clubs that meet this threshold.

Coastmasters has closed and members have been invited to join Toastmasters of Waikanae or another club that suits them. There has been no uptake of this offer.

Porirua Central has only 5 members so they are not in good standing. We are discussing with them to possibility of members transferring to another local club and closing Porirua Central.

Silverstream Toastmasters has a low renewal rate of only 8 members.

### **Club Coaches**

A Club coach is in place in Newlands, and we have recently appointed a club coach for Wairarapa Gourmet but this club has decided to merge with Wairarapa Toastmasters. We are still seeking a Club Coach for Gracefield and Ngaio.

Silverstream Toastmasters will also need a club coach following their low renewal rate.

### **Area Director Club Visits:**

The Area Directors visited 100% of clubs in their Area in the first round of Club visits. The second round of club visits has been completed with 100% of reports received. Thanks to the Area Directors for achieving this.

### **Contests**

All Club and Area contests and the Division J contests are now completed. We were proud to support Division J contestants at the District 72 contests in May. Division J celebrates that our members won both the Humorous speech contest and the International Speech contest at District level.

### **Membership building**

This has been slow this year because most clubs have been online for part of the year, it is hoped that now that the clubs are meeting face to face again, the membership will increase.

This year has been a challenge for Toastmasters at all levels and I acknowledge the extra effort made by all members of Division J to ensure the continuation of Toastmasters clubs.

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**Division J Director 2021-2022**