

Report on Division G 2023-2024

This year none of the Clubs in Division G closed, and we were fortunate to have one new club- Kura Korero which recently chartered. Kura Korero specialises in Maori Te Reo, and Tikanga and fills a niche. Congratulations to all involved.

Although we didn't lose any Clubs this time it is likely that at least two will fold soon.

Division G Clubs are in Wellington City except for G7 which comprises Clubs in South Wellington .

There are six areas G1, G2, G3, G4, G6 and G7

Let's look at the Areas to see how they are doing:

G1- There are three clubs in the Area. These are breakfast clubs who cooperate well together. Two have a number of members, one is short of members but has committed Toastmasters to produce very interesting meetings.

G2- This is a problem Area with two clubs in danger of closing. One has the minimum number, and one has not been able to meet regularly after change of name and location. The other two are all right although membership is not too high. There is little action outside the Club with no Club being involved in Club Contests. These are lunch time Clubs.

G3- These also are lunchtime clubs. Most have a membership of ten or under except one which has fourteen. These are corporate clubs, and are concerned about government restructuring. One of the clubs held an Evaluation, and a Table Topics contest.

G4- These are early evening clubs all in person, except the new club Kura Korero which meets online. One of the clubs has a small number of members but generally these clubs are doing well. This area was actively involved in all four Contests.

G6- These are mid day Clubs. There are four clubs which are doing well. The Clubs were involved in Contests, but there were not many participants.

G7- These are Clubs in South Wellington which meet in the evenings. There are five of them and they work together well. Membership is an issue at the moment with 3 clubs just having over 10 members, and 2 clubs being more comfortable. All clubs are active in Club contests.

Some reflections:

A number of Clubs are corporate and are impacted by restructuring, and also with some no longer being supported by their work in paying membership dues.

Membership is down, but Clubs haven't closed, and with a new Club starting that is a positive.

A number of clubs need to be more involved in the Area, both in Contests and Club Officer Training.

Pathways is used in meetings but sometimes because of shortage of people, or members wanting to be super prepared there are not enough speeches scheduled. I feel that prepared speeches are essential in developing skills in writing, and delivery for the Toastmasters member and add variety to Club meetings.

Thanks;

Thanks to all the people who have helped this year. I really appreciate your help and support. Thanks particularly to the Area Directors of G4 Ron Blackwell, and G6 Katina Beauchamp, for their hard work and dedication this year.

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