



NZMC Notes – Issue No 28 - August / September 2017

Hello all,

Welcome to the August / September edition of NZMC Notes.

Welcoming two new choristers:

The Southmen on behalf of the NZMC welcome Stuart Adam from Christchurch who joins the 2nd tenors. Stuart was presented with his Choir lapel badge and ties by Maurie Smith, President, at the Timaru practice in August. It was really good that Maurie was on hand to make the presentation as he had come down with a group of Northmen to sing in the Waimate concert.

The Northmen welcome on behalf of the NZMC Steve Lee from Masterton who joins the 2nd Bass section. Steve first made contact with NZMC at the Art Deco concert in February and auditioned post the Masterton concert.

CONCERTS in North and South Islands.

The Northmen's **Masterton Concert** on August 12th in the Rathkeale College Auditorium was a great success. The Wairarapa Singers were the guest choir and by all accounts the audience, which filled the auditorium, were treated to a marvellous afternoon's entertainment from our lads and the Wairarapa Singers. Thanks to the Southmen who ventured north for this concert.

The Waimate Concert in the Catholic Basilica on August 26th was also successful. Seven Northmen and their wives travelled south to sing with the Southmen. The Basilica was packed and the choirs had to sit on extra chairs brought in as all the available pews were taken by the audience. The Waimate Community & Filipino Choirs, St Patrick's Children's Choir and Filipino Choir Leader Sam all added to the night as guest artists and combined with the NZMC members for the finale number "Over in the Glory Land". The audience wanted an encore after the presentations and they clapped along as "Over in the Glory Land" was sung again.

There were lots and lots of smiling faces as people left the concert.

A big thankyou to those Northmen who made the journey south; the Southmen enjoyed having you and we hope you enjoyed your weekend with us.

August Concerts from the MD's perspective.

We had a couple of interesting and challenging concerts in August which pointed up a couple of issues and also proved that the members can rise to the occasion when asked.

Acoustics in a new venue are always a challenge and luckily Masterton and Waimate were both very good spaces to sing in, they just took a little while to get used to.

It was great to see a few south islanders in Masterton and north islanders in Waimate proving that we are one choir just a bit widely spread.

The complementary acts in each centre were really good to work with and it is always fun to bring choirs together and have over 100 voices to conduct.

Paul Carnegie-Jones stepped up to play for Wairarapa singers and Shayna Tweed the soloist in Masterton and Alison Holden in Waimate did a superb job. It was also Alison's first concert with the choir!

My thanks to all involved in the organisation of these events and especially to the singers for effort and enthusiasm. **Joe Christensen.**

Labour Weekend 2017 CONCERTS:

You will all be aware of the big effort behind the scenes with preparation for the Labour weekend concerts involving the full choir. There are three concerts across the Manawatu region, in Palmerston North, Feilding & Levin. The organisation for this weekend is being led by Robin Gunston and Neville Sawyer. The logistics are huge leading up to such an event and I know there are many in the South looking forward to the Labour Weekend singing extravaganza.

2017 AGM: A reminder of the NZMC AGM which will be held on the Monday of Labour Weekend. Our Treasurer, Warwyck Dewe, reminds all that subs are now due.

Art Deco Napier 2018: The NZ Male Choir have been invited back to perform next year and planning is well underway. Choristers are looking forward to this event after the very successful Art Deco weekend the NZMC participated in earlier this year. If you have not already booked your

accommodation you will need to get on to it as a very busy weekend in the Hawkes Bay. The Art Deco festival dates are 14 – 18 February. The choir will be performing on Saturday 17th at 4 pm and Sunday 18th at 10am and then Flash mob 12.30 start. End of your choir commitments by 3pm on Sunday 18th.

Aussie Tour 2018 - May 31st – June 10th: The arrangements for the Tour are progressing well. It appears that we will have a party numbering about 60. Five concerts have now been confirmed.

The Tour committee is presently working with the Travel Agent (Simon Hocking) on airlines, fares and land arrangements.

I trust all those wishing to join this tour have replied to Taffy with information requested on the July 21st newsletter.

SILENI FUNDRAISER: This is a fundraiser for the Australian tour 2018 to help with costs. So please spread the word amongst your friends and family and get orders for this wonderful range of Hawkes Bay wines. Order forms will be sent out to you with this newsletter. All orders must be in by 8th October 2017.

Kind regards to you all,

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