



NZMC Notes – Issue No 27 - June 2017

Hello all,

Welcome to the June edition of NZMC Notes.

WEBSITE: Anthony is still looking for someone to run the website. I mentioned this to you last month and no replies have been forthcoming. It could be someone's partner or a web manager savvy friend of yours as it does not need to be a chorister necessarily, but we do need someone. Anthony is happy to coach someone. Another reminder: please provide Robin Gunston with news items/photos to consider for the Facebook.

CONCERTS scheduled in North and South Islands.

Good progress continues to be made for the Northmen's Masterton Concert on August 12th. Ray Seymour has been working closely with the team from Wairarapa Singers. They are the guest choir in the Masterton concert.

John Botting says six Northmen have offered their support for the Southmen's concert in Waimate. This support is very much appreciated, especially with the Masterton concert happening a fortnight earlier.

Please continue to promote both these concerts to your friends and family.

You will all be aware of the big effort behind the scenes with preparation for the Labour Weekend concerts involving the whole choir (Palmerston North, Feilding & Levin). Thanks to Robin Gunston and Neville Sawyer for their preparation for this weekend.

The Southmen also have a mini concert in Kaikoura November 18th with the local ladies choir, The Kaichorus. Please tell your friends and family in the Kaikoura region about this one.

Art Deco Napier 2018: The NZ Male Choir have been invited back to perform on Saturday 17 February at 4pm and on the Sunday at the Gadsby Picnic with Flash mob acts. There will be a practice on the Saturday morning. **URGENT** to BOOK YOUR Flights & Accommodation now. Arriving on the Friday 16th and leaving on the Monday 19th also gives you time to enjoy more of the Art Deco events and atmosphere. Booking for other events so that you do not miss out is also a good idea. You can do this online.

Aussie Tour 2018: The arrangements for the Tour are progressing well. It looks like we will have a party that is about sixty strong. Five concerts have been confirmed. The Tour committee is presently working with the Travel Agent (Simon Hocking) on Airlines, Fares and Land arrangements.

Members can expect a Newsletter from the Tour Committee to further update details, within the next couple of weeks.

Mick Elley retiring from the Choir: Mick was a foundation member of The National Male Choir of New Zealand.

He says, "It sounds silly, but now I'm retired I find it difficult to fit the choir in. We have a big house and property that has become a bit neglected with all our running around and I am getting older, and it's the end of the choir year, so it's time. I will miss it terribly.

I owe a lot to all our conductors and many of the members who have made belonging to the choir such an enjoyable experience – overseas trips, concerts, rehearsals and after-glows – even practising – and now it will all become a memory – but what a great one!

I'm very confident in the choir's future under Joe, just as I am confident that the Bass 1's will continue to be the best section"

Mick was well known as a talented pianist who led many singalongs after concerts.

Pat also was a strong supporter of the choir especially with her hospitality and lime marmalade! Mick says, "retiring from the choir will leave a hole in Pat's life too. She will miss the company of the wives, who have become friends."

Thankyou Pat and Mick for your wonderful contributions to our choir.

Kind regards to you all,

John Botting

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