

## NZMC 'NOTES' December 2024

Greetings from a very dry Hawke's Bay – a complete reversal from last year. But that's the weather for you!!

This will be a very brief Chat just to update on a couple of things and wish all of us all the best for the Festive Season.

The **Small Committee** charged with looking into the **future of the choir** has been meeting regularly and does have 'the bones' of a proposal to put before you all early next year. We will be having a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> January and at that stage will finalise our suggestion and it will be circulated the following week. That will give plenty of time for us all to read and think about what has been suggested, ask any questions you may have, and talk with other choristers when able. We will be having a couple of practices at the end of January which will be an opportunity to discuss things before we all make the final decision over the Art Deco Weekend.

It is timely to sincerely thank Anthony for all the work he has done with the small committee – acting as our scribe to put the ideas/suggestions in a logical sequence that are easy to read and understand.

**Art Deco 2025.** Planning is well underway for the weekend. This time we will again be singing with the Cantare Choir which is also under Joe's leadership – he will be having a very busy weekend. There is just the one concert which will be in the Waiapu Cathedral. The programme for the weekend is

Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	practice in the Cathedral
	12.00pm	Break
	2.30pm	practice with Cantare
	4.00pm	Concert
	6.30pm	Dinner at the Napier RSA
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	brunch at the Christensen's . Please try to be at the venue by
	10.30	as we do need to have a SGM of the Choir to approve the 2024
		Annual Accounts and decide on the future direction of the Choir
	???	depart for home!

Sadly our membership numbers have significantly dropped over the last 6 months which really means that all of us have to carry a little extra weight. I suppose my challenge for the next month is for all of us to know the Art Deco music before the January practices which will please Joe and the music team no end (may even shock him!!). This will lead to a far more worthwhile practice for us all.

Anyway enough from me. It only leaves for both Carol and I to wish you and yours all the best for the Festive Season. Enjoy and relax ready to start with 'guns blazing' in the New Year.

Merry Christmas to all

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