



NZMC Friends Newsletter- March 2025

Kia ora all, on behalf of the Management Committee, we are pleased to provide this quarterly edition of our NZMC Friend's Newsletter.

Art Deco Weekend

We had another successful start to the year with the Art Deco concert in February. We attracted a good audience and performed 15 songs . Reports back from the audience were incredibly positive and it was an enjoyable concert. Art Deco itself was in full swing and it was good to see Napier full of life again.

Our 2025 Programme

For your information here is the program for the next six months and we would love to see you when we are in your area. Also, if you can recommend anyone to join us, they are very welcome to join any of our rehearsal weekends to meet us. More detailed information is available on our website (<http://nationalmalechoir.co.nz>) or contact our secretary secretary@nzmalechoir.co.nz .

Concerts	Rehearsals
Hamilton - 24 May Dannevirke 2-3 August	Palmerston North 12-13 April
	Christchurch 26-27 April
	Christchurch 10-11 May
	Whanganui 14-15 June
	Christchurch 28-29 June
	New Plymouth 12-13 July

Farewell to Choristers

Due to a range of reasons we have sadly lost a number of choristers recently . Of special note are Taffy Davies and Gordon Keelty. Both Gordon and Taffy have been wonderful members over the years being activity involved in many aspects of the Choir and always prepared to pull there sleeves up and do the work behind the scenes that helps with the success of the Choir. We will miss them and their wives Marjory and Jenny.

It is never easy for the choir losing so many good members and friends but as many of you know membership has its ebbs and flows. We say farewell to these men and their partners and we thank them for their friendship and dedication.

We also sadly note the passing of Ian Couper from Waipu in February this year. Ian was an enthusiastic member of the choir and a man full of song and fun for every occasion. We extend our condolences to his family.

Choir Development

The Choir has adopted a new operating model and the journey has started to implement this. The first focus is individual choral musicianship and each chorister is focusing on an area of improvement as the Choir collectively is. We are financially stable at the moment but this gets more challenging as we go through this transition to rebuild.

Our aim is to rebuild the Choir over the next 12-24 months with a higher standard of musicianship and a more flexible membership structure that will attract new and younger members from the wider NZ Choral network and establish a more sustainable future for the Choir.

Choir Facebook Page

You are welcome to visit our Facebook site to follow all the comings and goings of the Choir. We would love to have you as part of our Facebook followers.

Follow the link below or search for us on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61555926935109>

We would still love to hear from you !!

We welcome contact with all past choir family members. We would love to hear how you are going and invite you to our concerts or practices when we are in your region. Please make contact and update us on your contact details as well so we can keep in touch.

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Kind regards to you all and hope you and your families are well. We look forward to seeing some of you as we venture around the country.

Ray Seymour

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Te Roopu Waiata Tira Tane O Aotearoa

