

NZMC 'NOTES' May 2025

Greetings from a rather cold but dry Hawkes Bay!! I trust that this latest round of 'weather' has not had too much impact on any of us.

Big news of the week for the Choir is that Joe and Alison have signed their contracts up to the end of this year. So keep practicing and working on all those tips that Joe has given to us.. Obviously there will be some more decisions to make towards the end of the year in relation to the future of the Choir.

At our recent Executive meeting our Treasurer pointed out that there was a few of us that were not fully up to date with our subscriptions and 'donations'. I know all of us will be in differing positions regarding our finances, but it is timely to point out that for the continued financial viability of the choir we really need to have both the subscription and the donation from each member. If that is not possible then please pay as much of the donation as possible – the level we set could be regarded as a guide and could even be greater if that were appropriate. Colin has done a projection for the rest of the financial year and we will run at a significant loss despite the fundraising efforts of Jocelyn and Anthony.

The 'profit' from the Art Deco weekend looks to be about \$2500 – from the concert and the Sunday brunch. Hopefully the concert in Hamilton will add to the coffers.

As you all are aware there have been changes to the schedule for the rest of the year as follows

	Whole Choir	Northern Zone	Southern Zone	Comment
10-11 May				No Practice
24-25 May	Hamilton			Concert
14-15 June		Whanganui		Practice
28-29 June			Christchurch	Practice
12-13 July		New Plymouth		Practice / North AGM
26-27 July			Christchurch	Practice / South AGM
2-3 August	Dannevirke			Concert / AGM
12-13 September		Morrinsville		Practice
26-27 September			Christchurch	Practice
11-12 October		Whanganui		Concert
25-26 October			Christchurch	Practice
8-9 November		Morrinsville		Practice
22-23 November			Christchurch	Practice

Please note the changes – particularly as regards the AGM's. Sincere thanks to Colin for agreeing as he will have to do 'extra duties' to have the accounts prepared in time.

I have talked to Joe who has an extremely busy schedule this weekend with a Hastings Choral concert coupled with the 50th reunion of Havelock North High School. He just wants to remind us that we need to practice all the music we had for Art Deco plus the Easter Hymn. Also that Ukuthula needs to be from memory.

On a rather sad note, I have to report that we have received a resignation from Martin after just under 6 years with our choir. He will be with us in Hamilton which will be his last concert. I am sure we will all miss his and Chris's happy faces at our weekends. Over latter years Martin has been a member of our executive and perhaps, more importantly, over the last few years looked after the music for the choir. This is not a small job and we will be looking forward to offers from members to take over that role. No doubt interested parties can discuss what is involved with Martin in Hamilton.

Well that's enough from me and I look forward to a successful weekend in Hamilton. Thanks to the organising team for all their preparation.

Ray