



I joined the RMT in May 2023 and attended my first team meeting in June. It was a steep learning curve; I had to learn a lot very quickly. As Communications Coordinator, I am the point of contact for the region as the holder of the SANZ email account. In this role I send out messages on behalf of the RMT, deal with queries from members, and I am the main point of contact from International Headquarters. I also take the minutes of our RMT meetings, which can be a really interesting aspect of the job! I have had great support from Sharon Connor with uploading information to the SANZ website, which has been very much appreciated. The Addaline was published in December 2024 with another coming up after convention. Without a Marketing Coordinator to pull together material such as TeamTalk, it has been hard to drive communications, other than the bare minimum.

Following this year's convention, Leigh Whitelaw is stepping down from RMT, having served as Team Coordinator for the past six years. Our Membership Coordinator, Miriam Spragg is also leaving RMT, also after six years. Julie Earl will step from Events Coordinator into the TC role. Mary Cave-Palmer and Carolyn Currington will stay on as Finance Coordinator and Directors Coordinator respectively. Leanne Wheeler was successfully re-appointed by International as Education Coordinator at the end of 2023. A huge thank you is extended to Leigh & Miriam for their incredible hard work for our region, especially through the challenging times of recent years.

There have been repeated appeals for volunteers to fill the vacant RMT roles. One of the key roles of the Communications Coordinator is acting as Chair of the Nominating Committee, alongside Angela Blank and Carol Jager. The Nominating Committee has recommended the appointment of two new RMT members this year, after their applications were received and reviewed. These members will join RMT after convention in the roles of Membership Coordinator, Nikola Worrall-Bader (Greater Auckland) and Events Coordinator, Shelley Bascand (Faultline). The Marketing Coordinator role remains vacant, but is expected to be filled imminently.

The 2024/25 Regional Management Team will be

Team Coordinator – Julie Earl (Waikato Rivertones)

Finance Coordinator – Mary Cave-Palmer (Waikato Rivertones)

Directors Coordinator - Carolyn Currington (Faultline)

Education Coordinator – Leanne Wheeler (Waikato Rivertones)

Membership Coordinator – Nikola Worrall-Bader (Greater Auckland)

Events Coordinator - Shelley Bascand (Faultline)

Communications Coordinator – Jacqui Binnie (Faultline)

