

## Director's Coordinator RAMM report 2024

It's been another wonderful year as we finally begin to feel the return to "Life before Covid". Although some things may never quite be the same again, it is fantastic to resume face-to-face interactions and approach planning with increased confidence once more.

I maintain regular communication with the chorus directors, checking in to gauge how things are progressing for them. It is wonderful to learn that many choruses across New Zealand are thriving despite the challenges of recent years. There are a few who are requiring extra support to increase their membership and we have been looking at ways of supporting them. We are fortunate to have a multitude of dedicated directors who are not only leading the way but also deeply caring for their members.

I've coordinated the massed sing and am eagerly anticipating participating in this celebration of both our directors and members from across New Zealand. There's nothing like joining all together to sing. Additionally, I'm pleased to announce that Virginia Humphrey-Taylor will be directing the sound check choruses this year, as well as leading the STAR chorus.

Collaborating closely with Leanne, our Education Coordinator, we explored avenues to provide educational initiatives within the region. I was delighted that, despite the short notice, we managed to secure a member of the International Faculty to deliver exceptional education to our directors and their assistants. The rarity of such gatherings exclusively for frontline conductors made this weekend particularly significant on various fronts. Our commitment to supporting both directors and members remains high, recognising that education serves as a cornerstone for the success.

Based on feedback gathered from the Directors, we've gathered valuable suggestions for prospective Coaches in Residence plus potential locations for a Director's Retreat. It's imperative to incorporate the voices of our membership on these crucial matters. Thank you for generously sharing your ideas; they are instrumental in shaping our future plans.

I'm thrilled about the opportunity to attend the upcoming Directors and Visual Leaders Symposium in Tulsa, especially after being awarded a scholarship from SAI to offset the costs. I am excited about the chance to acquire new tools and knowledge, which I look forward to bringing back to share with our region.

It remains a genuine honour to serve as a representative for the directors of our region. Your trust in me to fulfil this role is deeply appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to our community in this capacity.

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