

**Communications Coordinator Report
Regional Annual Members' Meeting
21 May 2022 (Virtual)**



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It's been another year of zoom meetings and email conversations for the Regional Management Team. In my two years as Communications Coordinator there has been only two in person meetings with the team. While this means financial savings for the region it's an added challenge to our communications and decision making. Thankfully this dedicated team of women haven't allowed the limitations and frustrations of technology to get in the way of what needs to be done!

After the excitement of Harmony Aotearoa in 2021 it was a quiet year as far as regional communications go. Planned events were announced, advertised and then cancelled. NZ Choral Federation advice regarding choirs and covid was sought and communicated to our members, as the pandemic and global understanding of the best ways to deal with it evolved.

With less happening regionally and within our choruses there have been less enquiries coming through the sweetadslnz inbox and not so much required in the way of website updates. One of the main topics of communication has been the need for new RMT members. The search was more difficult this year with the absence of regional events meaning chorus members have felt more isolated from the organisation, and chorus leaders have been struggling with their own management decisions. Hopefully we are through that difficult stage now.

Sharon Connor continues to be a tower of strength in keeping the Sweet Adelines NZ website running and in good order, as does Katrina Te Punga in maintaining our Teamwork tasks and training incoming RMT members in its use. The website and Teamwork are both vital tools for the RMT and we really appreciate all the work Sharon and Katrina do to support the region.

It has been great to see the determination and creativity of our members, and chorus leaders in particular, in finding ways to keep singing and socialising through the pandemic. We were able to celebrate this in 2021 with two fabulous editions of the Addaline. Thanks again to Sandy Gunn and Brianna Perry for making this happen.

This report will be my last as communications coordinator, as I hand over the role to my good friend Jenny Meadows from Nelson Bays Harmony. Jen will bring her own strengths and experience to the role, and I know she will be an asset to the RMT.

It has been a pleasure to be part of such a dedicated team of women, working together behind the scenes and doing our best to support our members. We have tried to be flexible and think creatively to keep Sweet Adelines NZ functioning and relevant in a changing world. I wish the new team all the best as they take continue with this into the future.

Ngā mihi nui

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