

Director's Coordinator RAMM report 2025

This year has been an exciting one, marked by the 40th anniversary of Sweet Adelines New Zealand—a wonderful milestone for our community. It's been a year full of opportunities to connect and celebrate our shared passion for music.

In my role, I've been in regular communication with chorus directors to understand their progress and provide support as needed. A few directors have been working on increasing their membership, and we've been exploring ways to assist them. We're fortunate to have such dedicated leaders who not only guide their choruses but also care deeply for their members.

One of the highlights has been coordinating the Massed Sing. I'm looking forward to being part of this celebration, which brings members and directors from across New Zealand together in song. This year, Robyn Abernethy will direct the sound check choruses, while Patti Cooke leads the STAR chorus with a special 40th anniversary vibe.

Education has also been a focus. Working closely with Leanne, our Education Coordinator, we've arranged educational opportunities for members and directors. It was a pleasure to have Anne Downton return for another visit, and we've planned further education sessions for later this year, aimed at directors and musical leaders. Education remains a vital aspect of our success.

Feedback from directors has helped shape new initiatives for the future. Based on their input, we've invited Ryan Heller to be this year's Coach in Residence and are exploring options for a Director's Education later in the year.

It's truly an honour to represent the directors of our region. I'm grateful for your trust and support in allowing me to contribute to the success of our vibrant community.

Carolyn Currington