



## To all members

### Sweet Adelines New Zealand (SANZ) Levy Review

#### A little bit of history

In 2019 the SANZ annual levy was \$180 for full members and \$130 for those 25 years and under. Then COVID happened! In response to those challenging times your Regional Management Team (RMT) made the decision to reduce the annual levy to \$100 for full members and \$70 for youth members. A commitment to retaining levies at this level for four years was made to give certainty to our members during what was a really tough time. To support choruses over this period the RMT offered education workshops and a virtual convention at no cost. Grants were offered to choruses for marketing to encourage membership retention and growth. We want to thank and celebrate the work that all choruses put in over this difficult period and we are pleased to report that our membership is growing once again.

#### Going forward

In October 2024 your Regional Management Team reviewed costs, reflected on the budgets and considered the movement in the Consumer Price Index (inflation) to determine the levy for the 2025 year.

***It was decided the annual levy would be set at \$198 annually, with youth rates (25 and under) at \$140 (note the pre-covid levies were \$180 and \$130 respectively).***

Your SANZ levy goes towards the administrative costs of the region (\$58), subsidising regional education (\$60) and convention costs (\$80). The levy ensures the ongoing financial sustainability of SANZ and enables us to provide conventions, competition and education workshops all of which the recent member survey told us you want and love.

Your chorus *Finance Coordinator* will be able to explain further as needed.

Your RMT is very mindful about keeping costs at reasonable levels and at the same time meeting your needs. Transparency is important to us so if you have any further questions, please direct these to me, your Team Coordinator in the first instance.

We have been thrilled with the level of support from membership for the various recent education initiatives and there is more to come. We want to thank you for your ongoing support for this fabulous organisation.

Ngaa mihi Julie Earl

on behalf of the Regional Management Team



