

MINUTES OF RMT MEETING

DATE: 14 August 2025 8-9.15 pm

LOCATION: Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Shelley Phillips – Marketing Coordinator
Leanne Wheeler - Education Coordinator
Carolyn Currington - Directors Coordinator
Nikola Worrall-Bader - Membership Coordinator (by Zoom)
Shelley Bascand – Events Coordinator
Leigh Agnew - Transitioning Finance coordinator
Katie Mathison - Communication Coordinator

Apologies - Julie Earl – Chair, Team Coordinator; Mary Cave-Palmer - Finance Coordinator

Minutes of the July meeting were taken as read and approved **(XXX)**.

There were no matters arising.

TEAM COORDINATOR

In absentia, Julie Earl thanked everyone for their contributions to the recent issue of *Tuned In*.

Leigh Agnew was welcomed to her first RMT meeting as incoming Finance Coordinator, while the incumbent, Mary Cave-Palmer, is absent overseas. Leigh starts officially into the role after the October 3-4 RMT meeting.

Shelley Phillips and the team working with her were thanked for researching and introducing a cost-effective new on-line ticketing system for SANZ events, Humanitix, making it easier for members to register and pay.

RMT positions have been advertised. The Education Coordinator role will be advertised on SANZ's social media channels: recommendations are due to SAI by 1 October.

The call for expressions of interest in the DEI group remains open.

The remaining stock of sponsored product, VocalZones, will be brought to the next workshop weekend for purchase by members.

EDUCATION

It was noted that the Ryan Heller workshop was well attended and covered its costs.



The 2026 Education Plan is being drafted: an action plan is also in preparation.

Detailed planning for the 17 October music leaders workshop is underway.

MEMBERSHIP

Fiona Brodie has agreed to take on the Chapter-at-Large Coordinator role.

As at 12 August, membership numbers stand at 492 for SANZ and 506 for International.

Several choruses have scheduled concerts, including Nelson Bays, Wellington City, Manawatu Overtones, and, jointly, Greater Auckland, South City Sounds and Waikato Rivertones.

A WhatsApp group has been set up for membership coordinators.

SANZ has been featured in the Choral Federation newsletter as a new associate member.

The quartet status report has been issued by SAI: it lists 7 current quartets.

DIRECTORS COORDINATOR

RMT planned out liaison opportunities with choruses to get their views and see where RMT can assist.

MARKETING

RMT is awaiting applications from choruses for the marketing grants.

CONVENTION 2026

There is a convention team meeting on 28 August. It was noted that a lot of choruses are expected to attend, either to compete or evaluate.

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