

# IRMTNZ Council BULLETIN to MEMBERS



Council, Registration Board and Committees met by Zoom video conference  
26 and 28 January 2021. The IRMTNZ 2021 AGM was held by Zoom on 29 January.

## Kia Ora - Greetings from Council

News from the January 2021 Council meeting and 2021 IRMTNZ AGM

### Council Members

District 1 – Annemarie Gasparini  
District 2 - Wendy Hunt (IRMTNZ Vice President) and Andrew Buchanan-Smart  
District 3 - Sian Williamson and Catherine Martin  
District 4 - Margaret Maw (IRMTNZ President) and Katherine Jones  
District 5 - Jocelyn Donaldson and Margaret Whitworth  
Government Nominee - Emeritus Professor John Drummond

### AGM 2021

We had a very successful AGM by Zoom on Friday 29 January. This was an historic event and 72 members attended. IRMTNZ Life Member Wallace Woodley sent greetings to members: he and Christchurch colleague, Life Member Rosemary Stott attended. Apologies were received from Life Members Sharon Martin and Rae Patterson. Read more and see some photos in the February issue of *Ritmico Online*.

**Claire Mason, Rotorua Branch Chairperson invited us to**

### IRMTNZ Conference 2022

25 – 28 January 2022

Venue: Rotorua Millennium Hotel

Convenors: Claire Mason & Alison Perrin      Registrar: Katherine Jones

*We are optimistic that this will go ahead so book your travel and accommodation in plenty of time!*

### Congratulations

**Distinguished**

#### Branch Member

Janey Seed was made a Distinguished Branch Member of Christchurch Branch. Janey's citation was read over the airwaves by Katherine Jones and Diane Angus was on hand at Janey's house to present a surprise bouquet. Congratulations Janey!

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## National Subscription fees 2021-22

At the 2021 AGM, Members voted almost unanimously in favour of the following annual subscriptions for 2021-22:

- Full member (AIRMT, LAIRMT, FIRMT, DBM-AIRMT):  
\$170 less \$10 discount if paid by 30.04.21: \$160
- Provisional member: \$90
- Retired member: \$70
- Overseas member (no GST): \$ 75
- Affiliate Individual: \$ 75
- Affiliate Organisation: \$ 90

**Reminder:** if you have a teaching business you can claim your IRMTNZ membership subscription fees as an expense on your annual tax return.

## A Check on Cheques

Advice has gone out in previous bulletins about banks not accepting cheques, and now ...

**Council will not accept cheques after 1 May 2021.**

Elene will advise members of alternatives if necessary.

## Website

The **Members Only** area on our website contains a wealth of resources and information and is frequently updated.

**To log into the *Members Only* area:**

- enter your email address\* and your password
- if you have forgotten your password for the *Members Only* area, follow this link:  
<https://learnmusicnz.outreach.co.nz/?Na=module-irmtnz-forgot-password-public>.

**\*You must use the email address listed on your IRMTNZ website profile.**

**Logging into the *Members Only* area from your phone or tablet:**

- on the website home page, click on the menu stripes; scroll right to the bottom to 'member only' and click on the green square on the right-hand side; scroll down to 'member login'.

**NB If you use a laptop/desktop the display is larger and easier to navigate.**

**Promote your music teaching profile on our website:** make the most of this opportunity to promote your teaching practice. Instructions for how to do this are in the *Members Only* area which can be accessed as above.

## Membership

The proportion of active members has increased again this year.

Council welcomes all new member applications:

- there's a wide range of instrument categories in which to be registered
- please advise prospective IRMTNZ applicants to use the correct form and submit a thoroughly completed application
- applicants can be assured of confidentiality.

Provisional or Associate members: remember to contact your local branch, where you'll meet people, find support, and professional development and student performance opportunities.



## Photocopying

**Photocopying of copyrighted material is illegal.** Last year Council asked APRA about the possibility of IRMTNZ obtaining for our members a license for copyright exemption in certain circumstances. Sadly this application was unsuccessful. APRA explained: *“unfortunately we’re not going to be in a position where we can extend a blanket print licence to the Institute of Registered Music Teachers of New Zealand. Teachers will need to continue to purchase original sheet music or liaise directly with the relevant print music publisher for any additional photocopying of an original that they wish to make.* “APRA does offer a service through our Australian office whereby we can supply contact details to ensure that a Teacher has the correct company and contact for any reproduction query, the service is free and can be accessed by emailing [print@apra.com.au](mailto:print@apra.com.au).”

Council advises members to take the advice in the reply above.

## Teacher Training

IRMTNZ offers several teacher training courses for instrumental and vocal musicians to build and maintain a successful music teaching career. Courses are provided by distance learning and have flexible time frames – you can study where and when you want. The courses we offer are:

**Three Course Suite** - Build a strong music teaching career with these three independent, complementary courses:

*Foundation Course:* the essential course for new teachers, teaching beginners – grade 3.

*Intermediate Course:* extend your skills and knowledge. For those teaching grades 4 – 5.

*Advanced Course:* scale the heights; gain confidence. For those teaching grades 6 and above.

**The Three Course Suite is for members and non-members.**

**Upskill** – take this short, standalone, maintenance course to gain fresh perspectives on your teaching. Explore new teaching approaches (including teaching online), extend your resources, check the latest business guidelines - and more! **Upskill is for IRMTNZ members only.**

**Teacher Education Refresh (TER)** - If your school teacher’s registration has expired and you want to get back into teaching music in schools, our distance learning TER course is designed specially for you. It is practical, flexible, convenient and TCANZ approved.

**The TER Course is for members and non-members.**

## Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

**Branch events:** many thanks to our branches who run a wonderful variety of CPD events. Without these IRMTNZ would not be able to fulfill its purposes under the *Music Teachers Act* and we couldn’t provide the same benefits of membership for the same low annual subscription fee.

**Please join your local branch if you have not yet done so:** enjoy the collegiality, benefit from the CPD events - and maybe consider contributing some of your own time and talents.

**IRMTNZ CPD videos:** members can access these through the members’ area of the website and there is no charge for paid-up IRMTNZ members. CPD videos are online for only 12 months due to licencing agreements, so make sure you take advantage of the older ones as their availability will be ending soon

**Keeping CPD records:** look for the new, simpler 2021 CPD Schedule coming soon on the website. Please record your CPD as this is one of the few tangible ways Council can demonstrate our collective professionalism to the outside world and when advocating for IRMTNZ.

**NOTE:** you can record your year’s CPD points total on your website member profile page.



## Audit: thanks to Branches from Elene

Our registrar, Elene, sends heartfelt thanks to branches for their cooperation with the 2020 audit. Our new auditor, PKF Goldsmith Fox Audit, is streamlining the process further. Elene has contacted branch committees separately about this.

## The IRMTNZ Survey 2020

Many thanks to those who responded to our annual survey last year - the analysis will be out soon. We need **everyone** to participate in this year's 2021 survey (in October).

**Why?** Council is working very hard towards NZQA accreditation and this requires a vast amount of information. We need the help of **all** members to provide accurate CPD and survey profiles each year. Your personal information is **not** revealed. It is the collection of the overall **numbers** that is necessary to showcase the Institute's work.

**Achieved:** our first Community Consultation has been approved by NZQA and TCANZ.

**Next steps:** Community Consultation with Māori and Pasifika

Our annual report to the Charities Commission also requires a lot of data to be collected.

## Strategic Goals

Council continues to push ahead with our original goals and is working on new ones:

- a) *NZQA recognition* – see above
- b) *Increased cultural diversity* – Council wishes to honour the Treaty of Waitangi/Te Tiriti o Waitangi in an authentic way and Selena Bercic, MENZA board member from the far north, joined our Council meeting for an informative and encouraging 30 min discussion.
- c) *Engagement by members* – ongoing
- d) *Better CPD provision for national-only members* - ongoing
- e) *IRMTNZ Council becoming carbon neutral* – Council members' carbon use is being monitored.

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We hope for a fulfilling, healthy, safe 2021 for everyone

**E huri to aroaro kit e rā, tukuna tō ataarangi ki muri i a koe**

*Turn and face the sun, and let your shadow fall behind you*