



## Life Member Nominations: AGM 2020

Two IRMTNZ members have been nominated by their respective branches for Life Membership, to be presented to the AGM 2020 for election as Life Member.

They are:

- Rae Patterson of the Northland Branch and
- Sharon Gladys Martin LTCL, LRSM, FIRMTNZ of the Auckland Branch

Council members have unanimously approved both nominations.

### Life Member Election Process

As per the IRMTNZ Rules, the members present at the AGM will be asked to elect each of the nominated persons as Life Members. Three-fourths of the Registered Members present at the AGM will need to carry this resolution.

The citations for Rae Patterson and Sharon Martin are attached.

In order to vote, you need to be a Registered Member (i.e., an Associate, Leading Associate, Distinguished Branch Member, Fellow, Life Member or Retired Member). Provisional Members, Honorary Members, Honorary Fellows and Affiliate Members are unable to vote, being “unregistered” members.

As per the Rules, if you are unable to be present at the AGM you can appoint a proxy (such as the President Margaret Maw or another registered member) to vote for you. Please complete the Proxy Form below and email to the Registrar as soon as possible.

### Proxy Form

I..... of .....

being a Registered Member of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers of New Zealand, hereby

appoint .....of .....

Or failing him/her..... of .....

As my proxy to vote for me at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2020 and at any adjournment thereof. The proxy is a Registered Member of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers of New Zealand.

As witness my hand this..... day of..... 2019

Signed by the said.....

In the presence of: .....

Signature of Witness .....

Address.....

Occupation.....



## **CITATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR RAE PATTERSON**

The Northland branch of IRMT would like to nominate Rae Patterson for her significant contribution towards IRMTNZ both locally and at National level.

Rae Patterson first began teaching at the age of eighteen, her association with the Institute spanning over 50 years, with her becoming a member in November 1968.

In 1969, after attending the IRMTNZ conference in Hamilton, a group of Northland music teachers decided to form a branch in Northland with Rae being appointed Vice-President. She has twice held this position, served as President three times and is still on the Northland branch committee over 50 years later.

As a teacher Rae has always been willing to share her vast knowledge of piano teaching with others and has mentored students that have become music teachers themselves. She is currently mentoring a pupil to gain her teaching registration.

Aside from her long association with the IRMTNZ, Rae has been involved with various other music organisations in Northland. In the 1950's the Northland Performing Arts competitions was formed with Rae serving on the piano committee. She is a life member of this organisation in recognition of her work on the committee. She initiated the annual Northland Non-competitive festival in 1964. This festival gives students an opportunity to perform for an adjudicator, giving them valuable experience.

In 1980 Rae with other like-minded teachers helped form Whangarei Youth Music which is an organization set up to give the youth of Northland a chance to develop their musical skills and to experience the enjoyment of playing music together.

Rae has also made a significant contribution at a National level. In 1979, Rae was elected onto what was then the Council of the Dominion Executive of the Federation of Society of Registered Music teachers for three years. During that time she was the convener of the Education Committee. She was re-elected in 1985 and became a member of the registration board. For over a period of five years she was involved in formulating the Institute's Teacher Training courses and the Teaching Diploma. This involved a lot of travelling to and from Auckland.

In 1994 Rae was inducted as a Fellow of the IRMTZ for services to music teaching at local and national level.

We (Northland branch) ask you accept Rae as a life member of the Institute in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the Institute over a period of 50 plus years.



## **CITATION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR SHARON GLADYS MARTIN LTCL, LRSM, FIRMTNZ**

Educated at Epsom Girls Grammar School, Auckland-born Sharon developed work experience skills, first working in a bank, then in a pharmacy, as well as being taught piano at the Ellerslie Convent where she gained both ATCL and LTCL. After marrying Gordon she lived in Wellington for five years before returning to Auckland where she and Gordon raised two children.

Sharon later continued piano lessons, this time with the late Percy Smallfield, resulting in her gaining an LRSM and commencing teaching before she registered with IRMTNZ in 1977. In 1992 she was elected to the IRMTNZ Auckland Branch Committee and served as Chair from 1995 to 1997. She also convened the Scholarship Committee and was instrumental in setting up and running the Margaret Doone Memorial Piano Scholarship, something she continued to commit herself to until 2016, even after retiring from the Branch Committee. In 2002 Sharon was elected to the Institute Council as one of the Northern Region (District 1) representatives and in 2004 she was elected President of the Institute, a position she held until 2010. In 2005 she was made a Fellow of the Institute.

Outside music Sharon has always enjoyed the Great Outdoors where she and Gordon would take their boat regularly to Islington Bay off Rangitoto and on occasions would travel as far as the Bay of Islands. At one Conference in Hawkes Bay she would take note of early morning birdsong and link it to the style of Douglas Lilburn and other New Zealand composers which was being explored during the Conference. While supportive of New Zealand and Pacific music as well as of Jazz and Popular music she was a firm advocate of the Western Classical tradition.

Sharon continues her involvement with the Selwyn Student Performers' Group and has adjudicated at a number of Auckland Branch Non-Competitive Festivals held annually by the Student Performer Groups in the greater Auckland area. Due to deteriorating health she resigned her position as organist and choir directorship at St James' Church while undergoing radiotherapy. She now plays the organ once a month at another nearby church, St Andrew's in Kohimaramara. She still attends various Auckland Branch events including the finals of the Margaret Doone Scholarship recital.

Sharon has conducted herself professionally in her musical vocation, being fair but firm and insisting on the highest standards. On the other hand, she enjoys a balanced way of life in all its fullness.

The Auckland Branch, therefore, has great pleasure in nominating Sharon Gladys Martin for Life membership of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers of New Zealand.