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PRISM Strategic Plan Update Report from John Drummond

The August IRMTNZ Council Meeting reviewed progress on the PRISM process, and endorsed the new direction proposed for IRMTNZ, arising out of our January meetings. The focus on the new direction is to expand our membership, to ensure our members are all skilled teachers, and to promote our members to potential learners.

Key elements are:

- Simpler pathways to join the Institute, including an invitation to inexperienced teachers to join us and be trained in the skills of music teaching
- A revised membership structure to encourage career development and reinforce what makes us special
- A new professional development scheme that rewards those who participate
- A reviewed Code of Ethics and Health and Safety document
- A new-look website aimed at potential members and potential music learners.

Over the next two months Council members will develop details in all these areas, with a view to implementing changes from the upcoming January 2017 Christchurch Conference. Some matters will require approval by members at the AGM. The Council has asked me to visit the main-centre branches to explain what we have in mind for the Institute, and to answer questions. This is the plan for these branch meetings:

Friday 18 November, evening:
Hamilton

Saturday 19 November, afternoon:
Auckland

Sunday 20 November, afternoon:
Hawkes Bay

Sunday 27 November, lunchtime:
Christchurch

Sunday 27 November, evening:
Wellington

All members are encouraged to attend these meetings.