

**ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC
(AUCKLAND BRANCH)
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Annual General Meeting

A good number of members who attended our AGM on 16th March had the opportunity to meet Holy Trinity Cathedral Director of Music Timothy Noon and to hear about his remarkable musical career to this stage of his life. We can certainly look forward to what his enthusiasm and expertise might be able to achieve in Auckland.

The committee now consists of Neil Shroff (Chairman), John Hume (Secretary-Treasurer), Richard Bonifant (Chaplain), Anita Banbury, Lyndsay Freer and Leonie Lawson, plus new members Timothy Noon and Albert Wu.

COMING EVENTS

WACCM Music Conference

From July 11th to 15th Auckland plays host to the 21st Biennial Conference of the World Association for Chinese Church Music, with 30 world-class musicians and teachers in the field of church music providing instruction, guidance and inspiration to over 400 participants. The Conference is being held for the first time in New Zealand, and our committee member Albert Wu, who has been a long-time supporter of the RSCM, is deeply involved in the organization. Many of us who have taken part in Albert's 'Multi-Cultural Festivals' over the last few years can attest to his skills in organization, and we wish him all the best for the success of this major event.

The opening ceremony of the Conference will be held on Wednesday 11th July at 7 pm at the Baptist Tabernacle at 429 Queen Street. Albert issues a special invitation to anyone who would like to attend this opening.

Would you please RSVP to Albert to let him know the numbers wishing to come.

The closing ceremony will be another grand occasion on Saturday 14th July at 7 pm at Holy Trinity Cathedral (no RSVP required).

If you might be interested in attending some of the Conference Workshops and Courses, some of which will be in English, please contact Albert, who will send you details. His contacts are: Ph. 630 2007; Email: HYPERLINK "mailto:albertwuone@hotmail.com" albertwuone@hotmail.com.

Church Musicians' Training Day

Saturday 21st July, 10.30 am to 4.00 pm

St Thomas More Catholic Church, 336 Wairau Road, Glenfield

The next event in the RSCM programme is a combined day with the Auckland Organists' Association designed specifically to help those involved with accompanying church services. The full brochure prepared by the Organists' Association, included with this newsletter, will tell you everything which you need to know about this course.

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Hymn Festival Service with Organ and Brass

This stirring event will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday 7th October, with a rehearsal at 2.15 pm, refreshments at 4.15 and a service at 5 pm. Our Chairman has sourced some great brass arrangements, and we can look forward to an inspiring afternoon. More details will be sent nearer to the time.

OTHER EVENTS

An outstanding concert

Anita encourages us to attend a concert being given by the National Boys' Choir of Australia in conjunction with the Auckland Boys' Choir and the Orlando Singers. This will be held on Tuesday 3rd July at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Takapuna.

Many Choirs Festival

Many of you will have enrolled to sing in the annual Many Choirs Festival, which as usual gives people a chance to sing a variety of new and old church music with a bit of a challenge. It is too late now to enrol as a singer, but you might like to attend one of the two services, which are on Sunday 29th July at St John's Presbyterian Church, Papatoetoe at 5 pm and on Sunday 5th August at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Kohimarama at 5 pm.

St Mary's Singers (an opportunity)

In order to maintain HT Cathedral's cycle of Sunday Choral Evensongs throughout the year, a new occasional choir is being formed at the Cathedral. Under the direction of Anita Banbury this group will sing at times in the calendar when the Cathedral Choir is not available, such as during the school holidays. The choir will enable singers from other parishes, who do not have the opportunity regularly to sing Evensong in their own church, to make a special contribution to worship. The choir will sing Choral Evensong in the Cathedral for the first time on Sunday 19th August at 5 pm. Anyone interested in auditioning (informally) for membership of the choir is invited to contact Anita directly at Ph. 521 1119 or HYPERLINK "mailto:a.banbury@xtra.co.nz" a.banbury@xtra.co.nz.

Summer School 2013

We are pleased to be able to tell you that the next combined Australia-New Zealand RSCM Summer School, appropriately entitled 'Renew', will be held in Christchurch from 6th to 13th January 2013. At this stage expressions of interest are being sought. To register your

interest, go to the RSCMNZ web site (rscmnz.org.nz) where there are more details. We are told that you should go to the web site directly, and not through Google.

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