

NOTES

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The Newsletter of THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF CHURCH MUSIC - WAIKATO BRANCH

From the Chair -

Following on from our AGM we have the annual renewal of Branch subscriptions.

Our Treasurer Merv Hunt has listed these with an explanation of our Branch finances which were approved at the AGM.



You will notice mention of a reduced subscription when receiving Church Quarterly News in digital form. This has some technical problems now and is undergoing upgrading at RSCM UK HQ.

I advise members to wait a while before choosing to receive CMQ by this method, and in the meantime to continue paying the same subscription as previous years.

We will notify members when the new digital system is available.

I look forward to seeing members at our two workshops this year, and at two World Choral Games concerts to be held at St Andrew's church Cambridge on 7th and 17th July.

David Brookes.

From the Treasurer -

To all members, friends, and supporters of RSCM Waikato.

Thank you so much for your loyalty and your love of wonderful Church Music.

Despite rising costs, your committee has chosen to leave subscription rates for RSCM Waikato at the same level as they have been for some years.

To avoid a deficit, and to support the venues that host our events, we intend to seek a *koha* or voluntary donation from those who come to take part in these events.

While there **may** be ticketed events from time to time, we must stress that no one should hesitate to attend any RSCM event through lack of funds. **All are welcome!**

You may also consider a regular donation to RSCM Waikato of as little as \$5/month. This would help a lot, and of course all donations over \$5 per year are eligible for a tax rebate.

Yours in support of **great church music,**

Merv Hunt

RSCM Waikato Membership

It's time to renew your
membership – or join us for the
first time!



Levels of membership are:

Affiliate: \$95pa [Digital \$80pa]

Organisations such as Schools,
Churches and Choirs

Individual: \$80pa [Digital \$70pa]

All the same benefits as Affiliate

Friend: \$65pa

Supporters who receive selective benefits

Noter: \$25pa

Receive printed copies of NOTES Newsletter

Netter: Free (or Donation)

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For more information about the benefits of Membership,
or to join RSCM, please contact the Waikato Secretary
(Merv Hunt agcity@gmail.com), or make payment to:

RSCM Waikato Branch 06-0317-0036829-00

“please include your name as a reference & also email the secretary”

[Existing members will receive an invoice this month]



Presentation of Long Service Award

During the AGM of RSCM Waikato held at St Luke's Church Melville Hamilton on Sunday 5th May, a certificate of Long Service was presented to Beth Kay for her many years as a church organist. Beth has been a church organist for many years, starting in the Wellington region, and later at St John's church Te Awamutu, and now at St Luke's church Melville.

Beth's love and appreciation of church music stems from early childhood, particularly when first listening to Handel's 'Messiah'.

David Brookes, Chair RSCM Waikato mentioned in his presentation of this Award the need to recognise and appreciate organists who give faithful service to church music, but are often heard and not seen, hidden being a curtain or a screen.

In her accepting speech Beth mentioned what an honour it was to receive this award, and how she has been organist under many conductors, including Peter Godfrey.

She concluded by saying how church music has always been part of her life, and has and still is keeping her active both mentally and physically.

David Brookes.



***David Brookes, Chair, Waikato RSCM,
presenting Beth Kay with her RSCM Long
Service Award***



Beth Kay with her RSCM Long Service Award

RSCM Waikato Voices presents
A musical fun-run through
Late Victorian
Church Music

♪ Come & enjoy the
company of other singers

♪ Share a fabulous
afternoon tea

♪ Present a Free
Recital for friends,
family & students

♪ Learn about, and sing
some great sacred pieces
from this fascinating era

♪ Soak up the vibes of St
Peter's School Chapel & the
newly refurbished Organ

♪ Led by the talented duo
Michael Cox & Francis Cowan

Saturday, May 25th 2024
1pm to 3pm (Recital at 4pm)
St Peter's School Chapel, Cambridge
\$20 – including all music & afternoon tea

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