



## Syllabus News

The Syllabus committee are currently reviewing the Violoncello and Singing syllabuses and hope to have them ready to go on-line by the end of this term.

## New Examiners

NZMEB is delighted to have Richard Mapp as a new piano examiner. Richard is well known to New Zealand audiences and is passionate about encouraging our students to enjoy developing their music making skills.

NZMEB also has the pleasure of Debbie Rawson joining our team of Woodwind examiners. Deborah Rawson studied clarinet at Canterbury University, New Zealand, and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London. She currently holds the position of head of Woodwind at the New Zealand School of Music, Wellington.

In the December session, we have Rupert D'Cruze joining us as examiner in both piano and brass. Rupert comes to NZMEB with a wealth of experience in many areas of the music world and we are pleased to welcome him into our team.

## Staff News: Office

### ARRIVING:

Serena Jones was appointed to the role of National Administrator and started in the office on Tuesday October 25th. She has already learned her way around many of the systems in her first week and took the reins as the National Administrator from November 1st. She is settling in well to the role and the Trustees are sure that all teachers and Examiners will enjoy interacting with her.

Serena with her husband Harold have been involved with NZMEB from the very beginning. Together they developed our original successful branding and marketing plan and we are very pleased to welcome her into our team.



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*Serena Jones*

LEAVING:

At it's most recent Board meeting, NZMEB Trustees accepted with regret the resignation of Beverley Holder who has been our inaugural National Administrator. Beverley has set up systems that have worked well in the past five years in the role and we wish her well in the future. Her last day was 31st October. Her unfailing good humour and positive interaction with the NZMEB family have been invaluable. Fortunately we are not losing her wealth of expertise completely as she is taking over the role of Treasurer.

It is very sad to be reporting that Sue Comans – part time office assistant to Beverley Holder – passed away on Friday October 21st. Sue had been sick with cancer for many years and loved her part time role at NZMEB. She came to work every day (that she was well enough to come) with a smile and with enthusiasm and really enjoyed her time at NZMEB. She will be sadly missed by her close and extended family and her many friends. Sue was 45 and has two school aged daughters.

## Theory Exams

These were remarkably successful given the elation over the world cup win and the fact that entrants and teachers only had four days in the new term in which to refocus.

Marking is underway for the October session and is expected to be completed by the end of the month. A big thank you to all of our local representatives who supervised the morning.



Serena Jones  
National Administrator

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