

Glenfield Music Centre Chairperson's Report 19 September 2020

On behalf of the Committee and the teaching staff welcome to the 46th Annual General Meeting of the Glenfield Music Centre.

On behalf of the Committee I would, like to thank our dedicated team of teachers, our outgoing Supervisor Khalia Strong and our incoming Supervisor Naomi Christiansen, for their hard work during the year, particularly the last six months. I am very pleased that Khalia retains a connection to the Music Centre through the Senior Wind Band.

Khalia worked very intensively with Naomi during the later part of 2019 and early 2020 to bring her up to speed with Music Centre Operations and the Committee is very grateful for her efforts and on-going dedication to the vision of the Music Centre through Khalia's continued involvement in the Parent Committee.

As you are all acutely aware the last six months has seen so much change and upheaval that the first half of our financial year seems like something that belongs to an alternate universe.

Naomi has done everything the Committee has asked of her, keeping things ticking over in a world that was nothing like she expected, when she joined up, and we express our thanks for her efforts.

Our teachers however have been the absolute stars of the last few months. I cannot commend them highly enough for the way they have risen to the challenges of last few months taking lessons onto video conference platforms.

The technology has its challenges at both ends, teacher and student, and while nothing can completely replace face to face teaching the results over lock-down from my own observations as a parent, seemed to be very successful. Please join me a huge vote of thanks to our wonderful Music teachers!

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution of my fellow committee members Evans Leung and Tonia Shuker-Brown, Jay Dee Pullen, Natalia Zepeda de Abrego and Tina McDonnell.

Moving to more prosaic matters you will note from the financial statements that Music Centre made a moderate loss this year. The main reason for this is the classroom rental charged by Glenfield Intermediate School. The bulk of this expenditure related to the second half of 2019, prior to the increase in 2020 subscriptions and the lock-down.

We are not yet certain how much this will be, so the Committee has not yet made a final decision regarding membership subscriptions for 2021. These will be communicated once we have determined when enrolments for 2021 will open.

As this will be my last AGM with Music Centre I would like to wish you all the best for the future.

Karen Vernon
Treasurer & Acting Chair
September 2020