

**Musical Theatre New Zealand
Zone Two Report for year ended 31 December 2009**

It is with the greatest pleasure that I present this my first annual report for Zone Two. The year has been extremely busy and of course there are never enough hours in the day. I would like to thank all the Societies in the zone for their support during the year.

I visited, Thames, Whakatane, Tauranga, Rotorua, Musikmakers and Morrinsville during the year and thoroughly enjoyed their productions. Sincere thanks to all the Societies who have invited me to shows throughout the year and I will endeavour to visit those of you I missed out on during the coming year.

Many thanks to Tauranga for hosting the Zone meeting in July with a record number of people attending. A very informative meeting was followed by a lovely dinner and a showcase of talent from Tauranga. The second zone meeting will be held in Hamilton on February the 20th with organization well in hand for what I am sure will be another successful meeting.

The Zone is in good heart and the communication between Societies has improved tremendously throughout this year. I try to email you all once or twice a month and think it is vitally important to keep this communication going. The introduction of the newsletter has been a great success and almost all of the Societies are now contributing information for this.

I have attended two Executive meetings throughout the year – the first in Napier in July and the second in Auckland in October. Thank you sincerely to Ian, Lesley, Helen, Ross, Alan and Dellie for making me feel so welcome. And not to mention Kate who is the backbone of the organization. She is always on the end of that email when one is looking for an answer and if she does not know the answer then she surely will find it. Thank you Kate for you outstanding support.

I look forward to 2010 with a sense of excitement and eagerness and what better way to start the year than to celebrate 50 years of Musical Theatre. 2010 will be a good year for Zone Two. Tauranga and Hamilton will stage Miss Saigon – an amazing achievement culminating in the work of so many people, and all the other Societies will be busy with their productions, keep me informed, let me know the dates of your productions early and I will do my utmost to attend.

I would also like to thank Ray Spence (Poppa Bear) for his support during the year. His experience and knowledge gained during his 27 years as Zone Rep is invaluable and it is good to know he is not far away and is so willing to lend his support.

I cannot close with saying a special thanks to my daughter Tracy and my husband Gary for their support this year. Tracy does the driving and Gary holds the fort at home but we three make for a good team.

**Ngairé Holmes
Zone Two Representative**