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**Chairperson's Report– 2006**  
**ASME Tasmanian Chapter**  
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**1. Members of Chapter Council**

The Tasmanian Chapter held its AGM on 29 October 2005 and the following people were elected.

- Chair: Mrs Carolyn Cross
- Vice Chair South: Mrs Wendy Ross
- Vice Chair North: Mrs Angela Howie
- Secretary: Mrs Liz Young
- Treasurer: Mrs Wendy Ross
- Newsletter Editor: Mrs Carolyn Cross
- BAMER Research Officer: Associate Professor Margaret Barrett

**2. Chapter Council Meetings**

A general meeting was held after the AGM. A general meeting was held in March and late May.

**3. Chapter Membership**

At present our current membership stands at 16. This is a decline from last year. We increased our membership by one as part of our workshop/membership deal that we offered people who enrolled for the Ruth Bonetti seminars. But people who were members are not signing back up and when I contact them it is not because they don't want to it is just because they forget to.

**4. Activities for the Year**

Term 3 2005 – In conjunction with the AGM Len Clark ran a workshop on the computer programme Audacity. Len introduced us to the wonderful possibilities that Audacity opens up to us as well as sharing lots of other teaching ideas. He is a fabulous resource.

Term 1 2006 (May) – Ruth Bonetti gave a 4 hour teacher workshop and a 2 hour student seminar in Launceston and Hobart. Her teacher workshops focused on how to motivate, retain and inspire students, as well as tips on parent-teacher communication. Her student workshops focused on 7 easy habits for confident performance. We had an excellent response to these workshops in Launceston with 19 teachers and 129 students attending whilst in Hobart 3 teachers and 69 students enjoyed Ruth's presentation. Ruth is a highly engaging speaker who connected immediately with us and gave us real solutions to real problems that we and our students face when performing. Ruth very kindly paid her own airfare and accommodation. The Examiner newspaper published a story and photo from the Launceston workshop.

Term 2 2006 – After the 2 day workshop “Thinking in Sound” run by SED at the Conservatorium, James Humberstone was able to stay for an extra day and generously provided his time free subsidised by Sibelius. The workshop involved music teachers - most of whom were not members - bringing their own laptops with Sibelius already installed. James is a developer and constant user of Sibelius. James had some samples to show and also guided workshop participants through a worksheet he had devised.

The National Council meeting was held over the week-end of the 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> of June and our secretary Liz Young attended. There was some discussion on the ISME 2006 Conference in Kuala Lumpur and a progress report was given on the ASME XVI National Conference to be held at the new Convention and Exhibition Centre in Perth WA in July 2007.

Three major topics were discussed and work-shopped in detail at the meeting: NRSME Teaching Awards, NRSME Workshop (Summit) and the Flame Awards. The National President, Julie Montague introduced the work completed by National Executive and explained the delays resulting in the change in Federal minister, from The Hon Brendan Nelson to the Hon. Julie Bishop in late 2005. The National Framework for Values Education in Australian Schools was discussed as was promoting the Professional Learning and Teaching Australia project. Amanda Watson presented the Teaching Australia report and the National Education Forum report.

## **5. Chapter Publications**

Our newsletter remains the main form of communication with our members. Members received a term 1 2006 newsletter. The newsletter aims to provide a wide variety of articles some of the topics have included information about the National Review of School Music Education, the Flame Awards and the Tasmanian Chapters inclusion in Music in Action’s Top Ten. Due to a lack of time a term 3 newsletter has not been published.

## **6. Liaison with other Organisations**

ASME has begun to work with the TMTA and AUSTA. This contact has been initiated by ASME in a bid to work more closely with all music teachers in the state and become informed of any workshops etc. that other organisations are planning and invite them along to our workshops.

## **7. National Conference 2009**

I have contacted National Council and told them that the Tasmanian chapter would not be able to run the conference in 2009 due to a lack of personnel and time.

On a state level I feel that our chapter is struggling. I have enjoyed my time as chapter chair but I would like to attempt to step aside from the position as I am struggling to fulfil the commitment being a good chapter chair demands. I don’t like not doing a job well.

I would sincerely like to thank Wendy Ross for her continuing enthusiasm and drive and Liz Young for her work as Secretary.