

## **President's Report: ANATS Tasmania AGM 2023**

After a couple of really busy years - the past year has been extremely quiet. ANATS Tasmania held no workshops or events during this time.

Tasmania is a small community - this is both a blessing and a curse. The difficulty in a small community is holding enough events that will capture enough people to a) break even and b) motivate people to join ANATS. I'm proud to say that in the last few years we have done both of these, with the majority of our workshops breaking even, and individuals expressing to me that we were putting on enough events to warrant membership.

Living in a small community also means that the load of running chapters such as ours falls to a small number of people, and when life gets in the way, it can impact on the organisation on a larger scale. It saddens me to say that this is the case for me. Becoming a single parent last year changed my day-to-day life dramatically, and as such I have found it increasingly difficult to honour many of my commitments, including (and especially) my one to ANATS. It is because of this I have decided to step aside as President.

I want to thank Hannah and Lisa in particular for seeing me and carrying me behind the scenes as I wobbled to the end of this term. Their gentle prompts were essential. I also want to thank Quin for their incredible work getting our bank account back on line, and useable/accessible by Tasmanian Committee members. This is a huge step forwards.

There has been a tangible shift in the singing teacher community in Tasmania - it is wonderfully collegial and YOUNG. I really noticed this at the AMEB's masterclass with George Torbay recently, and have also noticed it in our new committee members, Katy Raucher and Mia Palencia.

The major benefit of a small community is that it gives me the opportunity to be as authentic as I've been in this report. I'm looking forward to supporting the new office bearers, and fulfilling my role as general committee member and cheer squad.