

# Circular Keys Chorus – Friends ENews

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Don't forget our new CD makes the perfect Christmas present  
– we will even post it for you anywhere on planet Earth!

## Holidays Approach

As this is our final letter of the year, we'd like to wish you all a safe and happy festive season with your families and loved ones, and all the very best for 2011. Although it can only be in our imagination that we Antipodeans hear sleigh bells and the crunch of feet on freshly fallen snow, as Christmas approaches we're looking forward to singing our favourite traditional carols, as well as a couple of new arrangements. See you all in the New Year!



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## Gettin' to Know You

Our Coursettes are no longer – rather they have become part of the chorus proper, and we welcome with excitement their energy, individuality and commitment.

## November Show

Thanks to the efforts of the combined Show Team of Sydney Harmony and Circular Keys, we had a full house on the night, and a wonderful evening was had by all. Guests were extremely generous with their support of our great raffles (thank you, Fundraising Team!), and sales of our latest CD were very pleasing.

The earth shook for our competitors at the air guitar competition, which saw a mighty battle between competing artistes of the genre. Thankfully no-one was concussed, and the audience was hugely entertained by their energetic display.

No sign of frenzied nerves however was seen from our newest members, who performed with verve and made an appreciable difference to our sound, as commented on by many guests. Sydney Harmony & Circular Key bought a tear to the eye and a smile of delight to many with their classy performances.

The evening rocked on to the fantastic music of Out of the Shadows until finally it was Cinderella time, and weary but satisfied bodies dragged themselves homewards.

## The saddest farewell

Our dearest chorus member Jo Brice has lost her husband and beloved life partner Alex to cancer. Those of you who had the great pleasure of meeting Alex will understand what a loss this is. It was a privilege to sing at Alex's funeral which was an inspiring service and a fitting send-off for such a lovely man. We hold Jo, Amanda and family close in our thoughts as they deal with their grief.

## Going forward

is always helped by looking backwards...and on reflection it has been a very satisfying year for Circular Keys. Increasing our membership, one of our key goals following Nashville, has been a resounding success, as shown by our performance at the Galston Eisteddfod, where, apart from winning our category, we more importantly received gratifying comments from the judges.

We thoroughly enjoyed our guest coaches, and hope our singing reflects the excellent tuition we received. Our mystery donor was the icing on our cake, and we should have taken possession of our new risers as this goes to print. As always, our grateful thanks go to the staff at St Joseph's, whose continual quiet support of us is such a mainstay. Next year brings a new bevy of beautiful coaches to our rehearsal rooms, before we head up to the Newcastle Convention in May.