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We are creative musicians who inspire with heart, soul and musical excellence.

Secret Chorus Business

MEMBER NEWS

Retreat is coming up very fast. Please pay Cathy at your earliest convenience in cash (giving the envelope to Cathy personally) or by EFT, preferably. If you have dietary requirements that you have not yet told me about please do that this Wednesday.

Dale Syverson will be with us at our Wednesday rehearsal on 26th February as well as the weekend. It would be great if everyone could be there on time and in your polos. I know you will come with a receptive and positive attitude.

Dale will also be available for either personal lessons or quartet sessions on Thursday 27th. Her fees are \$85/hour. If you are interested in booking Dale for a session, please see Vicki.

Our new velvet pants have arrived. Karen T. has suggested that the best time to distribute them will be at the retreat. You will need to bring your chorus shoes (other shoes will not do) to retreat as she will be ensuring that all pants are the right length and pinning them for you to take up.

The Visual Team will be reviewing choreo on Wednesday. Please ensure that you bring your recording device (eg. Phone, handheld video camera) and have it with you on the risers in your pocket or a bag so that you don't have to get off the risers to get it. You will be able to then record a personal clip of the choreo.

Last week we were given our new riser positions. If you have forgotten where your new place is, please check on the website to refresh your memory. We **will not** have a printout of new riser placements. If you missed last week, then you haven't got a place yet. Please stand off the risers until Vicki gives you your new position. However, as it was said last Wednesday, some tweaking will need to be done for the best sound. No one's position is set in concrete so please be flexible, and accept change with a smile.

Everyone should be off paper for "Skyfall". If you are unable to be off paper, then please stand off the risers this Wednesday as Vicki would like to start working on the interpretation of the song.

If you have not registered for Convention yet then do so ASAP as you may miss out on the early bird concession.

I'm still after stall-holders for Harmony Bazaar. If you know of anyone that you think would be suitable for the Bazaar, please let me know, and I will send them relevant documentation.

There are still people that need to pay dues for last year. Please pay promptly as you are jeopardizing your "good standing" with the chorus.

Vicki has sent an email about providing individuals with PVI's during the warm-up sessions on a Wednesday. What a wonderful opportunity this is to get tips on how to be a better singer from a helpful and friendly member of the Music Team.

Steph has uploaded versions of "Waltzing Matilda" and "Celebration". Please review these and "My country" as we will be going over these songs at the end of rehearsals.

Just thought you'd like to know ...

Thanks go to all the girls who gave up their time last Sunday for the Bunnings sausage sizzle.

Our remarkable Jo Brice is home and doing well. Carolyn Watt, on the other hand, is struggling with health issues and is having some time off. We wish her all the very best, and hope to see her soon.

This week supper will be provided by Lyn H., Rosemary Ch., Yasi W., Janice M. Hospitality team are Cathy S. and Janice M.

Risers have to come down every Wednesday until the 26th February.

DIARY DATES

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FEBRUARY

	First rehearsal with Dale Syverson
Friday 28 th	Residential retreat at St Joseph's with Dale Syverson

MARCH

Saturday 1st – Sunday 2nd **Residential** retreat at St. Jospeph's.

JUNE

Sunday 1stSSunday 8thS

Sausage Sizzle – Seven Hills Sausage Sizzle – Castle Hill

Suggestion Box

You will find the suggestion box in the kitchenette near the hot water dispenser. I have already received several suggestions, and these will be presented at the next Management Team meeting.