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# 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.

Dale Syverson will be with us at our Wednesday rehearsal on 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Vicki has tweaked the new riser positions. Please check on the website if your positions has been changed.

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.

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.

Don't forget to let Vicki know if you have young women who would be interested in the workshop Young Women in Harmony. For more information log onto www.ywih.org.au

#### Just thought you'd like to know ...

Coaching with Alex Morris (Director Geelong Harmony Chorus) on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Coaching with Lynne Smith Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

Faculty visit from Lea Baker 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

There is the possibility that we may have a Family/Friends Performance at St Joseph's 4<sup>th</sup> May depending on availability of venue. This is part of our usual preparation for Convention.

We have been invited by Sydney Harmony to perform at their concert on  $22^{nd}$  June at the Independent Theatre.

Dede Nibler (Member of the International Faculty and Master Director of Voices United Chorus) will be running a workshop at St Joseph's 2<sup>nd</sup> August. For more information go to the SAA website.

This week supper will be provided by Roz Blair, Rachael M., Sharon S., Jenny Do R. Hospitality Team: Inese and Jenny Do R.

Risers have to come down every Wednesday until the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### **DIARY DATES**

#### 2014

**FEBRUARY** 

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> First rehearsal with Dale Syverson

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Residential retreat at St Joseph's with Dale Syverson

**MARCH** 

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

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Coaching with Alex Morris Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Coaching with Lynne Smith

**APRIL** 

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Faculty visit – Lea Baker

MAY

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Family/Friends concert (Details TBA as is firm date)

**JUNE** 

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sausage Sizzle – Seven Hills Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Sausage Sizzle – Castle Hill

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Guests at Sydney Harmony Concert at Independent Theatre

(Details TBA)

### **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.