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Secret Chorus Business

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome back for another fun filled and challenging year.

Our first really important event is our retreat at St Joseph's from Friday 28th February to Sunday 2nd March. I have already been asked if we all need to be there on the Friday, and the answer is "YES". Dale Syverson will be our coach. It has taken Vicki years to get her to come to us. Please, try not to miss out on any of the coaching, which will be amazing and inspirational. That is why we are having the residential retreat so that we can really concentrate. On the Saturday we have a motivational speaker who is truly remarkable.

Below, you will find the costings for the weekend. You also have a rough idea of the food that will be provided. If you have any dietary requirements, please let me know ASAP so that I can ensure that you are accommodated.

Catering

Saturday

Breakfast: Continental (toast, cereal, yoghurt, fruit - fresh, dried, canned, juice, tea/coffee)

Lunch: Light (e.g. chicken, pasta, rice, quiche) served with salads, rolls, fruit, juice,

tea/coffee

Dinner: Main Meal and Dessert

Sunday

Breakfast: Continental (toast, cereal, yoghurt, fruit - fresh, dried, canned, juice, tea/coffee) Lunch: Light (e.g. chicken, pasta, rice, quiche) served with salads, rolls, fruit, juice, tea/coffee

Accommodation

Single Ensuite Rooms (1 person per room/per night)

\$90.00

Twin Share Ensuite Rooms (2 people per room/night)

\$120.00

Ryan Rooms (6 single rooms share 3 toilet/bathrooms/per night)

\$75.00

Twin Share Rooms = 18 rooms = 36 people Single Rooms + Fold Out Bed = 10 rooms = 20 people (So these could be Single Rooms or Twin Rooms) Extra Single Rooms = 34 people I need to have the final numbers, accommodation preferences and dietary requirements to St Joseph's by the 18th February. I will have sign up sheets from Wednesday on for you to record this information.

Members who are intending to go to Convention, please register on-line as per Di's email. It's easy to do and saves both Di and Cathy an enormous amount of work.

If you think you might know someone who would be interested in a stall at Harmony Bazaar please let me know ASAP so that I can send them the relevant information. The hall where the Bazaar will be held is huge, so we need to ensure all available spaces are taken. CKC is responsible for organizing Harmony Bazaar at this Convention and for this the chorus will receive a grant of \$1000.

Please ensure that all outstanding fees etc. are paid promptly so as not to jeopardize your "good standing" in the chorus.

Just thought you'd like to know ...

For those of you who were not at the last rehearsal, I would like to let you know that we have had two resignations from the chorus, Bridie Taylor and Janet Dunn. Life has taken both of them in a different direction and they have resigned with great reluctance. We wish them all the very best for their future.

Jan Bird is becoming an Associate Member as she is planning on spending time with her daughter who is moving to Melbourne, and in New Zealand.

Rosie Cariola is taking leave-of-absence for about 6 months as she is struggling with health issues.

We wish both Jan and Rosie all the very best and hope to see them soon in better health and spirits.

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

DIARY DATES

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FEBRUARY

Sunday, 9th Sausage Sizzle – Castle Hill

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

MARCH

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

JUNE

Sunday 1st Sausage Sizzle – Seven Hills Sunday 8th 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.