



## SECRET CHORUS BUSINESS FOR WEDNESDAY 13th July 2011

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

### REHEARSAL

This week's rehearsal is in the Pacifica Room and the risers have to come down as the room is being used on the weekend.

### MEMBER NEWS

Hopefully, chocolate sales are booming. Remember Liz will continue to provide you with chocolates as long as you keep selling them.

Everyone in CKC is aware of how busy the Management Team is in moving the chorus towards musical excellence, and Denver. There have been some members who have already put their names down to serve on various committees. However, there are a lot who have not signed up for anything, and the Committee leaders are buckling under the strain of all the work. So, starting from Wednesday, we will have sign up sheets for the different committees. Please ensure that you put your name down for at least one.

### REMEMBER THE MORE WE SHARE THE LOAD THE LIGHTER IT BECOMES

**CKC has been hit with a rent rise at St. Joseph's. The \$70/week rate has virtually doubled.**

Their justification is that there has not been an increase in rent for several years and is therefore warranted. This means that we have to be more forthright in our approach to raising money to cover our expenses. Liz and her fundraising team have some great ideas but help is required to make things happen.

Vicki and the Music Team are in the process of putting together a Christmas package that we will market. This of course, requires commitment from chorus members to participate in sing outs. We will be starting rehearsals of this Christmas package after the Buzz Concert. The first song will be **"It's beginning to look like Christmas"**

As we all know, Vicki is going to Director's School and will not be at two rehearsals. She would like to change the rehearsal that was to be on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July so that she could work with us in final preparation for the Buzz Concert.

### DENVER 2012

There are still a lot of members who, though verbally have expressed their intention of going to Denver, still have not signed up officially on the website. If you are having a problem with recording your intentions please let one of the Management team know so that we can help you. It is really vital that Vicki and Di know as soon as possible so that organization can proceed. This is particularly important if Vicki is to invite singers from other choruses to supplement voice parts that are lacking in order to get the chorus balance right.

**Wednesday 3rd August (first rehearsal after the Buzz Concert) momentous things are planned for the chorus. Be there to participate in the decision-making process!!!**

The dates for the two Bunning sausage sizzles have been amended in the SCB. Please check to see that the new dates are suitable for you and record your availability.

There are two new events on our events calendar: Crestwood Fair and the Spring Fashion Parade/Fair. Please register your availability on the website for these. (For more details refer to the Dates for you Diary section of SCB)

## CKC in the 21st Century – THE NEW AND IMPROVED CKC WEBSITE

Management team has agreed that we redesign our CKC website using a system called Groupanizer Sing! This is purpose designed for groups like us, and it's used by many Sweet Adelines and Barbershop Harmony Society choruses around the world (including, in Region 34, Sweet Adelines Australia, Endeavour Harmony, Northern Beaches Chorus, A Capella West, Adelaide Sound Connection, and Hot Ginger). Changes will affect both the public website and the Members Only pages.

Our old website has served us well for several years. This new website is more usable (for example, you can record all you attendance on one screen) and offers some extra features. Vicki's very excited about riser placements plan which she can view on her iPad at chorus. Deborah likes being able to see which songs she needs to learn, and which ones she's passed her risers on.

James has been working closely with Tom Metzger of Groupanizer (who, incidentally, is the bass of international men's quartet, Realtime) to set our new site up, and it's looking good. We won't be launching until after the Buzz Concert, and you will get all the help you need to find your way around before we go live.

If you'd like to preview what the public site will look like, go to <http://www.rhythmoftherockies.org/> as we're using a similar template.

We'll keep you updated.

### REMINDER:

Keep working on the Choreo. For those who need to pass their risers, keep submitting them!!!

### THE BUZZ - WORKSHOP

Start: Saturday, 30 July 2011 - 8.30am

Finish: Sunday, 31 Jul 2011 – 12.30pm

Venue: Parade Theatre, 215 Anzac Park Road, Kensington

**Workshop – members are to pay individually for the workshop via the Sweet Adelines website:**

<http://www.sweetadelines.org.au/events/buzz/index.htm>

We will be performing at the show so it is important that you register your attendance on our website ASAP. There will be a block booking of seats for performers at the discount price of \$20 but if you choose to sit with your family and friends then you will need to book seat separately and quote a discount code.

*Want to improve your voice? Want to become a better chorus singer? Want to learn skills from one of the world's best at the barbershop art form? Then these workshops are for you! Debbie, Karen, Jeannie and Nancy will wow you with their voices, their energy and lead an exciting weekend of learning.*

### SUPPER ROSTER

Karen T., Yasanthi W., Cinzia L., Rhonda C.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

There are new dates to go into you diary. The weekend retreat with Brindabella Chorus has been cancelled, however a new schedule for coaching has been drawn up by Vicki.

### JULY 2011

- **The BUZZ Downunder** – Sydney Show – July 29
- **The BUZZ Downunder** – Sydney Workshop – July 30 to 31

**SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>** – Coaching with Peggy Graham (Bass from the international winning quartet “Rumours”, past president of Sweet Adelines International and Director of ‘Top of the Rock Chorus’ (Wednesday rehearsal)

### SEPTEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

- Crestwood Fair – Starts 10.30 am.

### SEPTEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

- Spring Fashion Parade/ Fair at St. Joseph's

### **NOVEMBER 2011**

- **Bunnings BBQ** – Norwest – 12<sup>th</sup> November

### **DECEMBER 2011**

- **Bunnings BBQ & Raffle** – Dural – 3<sup>rd</sup> December

### **MARCH, 2012**

- **Weekend 23-25th Coaching with Lynne Smith** (St. Joseph's)
- **28<sup>th</sup> coaching with Lynne Smith** (Wednesday rehearsal)

### **MAY, 2012**

- **Weekend 25-27 Coaching with Kim Vaughn** (St. Joseph's)

### **OCTOBER, 2012**

- **Weekend 5-7 Coaching with Lynne Smith** (St. Joseph's)

### **OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 4, 2012**

- International Competition, Denver

**Reminder:** Please record your availability for Denver ASAP on the website. The chorus has been given till the end of July to do this but the sooner we know numbers the sooner we can get on with organising the event.

## **PERFORMANCE DATES**

Please mark your availability for these events on the chorus website or speak with Lorraine.

### **WEDNESDAY, 23 NOV 2011 - WESLEY UNITING CHURCH**

Start time:	12.30pm for 1.00pm start
Duration:	30 minutes
Finish date:	Wed, 23 Nov 2011
Type of event:	Performance
Venue:	Wesley Uniting Church 32 Showground Road, Castle Hill
Costume:	TBA
Description for members:	Last year the ladies provided lunch, but unfortunately this year the budget strings are a bit tight so they unable to do this. We will receive a \$250.00 performance fee