

Secret Chorus Business

Integrity – Commitment - Fun
Dare to be Different

BACK TO ST JOSEPHS FOR REHEARSAL

This week we will be back on the risers at St Josephs.

ANNE DOWNTON WORKSHOP

Anne Downton will be back in just a few short weeks for another fabulous fun filled weekend workshop at St Josephs.

When:

- Friday 1 November - 7.30pm to 10pm
- Saturday 2 November - 9am to 5pm
- Sunday 3 November - 9am to 4pm



More details to come, but please make sure the dates are in your diary and you have updated your attendance on the website.

HELP WANTED

Anne Downton will be here in a few short weeks. Thanks to Liz, Rachael and Kath for volunteering to help out with Anne's visit. I need another volunteer to help out with either:

- Take Anne back to the Airport Tuesday 5th November for a 1.55pm flight
- Organise an outing for Anne to help entertain her while she is here on Monday 4th November

If you feel you can help in anyway, please email Carol (incazo@bigpond.net.au).

CKC CHRISTMAS PARTY



The CKC Christmas party has been booked for:
Wednesday 18th December.

Join your fellow CKC members for a fun night of feasting, festivities, skits and festive frivolity.

Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks, but for now:

1. Mark the date in your diary – it's sure to be a night to remember
2. Get your thinking caps on because you will all be asked to add to the evening's entertainment.

Any questions, please check with Cheryl Benson

GIANT GARAGE SALE - NOVEMBER 16

More details to come soon, but please save the date and start putting aside any items you may have for sale.



INTERNATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS VOTE

On Wednesday 6 November members will be asked to vote for this round of IBOD nominees.

The voting slips will be set up at the table outside the rehearsal room. Please cast your vote as you arrive. You will be asked to vote for 4 people.

Eight candidates have been nominated to fill four expiring terms on the International Board of Directors beginning May 1, 2020, and ending April 30, 2023.



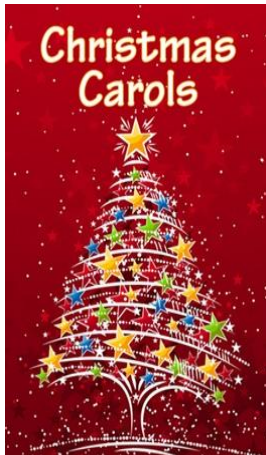
Nominees are:

1. Therese Antonini – North Metro Chorus
2. Paula Davis – Song of Seattle Chorus
3. Leslie Galbreath – Skyline Chorus
4. Elaine Hamilton – Forth Valley Chorus
5. Vickie Maybury – Skyline Chorus
6. Mary Rhea – OK City Chorus

For full information on each of the nominees and to help your decision please visit the Sweet Adelines International website link

[**2019 Board Nominee Flyer**](#)

CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY



We have our dates for the Christmas Carols in the city. This year we have three performances:

- Saturday 23rd November at Town Hall Station
Call Time 5.30 pm – Singing
- Saturday 30th November at Martin Place
Call Time 5.15pm – Sing a long
- Sunday 15th December at Martin Place
Call time 5.15 pm – Singing

These are paid performances and more details to come closer to the time.

The Christmas songs rehearsal schedule through to October 23 is shown below. A ✓ means the song is scheduled for that week's rehearsal. Please note that Christmas Chopstix has not been scheduled yet – it will come later.:

CHRISTMAS SONG LIST FOR 2019	REHEARSAL SCHEDULE	
	October	
	16	23
All I Want for Christmas is You	✓	
Christmas Chopstix		
Do You Hear What I Hear	✓	
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas	✓	
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas		✓
Jingle Bell Rock	✓	
Jingle Bells		✓
Santa Baby	✓	
Santa Claus is Coming to Town		✓
The Little Drummer Boy	✓	
Various Themes of "Fa-La-La"	✓	
We Need a Little Christmas		

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Maria Priestley October 14
 Alison Anderson November 05
 Violeta Owen November 11



Emma Edwards November 21
 Anne Thompson November 23

STAR OF THE WEEK



Noticed one of our CKC members doing something fabulous lately? Why not recognize them with a nomination for the Star of the Week?

To nominate a member: Please email Jen Senior (jasenior@hotmail.com) with the member's name and short description as to why you would like to nominate that person.

NEW CHORUS EYESHADOW

News from the Makeup team – our new chorus eyeshadow has been chosen. The new colour palette is:

Revlon PhotoReady Primer, Shadow & Sparkle - #501 Metropolitan.



Revlon cosmetics are readily available at Chemist Warehouse, Priceline, Big W, Target and a number of other stores.

Each member is asked to source the new eyeshadow palette for themselves. There's plenty of time before contest to watch out for specials and grab a bargain.

The Makeup team will provide updated makeup application instructions prior to contest.

CHORUS PAYMENTS

Please be advised that we would like to phase out cash and cheque payments over the next 6 months or so. We encourage you to use EFT for your payments to chorus. Please contact Sue Gray if you need further details, or if you have an issue that prevents you from paying using EFT.

CKC Bank Account Details for online payments:

Westpac Bank

BSB 032170

Account Number: 273702

Account Name: Circular Keys Chorus Incorporated



COMPETITION – 2020 HOBART

Dates: **14 to 17 May 2020**

Location: **Wrest Point Hotel & Casino**

Competition: **Quartets – Friday 15 May**
Chorus – Saturday 16 May



Sweet Adelines
AUSTRALIA



- We have received notification that CKC has now been allocated 32 double rooms on site at the Wrest Point Hotel and Casino.
- This means that all members will be able to stay on site at convention
- All our rooms include a light breakfast

CKC PHOTOS

If you have any photos of CKC you would like to share, can you please add them to our online photo bucket or email them through to Ann Keating.

There are instructions on the website under the Documentation page here:

<https://circularkeys.org/system/files/attachments/344/2015-01-12%20Photobucket%20instructions.pdf>

Any questions, please see Ann Keating.



ANGEL FUND



Did you know CKC has an Angel Fund to assist Chorus members who may be experiencing personal hardship that prevents them from participating in Chorus activities such as weekend retreats and Convention. Angel Fund assistance cannot be used to pay monthly membership dues.

The Fund is funded from donations and specific fund-raising events. It is administered by the Team Coordinator and Finance Manager and all requests for assistance are confidential.

There is no requirement to repay assistance, but any members may wish to make a donation to the fund when they are able to do so.

You can contact the Team Coordinator or Finance Manager if you want to ask about assistance. All enquiries will be kept confidential.

PONDERINGS

During the week, Vicki shared a post from Mo Field – Vocal Performance Coach on our Facebook page. As I know not everyone is on Facebook, I thought I would share it in the newsletter. I think there is some food for thought in the post as we lead up to our competition next May.



Mo Field - Vocal
Performance Coach

the thing about singing in a chorus ... when you are a part of something bigger than yourself, it is so easy to rest back a little and feel that carrying just enough of your part is enough ... but here is the thing - if everyone does that, subtly the momentum of the chorus suffers. .. and soon, increasingly, people think it's acceptable to miss rehearsals here and there, or show up half prepared and lean on others. it happens in every group ... yes, EVERY group - don't try and deny it

it is a slippery slope for even the most dedicated of choruses.

no matter the size or calibre of your ensemble, you are better to carry the unshakable feeling that the chorus culture and habits depend on YOUR reliability alone ! .. if not you, then WHO?
... we ALL must be heroes ...

make it worth while. if you spend your time, make the most of it ! .. give more than is requested - learn that music a week earlier than expected .. learn more than one part .. do something EXTRA without being asked ! ... worker smarter - and even harder .. your reward is integrity.

this builds culture and a healthier climate for everyone! esprit de corps is what it is ALL about.

the more you give, the more you get. it is in the giving that miracles and magic live. who doesn't want that?

so, how else does one become magnificent? is it the director's responsibility to make it happen FOR you? ... your section leader makes it happen FOR you? .. on the back of your membership card, does it say "this is somebody else's chorus. I just sing in it" ... ?

if you want to grow, start digging in more deeply. help yourself. .. better yet, explore the joys and benefits of being of service to others ! everyone has SOMETHING to offer ...

so, consider this mantra "if you are part of something bigger than yourself, then for goodness sake, ACT like you are bigger than yourself !

.. and remember, as Carlos Santana says
.. "there is nothing more contagious than enthusiasm"



MEMBER LEAVE

Are you planning on taking holidays or unable to attend rehearsal?

If so please email absence@circularkeys.org

Using this email address ensures the Musical Director, Membership and the Music Team are all notified at the same time.



Current member leave

Linda Vitali-Alchin	11/08 – 30/10/19	Rina Pinto	01/10 – 31/10/19
Lyn Howells	04/09 – 30/10/19	Frances Gurto	02/10 – 06/11/19
Kate Hawkins	11/09 – 23/10/19	Barb Morris	30/10 – 07/11/19
Heather Will	25/09 – 30/10/19	Miryam Baeza	22/11 – 13/12/19
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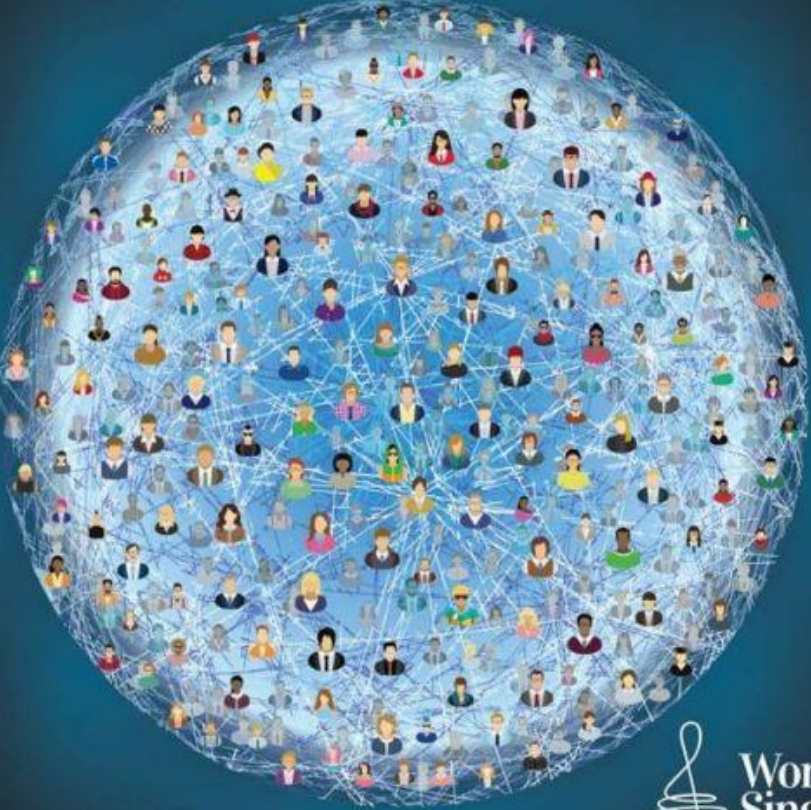
SUPPER ROSTER

DATE	NAMES	HOSPITALITY TEAM
Wed 16.OCT	MARIA P, ANNE T, LIZ PW, YASI W	YASI, LIZ PW
Wed 23. OCT	DANI G, DEBORAH M, PIPPA A, JESSI F	PIPPA, JESSI
Wed 30. OCT	SUE R, STEPH W, RACHAEL M, VERNE (birthday cake)	VERNE, INESE
November		
Fri 1. NOV	ANN DOWNTON coaching – No supper Friday night	
Sat 2. NOV	BASS CLEFFS	H - TEAM
Sun 3. NOV	TREBLE CLEFFS	H - TEAM
Wed 6. NOV	KATH W, JEN S, KAYE K, JENNY D	KAYE, JENNY
Wed 13.NOV	ANNE T, SUE R, ANNE H, SUSAN K	ANNE, SUSAN
Wed 20. NOV	KAREN P, CHERYL B, INESE, CATHY S	INESE, CATHY
Wed 27. NOV	SHARON S, JANE M, PIPPA, ALISON (birthday cake)	ALISON, JESSI

DIARY DATES

2019	
October 11	Music Team Meeting
October 19	World Singing Day
October 24	Management Team Meeting
November 1-3	Coaching Weekend with Anne Downton
November 16	Giant Garage Sale
November 22-24	Education – Steve Scott – Canberra (member own organization)
November 23	Christmas Carols – Town Hall Station - Call Time 5.30pm
November 30	Christmas Carols – Martin Place - Call Time 5.15pm
December 15	Christmas Carols – Martin Place - Call Time 5.15pm
December 18	CKC Christmas Party – St Josephs 
2020	
Feb – 21 -23	Coaching Live in Weekend @ St Joseph's – Diane Huber
March - 27-29	Coaching Weekend with Lynda Keever
April 18	Workshop – Getting ready for convention 
May – 14-17	Convention – Hobart
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August 29	CKC Concert at Hornsby RSL - possible

Sing together. Unite the world.



19 Oct. 2019

World
Singing
Day

Saturday 19 October

Sydney's inaugural World Singing Day event

The Gallery, Kirribilli Centre
16-18 Fitzroy Street, Kirribilli

2 - 4 pm

Bring a song to share - a solo, duets, quartets or groups (copies of the WSD theme song will be available on the day).

Maybe a pitch pipe and and some afternoon tea to share would be great too.

