

Secret Chorus Business

Integrity – Commitment - Fun
Dare to be Different

REHEARSAL THIS WEEK

Looking forward to catching up with you all on Zoom at our rehearsal this week.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8345956112>

Meeting ID: **834 595 6112**

Rehearsal Plan:

The meeting will open around 7.15pm tomorrow night

Themes this month will be:

Date	Theme
Sep 16	In recognition of International Talk Like a Pirate day (19 th September) come in your best pirate attire!!
Sep 23	Come along in blue to celebrate the Bluebird of Happiness Day
Sep 30	Today is “Ask a Stupid Question Day” – come along prepared with your best stupid question and see what answers you get...

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Kaye Kendall
Judith Bourne

September 24
September 24



Susan Kelly
Liz Perry-Windhorst

September 28
October 4

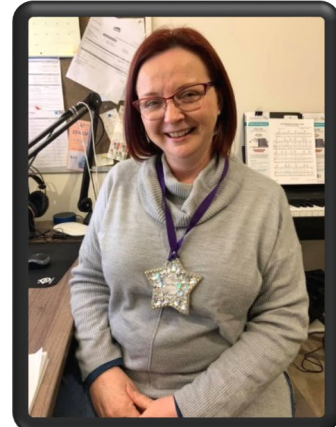
STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our latest star

Vicki Dwyer

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 them.



Superstar!

CHORUS PAYMENTS



Please note that there is no option for cash payments available at this time and we ask 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

REHEARSALS

As you know we are not able to rehearse together as a large group on the advice of Dr Kerry Chant Chief Health Officer NSW Ministry of Health. In a recent statement (14th August 2020) the following advice was included:

Singing in groups (whether by choirs or by congregants) or chanting is a particularly high risk activity and must not take place at this time, irrespective of whether singers or chanters are wearing masks. The only COVID-Safe singing that is permitted is a solo singer distanced at least five metres away from other people and not directly above the audience.

We have had small groups of chorus members gathering together on Wednesday nights to zoom into the rehearsals as a group, and we know that this does bring benefits.

So if you have a safe space where you could host one or two friends over for a rehearsal whilst still practicing safe social distancing, and you feel comfortable doing so, you might like to consider organizing a small group rehearsal at your place.

We do not expect you to do this, and there is absolutely no truth to the rumour that Vicki will expect you to all sing the contest songs live!!

TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY

This Saturday (19th September) is International Talk Like a Pirate Day, a day for anyone to celebrate the history and speech from the Golden Age of Pirates – yes it's a silly, but fun thing to celebrate.

So how do we celebrate? Well, we talk like pirates of course!

First off, you need to growl a lot and sort of yell your words with a scowl on your face. Say "Arrrrr!" every now and then and gesture a lot.

Always say "me" not "my". For example, you would say "This is me ship", not "This is my ship".

Here are some words and phrases you can use to participate in this day:

- Ahoy! - Hello
- Aye! - Yes
- Booty - Treasure
- Colors - Flag
- Matey - Shipmate or friend
- Hearties - Friends
- Lass - Woman or girl
- Avast! - Stop
- Blimey! - Something to say when frustrated
- Savvy? - Do you understand?
- Shiver me timbers! - Something to say when you are surprised
- Yo-ho-ho - Something to say when happy
- Ye - Use this instead of "you"



- Aft - The back of the ship
- Bilge - Bottom of the ship
- Fore - Front of the ship
- Port - Left side of the ship
- Starboard - Right side of the ship
- Buccaneer - Another name for pirate
- Lad - Young man
- Scallywag - Someone you don't trust
- Shanty - Song
- Cutlass - Pirate's sword
- Doubloons - Gold coins or money
- Jolly Roger - The flag of a pirate ship
- Hornswaggle - Cheat someone
- Marooned - To get stuck on a desert island
- Walk the plank - To be forced to walk off a plank of the ship into the ocean
- Weigh Anchor - Get the ship ready to sail

The holiday was originally created by John Baur and Mark Summers in 1995. The idea came to them when one of them got hurt during a racquetball game and yelled out "Arrrr!". They decided it would be funny to make a whole day where people talked like pirates. They chose September 19th because it was Mark's ex-wife's birthday and he figured it would be easy for him to remember.

At first it was just something they did for fun. They figured it would never take off. Then columnist Dave Berry (Miami Herald) wrote an article about it and the day became famous. Now a lot of people celebrate the day because it's fun and silly.

Fun Facts About Talk Like a Pirate Day

John Baur uses the pirate name Ol' Chumbucket and Mark Summers is called Cap'n Slappy.

Real pirates were actually bad people who did bad things. The founders of the day want people to know they are not honoring real pirates with this day, but just having some fun.

English actor Robert Newton is the "patron saint" of Talk Like a Pirate Day..

Famous Fictional Pirates

Captain Hook - Peter Pan

Long John Silver - Treasure Island

Captain Jack Sparrow - Pirates of the Caribbean

Dread Pirate Roberts - The Princess Bride

Captain Hector Barbossa - Pirates of the Caribbean

Captain Feathersword - The Wiggles

The Flying Dutchman - SpongeBob SquarePants

Please note, it is only TALK like a Pirate day, not ACT like a Pirate – so no shooting cannons at people, or making them walk the plank.

LATEST VIRTUAL PROJECT

We received a grant from WayAhead Mental Health Association NSW (Thanks Pippa ★) in support of Mental Health Month in October. As part of receiving this grant we are holding a 6 week workshop inviting people to join us for a virtual project using "The Secret of Christmas".

The event is free and registration spaces are limited. It will be released out on our facebook page mid week and you are welcome to share with friends. This will be run as a special rehearsal each Wednesday focusing on this song from 7.30-8.30pm via a different Zoom link which will be sent out for everyone to attend.

Our standard rehearsal will then be held after via the link we use each week.

We all know the mental health benefits of singing and also singing as part of a group, even a virtual one, so this is our opportunity to give others the opportunity to experience this as well.



Do you Love to sing?

Are you Looking to connect with others?

Do you Love a challenge?

Then TUNE IN and join Circular Keys Chorus' next virtual chorus project.

As part of Mental Health Month in October we are inviting you to join us virtually for six weeks to learn, laugh, and sing together. We sing in four parts, so if you sing high, if you sing low or if you sing in between, there's a place just for you.

Neuroscience proves singing makes us happier, healthier, smarter and more creative.

Singing is also a great way to make friends and find a community to belong to.



For more information & to register visit
www.circularkeys.org



REDUCED CHORUS FEES CHANGING IN NOVEMBER

As you may remember, your management team offered you an option to reduce your CKC fees during May, June and July 2020. At our management team in July, we decided to continue offering this option for the next 3 months (August, September and October 2020) unless we return to rehearsals at St Josephs.

At our last management team meeting, we discussed our ability to continue to offer reduced fees without further damaging CKC's financial situation.

As a result, from November, we will be returning to regular fees for all members whose circumstances have not been affected by COVID. So, if you have not had a loss of income because of the pandemic, we are asking you to revert to paying full membership fees from November. We will continue to offer the reduced fee option for any member who has lost their job and remain unemployed due to COVID.

A couple of important things to note:

1. Should the amount in your Escrow Account not be enough to cover your SAI/SAA membership fees when they fall due, you will be invoiced for the shortfall amount.
2. Normal fees will apply for all members once we begin rehearsing at St Josephs.

Fee structure from November 2020

CKC Normal Fees	Full Members	Youth members	Associate members
TOTAL fees due per month	\$50	\$25	\$15

CKC reduced Fee options	Full Members	Youth members	Associate members
TOTAL reduced fees due per month	\$15	\$7.50	\$15

We will continue to review this going forward may revert to normal fees based on the state of things.

The management team would like to thank the members who have continued to pay full fees. We appreciate your continued support as your fees help cover the continued costs of running the chorus.