

Secret Chorus Business

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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 30	Today is "Ask a Stupid Question Day" – come along prepared with your best stupid question and see what answers you get...

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

Liz Perry Windhorst

October 4

Maria Priestley

October 14

Alison Anderson

November 5

Emma Edwards

November 21

Anne Thompson

November 23

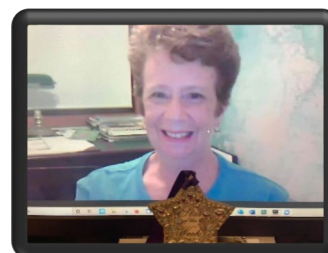


STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to our latest star

Cheryl Benson

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

ASK A STUPID QUESTION DAY

This is a holiday that is sometimes celebrated in the United States, usually by school students and teachers. The holiday was created in the 1980s to encourage students to ask more questions in the classroom. Ask a Stupid Question Day is an opportunity for shy kids to speak up and ask any question they were afraid to ask, no matter how dumb and irrelevant it may seem. This day aims not only to encourage students to be more inquisitive, but to create a positive classroom environment where children are not afraid of being laughed at.

REHEARSALS

As you know we are not able to rehearse together as a large group on the advise 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!!

DEADLINES

The Secret of Christmas vocal recording

ASAP – preferably before the end of September
Please record your part against the learning track which shouldn't be heard in your recording.

Something's Coming video

Due by: 2nd October

The chorus edited tracks are with the learning tracks on the website [SC SECTION MIXES video recording.mp3](#)

Please remember:

- purple/black theme
- plain background
- medium closeup with choreo moves
- engaged faces (with no shine makeup)

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.

STUPID QUESTIONS

Here are some example stupid questions:

- *Why don't they make mouse flavored cat food?*
- *Why does only one of your rear-view mirrors say "Objects may be closer than they appear?"*
- *Are part-time chorus directors semi-conductors?*
- *Does looking at the sun on your computer hurt your eyes?*
- *If you try to fail and you succeed, which have you done?*
- *Why can't I kiss my neck?*
- *Did Noah keep his bees in archives?*
- *Where is Old Hampshire and why isn't it a state?*
- *Whose cruel idea was it for the word 'lisp' to have an 's' in it?*
- *Do swimmers sweat?*
- *Do penguins have knees?*
- *What if the hokey pokey really is what it's all about?*
- *Do they have a "Fourth of July" in England?*
- *Why isn't phonetic spelled the way it sounds?*
- *Why is the man who invests your money called a broker?*
- *How much wood could a woodchuck chuck if a woodchuck could chuck wood?*
- *Will the Winter Olympics ever be held in Florida?*
- *What if you put conditioner on before shampoo every day?*
- *How do you make Iced Coffee?*
- *Is Hockey better than Soccer*
- *Why are you so tall?*
- *Why is Sorensen allowed in front of a camera?*
- *Why do you have to wait until night to call it a day?*
- *Did Adam and Eve have belly buttons?*
- *Before they invented drawing boards, what did they go back to?*
- *Why do you park on a driveway and drive on a parkway?*
- *How do you know when you run out of invisible ink?*
- *Why does 7-11 have a lock on their door if they never close?*