

Secret Chorus Business

9 November 2022

THIS WEEKS REHEARSAL

This week's rehearsal will be in the Pacifica Room.

- Arrival: 6.30pm onwards
- Rehearsal starting at 7.30pm
- Departure: 10.30pm – 11.00 pm

This week's rehearsal will also be shared on our private Facebook page Circular Keys Chorus – On- Key via Facebook live for those who are unable to make rehearsal or prefer not to attend in person.

Unfortunately there will be no zoom meeting for this week's rehearsal.

Please Note:

1. On arrival at St Josephs, sign in as usual at the front desk
2. Please think of your chorus sisters and keeping them safe. We ask that you do not attend in person if:
 - a. You have tested positive for Covid within the last week
 - b. You are a close contact of someone with Covid
 - c. You are not well or have any symptoms, even if you have tested negative for Covid
3. If you are a casual contact with a covid case, should you attend rehearsal, we ask that you wear a mask



Rehearsal Songs

- Christmas Chopstix
- Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Santa Claus Is Coming to Town
- The Little Drummer Boy
- Santa Baby
- It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas
- All I Want for Christmas is You
- Here Comes Santa Claus
- Text Me Merry Christmas
- Do You Hear What I Hear

Integrity ★ Commitment ★ Fun
Dare to be Different

Christmas Songs for 2022

Get those risers recorded if you want to perform

The list of Christmas songs for 2022 is:

- All I Want for Christmas is You
- Christmas Chopstix
- Do You Hear What I Hear
- Do You Want to Build A Snowman - medley
- Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
- Here Comes Santa Claus
- Holly Jolly Christmas
- It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas
- Jingle Bell Rock
- Jingle Bells
- Santa Baby
- Santa Claus Is Coming to Town
- Text Me Merry Christmas
- The Little Drummer Boy
- Up On the Housetop
- Various Themes Of "Fa-La-La"
- We Need A Little Christmas



We have 2 Christmas sing outs booked at this stage:

- Thursday 24th November Blacktown Christmas Performance – 5pm -7pm
- Saturday 3rd December Kenthurst Christmas Carols – 6pm -9pm

Please check the website and mark your attendance for these events. If you plan to join in the performances, you will need to have passed risers for the above songs. Check out your song status on the website and submit recordings for assessment for those that are not **Approved**.

For your convenience, you can download the [Christmas Carols Book 2022 \(Double sided print\)](https://circularkeys.org/node/7705) containing these songs at: <https://circularkeys.org/node/7705> You can print this double sided and bind it if you wish.



Last week we were contacted about performing as part of the City of Sydney's Choirs in the City. Jane has sent in a list of dates that suit us and fingers crossed we get some additional performances.

RISER RECORDINGS

Check out the new guides from our wonderful Music Team

On the website, under Chorus Documentation there is a new entry called: All about Risers and Recordings. This has all the information about recording and submitting risers.

Check them out: <https://circularkeys.org/node/12093>

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Are you getting a little excited yet?

We hope you've all put in your diaries for Wed 14th December for our CKC Christmas Party.

Put your thinking caps on if you have any spare Christmas decorating items that we can 'borrow' for the night. We'll be dressing the room prior to our dinner, and then will be busy little elves and take it all down before 10.30pm - being careful not to damage the space. Here's a list of items we're on the look out for:

- Indoor lights (we're thinking fairy lights - white or colourful) that we can plug in, or put in batteries
- An easy 'pop up' Christmas tree (not too big)
- Large Christmas decorations that are easy to put up and fill the space

If you think you have any items that fit the brief (or other ones that could work well) that you could bring in by Wed 30 November then email Jessi (j-fo75@hotmail.com) prior so we can confirm that it is still on our wish list. Ideally, bring them in a bag or box with your name on it, so we can get them back to you easily.

We're looking forward to having a magical night with you all!

The Christmas Angels Social Committee

Jessi, Anne-Maree, Jen K, Dani



❖	Emma Edwards	November 21
❖	Anne Thompson	November 23
❖	Cathy Horner	November 24
❖	Belinda Stewart	November 27
❖	Frances Gurto	December 08

CONVENTION PLANNING

Get ready to Rise Shine and Sing in Brisbane – 4-7 May 2023

Next year the Region 34 convention will be held in Brisbane at the magnificent Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre located in Southbank.

Competition is a central part of the Sweet Adelines International experience, not just so a proportion of members can win medals and be recognised for their achievements, but so that all ensembles have something to strive for. Performing at convention gives us something to work towards and is a hugely valuable opportunity for learning. We learn from watching each other's performances and also gain expert feedback from a highly trained panel of judges.

We, Circular Keys Chorus, are planning to compete on stage in Brisbane.

Contest Songs: **I Wish You Love** and **Almost Like Being in Love**

To compete on stage, you need to have been assessed as **Performance Ready** on both these songs. This means you have mastered the interpretation of the piece such as dynamics and vocal textures and also the visual communication aspect such as physical moves, facial expressions and commitment to the story. We will be working on these in the lead up to competition, and Vicki will let us now the deadline for achieving Performance Ready as we approach competition.

In the meantime, you need to decide if you will be coming to Brisbane to compete. This requires a personal commitment to attendance and learning, along with a financial commitment.

Expenses you will need to cover:

- Accommodation – minimum 3 nights
 - you must arrive by Thursday 4th May and stay until Sunday 7th May
 - goggle search shows price range from \$166 - \$464 per night for a double room
- Flights (or other transport to Brisbane) – flights currently from \$154 to \$268 return according to google 😊
- Food and spending money
- Contest Registration Fees – budget estimate: AUD \$150 (Youth) AUD \$300 (Adult) – there is usually an early bird reduced price

Accommodation is not being organised by Region this year, so you will need to book your own—your management team is currently compiling a list of preferred accommodation as we would like everyone to stay close together. There are a number of options in Southbank which are close to the convention centre. Stay tuned for more details and start thinking about a room buddy, as a number of rooms have multiple beds and this can help offset some costs.



2023 Regional Convention

Brisbane Conv & Expo Centre, 4-7 May 2023

About **11** Wednesday rehearsals
before we take the stage 😊

CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION

Thanks to Jane for the following research

I have been looking into accommodation for the Brisbane Convention in May. The following is a list of places that we suggest you book as they are with 5-10 minutes walk of the Convention Centre and each other:

CLLIX Group have a number of hotel apartments close to the convention centre, with a mixture of 1,2 and a few 3 bedroom apartments.

- Atlas Apartments - 39 Cordelia Street
- Brisbane 1 Apartments - 1 Cordelia Street
- Soda Apartments - 27 Cordelia Street
- Arena Apartments - 9 Edmonstone Street
- Ivy & Eve Apartments - 22-28 Merivale Street
- Hope Street Apartments - 19 Hope St

If you book with CLLIX directly we have been offered a 10% discount. Use code "**CKCBris23**" when booking <http://www.cllix.com>

You will also find them on Booking.com, Wotif and other accommodation sites, so shop around and make sure you're getting the best rate at the time of booking. A 2 bedroom apartment is approximately \$460 a night for 4 people, so hopefully you will find this affordable.

If you would prefer somewhere more budget friendly you might also consider:

- Somewhere to Stay Backpackers. 47 Brighton Road. Double room with ensuite is approx \$100/night on Booking.com. This is the furthest option from the Convention Centre, approx 15 mins walk, so you will need to take this into consideration.
- Morgan Suites, 14 Merivale Road. This is only 5 mins to Convention Centre and is approximately \$303/night for a 2 bed apartment on Booking.com

If you would think you would be happier in a hotel:

- The Novotel and Rydges are both close to the Convention Centre and CLLIX Apartments but are potentially the most expensive option.



Post Convention Trip?

How about some R&R with chorus friends in Fiji?
Sue Gray is planning to go to Fiji and is wondering if anyone else would like to go.

Please see the information in last week's SCB and have a think about it.

CONVENTION ACCOMMODATION continued

Things to Consider

The cheapest rate is often the least flexible, so you might want to pay a little more for free cancellation should anything happen to stop your travel plans.

None of the above accommodations have guaranteed availability, so please start finding your room mates so you can get something organised. Feel free to reach out to the Management Team if you are finding it difficult to find someone to share with.

If you would prefer to book somewhere other than the options above, please make sure you're not on the other side of town so that we can still meet up easily. South Brisbane/Southbank is the area you need to be looking at.

Hope the above is helpful. Let me know if anything needs clarifying.

Cheers! Jane

Need a room buddy?

Please email me (Carol - incazo@bigpond.net.au) if you are looking for someone to share a room with – I will create a list and help you find someone to share with.

YOUR 2022 MANGAGEMENT TEAM

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| • Team Co-Ordinator | Carol Lutz |
| • Finance Manager | Sue Gray |
| • Secretary | Pippa Anderson |
| • Public Relations Co-Ordinator | Candace Deller |
| • Performance Co-Ordinator | Jane Masters |
| • Membership Chair | Anne Thompson |

Appointed members:

- Diane Jenkins
- Susan Kelly
- Marea Witt



It's important to remember our chorus etiquette. We need to work as a team and respect each other when rehearsing. Look out for the Riser etiquette signs at each rehearsal.

COMMITTEES

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

★ Inese Kamenyitzky – Chair

★ Anne Harris

★ Kaye Kendall

★ Alison Anderson

★ Madellen Cunningham

★ Jenny Do Rozario

★ Amanda Lovegreen

★ Cathy Sugar

★ Anna Joseph

★ Stephanie Wallbank

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

★ Chair tba

★ Jessi Foulke

★ Anne-Maree Magi

★ Jen Kumar

★ Dani Groeschel

COACH COORDINATION COMMITTEE

★ Alison Anderson

★ Kath Ware

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

★ Courtney Churchward – Chair

★ Jen Senior

★ Ann Keating

★ Amanda Lovegreen

★ Alison Anderson

★ Frances Gurto

★ Jennifer Timms

★ Kaity Dwyer

★ Linda Vitali

REHEARSAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

★ Kaye Kendall – Chair

★ Emma Edwards

★ Barb Morris

★ Rachael Moessis

★ Belinda Stewart

★ Cathy Sugar

★ Steph Wallbank



To all our wonderful members who
volunteered to help on the various committees.
You rock!

SUGGESTION BOX

Submitting Suggestions

Have a suggestion you want to raise? Simple the suggestionbox@circularkeys.org

This email has been set up so that it is sent to me (Team Coordinator) only and as you can see in this screenshot, I do not know who sent the email unless you want to sign it.

All suggestions will be discussed by the management team and outcomes of the discussions will be included in SCB.

CHORUS PAYMENTS

Please be advised that EFT should be used 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.

Make sure you include your relevant information in the reference field so Sue knows who the payment is from and what it is for.



CKC Bank Account Details for online payments:

Westpac Bank: BSB: 032170

Account Number: 273702

Account Name: Circular Keys Chorus Incorporated

ABOUT THE STAR OF THE WEEK

Any member of the chorus can nominate someone who has gone above and beyond, who has personally helped you, who has made a special difference or contribution to the Chorus or who has tried extra hard.

There are many other positive attributes that can be recognized with this award.

To nominate a member, simply email Anne Thompson (amthompson@live.com.au) with the member's name and short description as to why you would like to nominate them.

If no nominations are received, the star will not be awarded.



Congratulations to
Inese Kamenyitzky & Cathy Sugar
our stars of the week

DIARY DATES

2022	
Friday 11 th November	Management Team Meeting – 7.30pm – Di's House
Thurs 24 th November	Blacktown Christmas Performance – 5pm -7pm
Wed 30 th November	November Shared Supper and Birthday night
Sat 3 rd December	Kenthurst Christmas Carols – 6pm -9pm
Wed 7 th December	Last rehearsal for 2022
Wed 14 th December	CKC Christmas Party
2023	
Wed 1 st February	First rehearsal 2023
Wed 8 th March	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE for competing members
Wed 15 th March	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE for competing members
Wed 22 nd March	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE for competing members
Wed 29 th March	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE for competing members
Wed 5 th April	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE for competing members
Friday 7 th April – Monday 10 th April	EASTER 2023
Wed 12 th April	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE for competing members
Wed 19 th April	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE for competing members
Wed 26 th April	COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE for competing members
Wed 3 rd May	No rehearsal – night before convention
Thu 4 th May	Start of Convention - you need to be in Brisbane on or before this day
Fri 5 th May	Quartet Competition
Sat 6 th May	Chorus Competition
Sun 7 th May	Convention Education workshops – Convention Close



Please don't forget to logon to the website and update your attendance and song status on a regular basis. Your Music Team and Management Team work very hard behind the scenes and if you can assist by taking responsibility for always making sure your status is up-to-date this will certainly assist

LOCK UP ROSTER

If you are not able to make it on the night, please arrange with someone else on the roster to swap weeks and let me know so I can update the roster.

DATE	NAME
Wed 9 November	Anne Thompson
Wed 16 November	Carol Lutz
Wed 23 November	Deb Martin
Wed 30 November	Rachael Moessis
Wed 7 December	Marea Witt
Wed 14 December	Amanda Lovegreen
Wed 1 February	Alison Anderson
Wed 8 February	Inese Kamenyitzky
Wed 15 February	Cathy Sugar
Wed 22 February	Kath Ware

MEMBER LEAVE

Current 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, Team Coordinator, Membership and the Music Team are all notified at the same time.

Anne Harris

18 October- 20 November

Kath Ware

26 October – 15 November