



Secret Chorus Business

6th December 2023

There is no rehearsal this week due to the performance at the Governor's Christmas Party.

Last rehearsal for 2023

- ❖ Wednesday 13th December 2023

First rehearsal for 2024

- ❖ Wednesday 31st January 2024

Last week's Stars

Congratulations Sue Winter and a special thanks for Gordon Anderson (Alison's husband).



Member Birthdays



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| ❖ Candace Deller | December 08 |
| ❖ Frances Gurto | December 08 |
| ❖ Jenny Do Rozario | January 21 |
| ❖ Courtney Churchward | January 24 |
| ❖ Rachael Moessis | February 09 |

Australia Day – Save the Date

Please be advised we have been contacted by Parramatta City Council to perform on Australia Day – 26th January 2024.

The performance will include 30 minutes roving and 30 minutes on stage.

As a change, we have been asked not to sing our usual Australia Day repertoire, instead we will be singing songs from our regular repertoire. Vicki will be finalising the set list once the event details are known.

For now, we ask that you save the date. Jane will create the event in the calendar when the details are finalised. Please look out for it and mark your attendance.



CKC

Christmas Party 2023

Dear Circular Keys Chorus Singing Angels,

Fa la la la la la la la!

You're invited to the CKC Christmas Party 2023,
for a casual dinner, raffles and games.

7-10pm Wednesday 13th December in
The Pacifica Room (regular rehearsal room), St. Josephs

Dress: Christmas bling!

Pot Luck finger food - bring a dish to share
(preferably savoury), and add a label if it is gluten free.

Please advise us ASAP if you have any allergies
Jen K - jenkumar74@yahoo.com.au or Anne T - amthompson@live.com.au

BYO drinks, disposable plates, glasses, cutlery
and merriment!

**RSVP by Friday 8 December
via the CKC website attendance.**

This year our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 13th December during our normal rehearsal – we have moved the celebration to the Pacifica Room.

When you are planning your dish to share, please avoid berries of any kind as we have member's who are severely allergic to them.

Please feel free to bring Christmas hats/glasses/items for dress up photos if you have them.

This will be the last CKC rehearsal night for 2023.

Christmas Sing Outs

This year Vicki has stated that our music can be held – please put it in a black folder (one of those cheap slip in ones) so that it looks neat and tidy and there is a uniform look across the chorus.

Song List:

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| 1. All I Want For Christmas Is You | 9. Jingle Bells |
| 2. Christmas Chopstix | 10. Santa Baby |
| 3. Do You Hear What I Hear | 11. Santa Claus Is Coming To Town |
| 4. Do You Want To Build A Snowman - medley | 12. Text Me Merry Christmas |
| 5. Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas | 13. The Little Drummer Boy |
| 6. Holly Jolly Christmas | 14. Up On The Housetop |
| 7. It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas | 15. Various Themes Of "Fa-La-La" |
| 8. Jingle Bell Rock | 16. We Need A Little Christmas |

Note: There is a songbook of these in the documents on the website that you can printout if you don't want to download all the individual sheet music, though it does also include Here Comes Santa Claus.

You can find it in the Documents > Chorus Documentation > Other Resources section.

<https://circularkeys.org/node/7705>

Sing out costumes and venues

We are performing sing outs for the City of Sydney and the QVB this year. Costumes and dates as below – take note to wear the correct costume to the correct gig.

MARTIN PLACE CHRISTMAS TREE

- ❖ Black pants
- ❖ City of Sydney t-shirt – white with baubles
- ❖ Comfortable black shoes

Dates:

- ❖ ~~Saturday 26th November – 2:15pm – 4.15pm~~
- ❖ ~~Saturday 2nd December – 6:00pm – 8.00pm~~
- ❖ Sunday 17th December – 6:00pm – 8.00pm

QUEEN VICTORIA BUILDING

- ❖ Black velvet pants
- ❖ Black t-shirt under the CKC red sparkly top
- ❖ Comfortable black shoes

Dates:

- ❖ ~~Saturday 2nd December – 12:00pm – 1:00pm~~
- ❖ Saturday 9th December – 12:00pm – 1:00pm
- ❖ Thursday 21st December – 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Travelling to the city for Christmas sing outs this weekend

Trains appear to be running this weekend, but please check the timetables to plan your journey.

Chorus Dues

As of 1st November, chorus dues were increased to \$60 per month. Thank you to all the members who have updated their payment schedules to the new amount. There are a number that still paid \$50 this month – can you please check your payments and make sure you are paying the correct membership fees. Thanks.

2024 Convention Planning

You should have received your first convention bulletin email from SAA RMT – if you didn't get it, check your junk folder. If you still can't find it, check the CKC Website under Documentation > Conventions and Competitions > Regional Competitions > 2024 Fremantle (<https://circularkeys.org/node/12510>)

You will need to be in Fremantle by Thursday 16th May 2024 – we will most likely have a chorus rehearsal Thursday evening. The competition is on Saturday 18th May 2024, followed by the showcase and afterglow celebrations. So you need to stay at least until Sunday if you are competing. There are educational sessions on Sunday 19th and Monday 20th May for those that wish to take advantage to advance your skills.

Keep an eye out for deals on airfares for getting to Perth for next year's convention.

Please update the website re your attendance at convention.

About your attendance at the convention.

Being a part of CKC is about more than just competing – it's a collective experience. Vicki, the music team, and the management team all recognise the time and costs involved and want you to know that should you decide not to compete in Fremantle, that's perfectly okay. There is absolutely no pressure if it doesn't align with your personal circumstances.

While it would be fantastic to have the entire chorus on the risers in Fremantle, we respect and support whatever choice you make. You can still participate and benefit from the coaching sessions leading up to the convention and offer your support to your fellow sisters of song who choose to compete. We value your participation and want you to feel comfortable with the decision that suits you best.

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.

❖ Steph Wallbank	22 nd Nov – 6 th Dec 2023
❖ Kaye Kendall	29 th Nov – 13 th Dec 2023
❖ Susan Kelly	17 th Nov – 28 th Dec 2023
❖ Cheryl Wolfenden	24 th Nov – 5 th Dec 2023
❖ Dani Groeschel	22 nd Nov – 2 nd Feb 2024
❖ Betty Fuller	31 st January 2024
❖ Heather Baeza	returning June 2024



Diary Dates 2023

2023	
Wed 6th December	The Governor's Christmas Party performance – Governor House
Sat 9th December	12pm QVB Christmas Performance – Queen Victoria Building
Wed 13th December	Bunch Rehearsal – venue tba
Wed 13th December	CKC Christmas Party – St Josephs – last night for 2023
Fri 15th December	Bunch Performance – Rowland Village Christmas Party
Sun 17th December	6pm City of Sydney Christmas Performance – Martin Place Christmas Tree
Thursday 21st December	4pm QVB Christmas Performance – Queen Victoria Building

Diary Dates 2024

2024	
Fri 12th January	Management team Meeting
Wed 31st January	First Rehearsal for 2024
Saturday 24th Feb	REF visit with Lea Baker
Wed 10th - Sun 14th April	Coaching with Bec Hewitt Thursday & Friday – Quartets, Wednesday night, Sat/Sun - CKC
Wed 17th April	CKC AGM
Sat 4th – Sun 5th May	Coaching weekend 1 with Di Huber
Fri 10th – Sat 11th May	Coaching weekend 2 with Di Huber
Thu, 16 May 2024 to Mon, 20 May 2024	Sweet Adelines Australia Regional Convention – Fremantle WA

Chorus Fineprint

SUGGESTION BOX

Have a suggestion you want to raise? Send it to suggestionbox@circularkeys.org

This email has been set up so that it is sent to the Team Coordinator. All suggestions will be discussed by the management team.

Please remember to be nice when you are wording your suggestions – no need to cause undue stress and anxiety with rudeness.

CHORUS PAYMENTS

Please be advised that EFT should be used for your payments to chorus. Please contact our Finance Manager 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 the finance team 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 Frances Gurto (fgurto@gmail.com) 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.

YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM

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| ❖ Musical Director | Vicki Dwyer | ❖ Performance Co-Ordinator | Jane Masters |
| ❖ Team Co-Ordinator | Carol Lutz | ❖ Membership Chair | Frances Gurto |
| ❖ Finance Manager | Sue Gray | ❖ Appointed members: | |
| ❖ Secretary | Anne Harris | | Diane Jenkins, Susan Kelly, Pippa Anderson |
| ❖ Public Relations Co-Ordinator | Candace Deller | | |

COMMITTEES

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

- ❖ Inese Kamenyitzky – Chair
- ❖ Anne Harris
- ❖ Kaye Kendall
- ❖ Jenny DoRozario
- ❖ Kate Wong
- ❖ Alison Anderson
- ❖ Stephanie Wallbank
- ❖ Verne Mantova

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- ❖ Anne Thompson
- ❖ Jen Kumar

COACH COORDINATION COMMITTEE

- ❖ Alison Anderson
- ❖ Kath Ware

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

- ❖ Sue Gray – Chair
- ❖ Courtney Churchward – Assistant Chair
- ❖ Jen Senior
- ❖ Kaity Dwyer
- ❖ Alison Anderson
- ❖ Linda Vitali
- ❖ Ann Keating

REHEARSAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

- ❖ Kaye Kendall – Chair
- ❖ Emma Edwards
- ❖ Heather Baeza
- ❖ Steph Wallbank
- ❖ Cheryl Wolfenden

2023 SHOW COMMITTEE

- ❖ Diane Jenkins
- ❖ Vicki Dwyer
- ❖ Alison Anderson
- ❖ Kaity Dwyer
- ❖ Kath Ware
- ❖ Jane Masters