



Secret Chorus Business

15th November 2023

This week's rehearsal will be in the Pacifica Room as far as I know ☺

- ❖ Rehearsal focus will be on show preparation – our last one before the performance

Friendly reminders about attending rehearsals:

1. When you arrive, make sure you sign at reception.
2. Be ready on the risers at 7.30pm sharp.
3. We need to have vacated St Josephs by 11pm. Please leave quietly so that other guests are not disturbed.
4. Please think of your chorus sisters and keeping them safe from any illness. Please consider wearing a mask and/or sitting off the risers.

Raffle donations

Donations of quality goods are required for the upcoming raffles. We ask for items that will entice lots of people to buy tickets – think good wine, chocolate, self pamper items (no candles). Make sure you check the use by dates:

- ❖ Hornsby Show
- ❖ CKC Christmas Party

Last week's Star

Congratulations Candace – for all her creative work in preparing the video for Vicki's 21 years as Director and the advertising our upcoming show.



Member Birthdays



❖ Emma Edwards	November 21
❖ Anne Thompson	November 23
❖ Cathy Horner	November 24
❖ Candace Deller	December 08
❖ Frances Gurto	December 08

Combined Show – Hornsby RSL – Saturday 18th Nov

Costume Information

SET 1

- ❖ Teal sequin chorus top
- ❖ Black velvet chorus pants
- ❖ Chorus shoes (unless exempt)
- ❖ Black stockings or knee highs
- ❖ Sequin chorus earrings
- ❖ Medals from Brisbane for those who have them
- ❖ Full stage makeup - false eyelashes optional
- ❖ Nails natural or nude coloured polish
- ❖ No watches, bangles or necklaces

SET 2

- ❖ Black dressy top
(no linen or cotton blouses, no t-shirts)
- ❖ Black velvet chorus pants
- ❖ Chorus shoes or black dress shoes of your choice
- ❖ Black stockings or knee highs
- ❖ Makeup and nails as for set 1
- ❖ Silver bling earrings of your choice
- ❖ Silver necklace optional (nothing too big or chunky)

If you are unsure if your black top is suitable, please bring it in to get it checked tonight.

Make sure your correct costumes are packed ready to go before the last minute Saturday morning rush.

On Show Day, it's best to bring your costumes to the venue in a suit bag on coat hangers. All other items to be in a small, carry on size bag. Please arrive with hair and makeup done – there are limited mirrors at the venue for doing this. Pop in your own makeup mirror for last minute checking and touch ups.

If you have any questions regarding costumes, please don't hesitate to ask Kath Ware and she'll be only too happy to assist you.

Show Run Sheet - Order of Appearance

SET 1

1. **Circular Keys**
2. Basically
3. Sydney Harmony
4. Tony Barnard
5. Alouette

SET 2

1. Sydney Harmony
2. Sydney Mixed Chorus
3. Vox Canvas
4. **Circular Keys**
5. Combined choruses – Sing
6. Raffle and Thank You wrap up

Song List:

SET 1

6. I Will Survive
7. Wish You Love
8. Almost Like Being In Love
9. Something's Coming

SET 2

7. Titanium
8. Don't Rain On My Parade
9. All The Things You Are
10. And All That Jazz

Backup song: Rolling in the Deep

Combined song: Sing

Schedule and Timings for the day of the Show

We ask that all members arrive and be settled in the dressing room, ready for the warm up and tech rehearsal at **1.00pm**. If you would like to arrive earlier that is no problem, but no later.

❖ Bump In	12.00pm
❖ Riser Set Up	12.00 - 12.30pm

Showtimes

❖ Blackout	6.00 – 7.00pm
❖ Doors Open	7.00pm
❖ Performance	7.30 – 9.30pm
❖ Bump Out	9.30 – 10.30 pm

Tech Rehearsal

❖ SH	1.30 – 2.00pm
❖ CKC	2.00 – 2.30pm
❖ SH Mixed	2.30 – 2.45pm
❖ Combined Chorus	2.45 – 3.00pm
❖ Alouette	3.00 – 3.15
❖ Basically	3.15 – 3.30
❖ Vox Canvas	3.30 – 4.00
❖ Tony Barnard	4.00 – 4.30

After Glow (party) – Level One Bar

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.

CKC Christmas Party

This year our Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 13th December during our normal rehearsal time.

We have booked the Southern Cross Hall.

We have the option of a St Joseph's 2 course Buffet at \$47 per head, but to save costs for members, we propose that we all bring a plate to share on the night. I will survey those members at rehearsal tonight to check the preferred option.

The plan is for a low key (as if CKC parties are ever low key ☺) night where we can celebrate the end of another fabulous year of friendship, singing and fun.

This will be the last CKC rehearsal night for 2023.

Bunning BBQ

Big shout out to all those who helped out for the Bunnings BBQ and Bake Sale. Still waiting on final numbers but it looks like we made a profit of almost \$2200. This is a much needed boost to CKC funds and will help cover the coaching we have booked in the run up to next years convention.

Some leftover goodies from the bake sale and some sausages (uncooked!!) will be available at tonight's rehearsal.

A special thanks to Sue Gray who gave up her whole weekend for the cause with shopping and preparation beforehand and staying all day Sunday, then wrangling the finances to get the balance sheet out to us on Monday.

Thanks to the Ladies who Bunch

Last Friday, members of the Bunch of Keys performed at the Alan Walker Retirement Village at Carlingford. We had a lovely afternoon performing for a delightful audience, who then excitedly joined in our ukulele singalong, before sharing a lovely afternoon tea with us.

A big thanks to Steph for organising the Bunch and leading us so admirably.



If you are interested in singing with the Bunch – we have another gig planned at Rowland Village, Galston on 15th December. This will be a Christmas theme. Let Steph know if you'd like to come along.

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
- ❖ Saturday 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

Sing out Celebration

After the first sing out at Martin Place on 26th November 2023, you are invited to celebrate with your fellow carollers for an afternoon coffee or drink prior to going home. Please let Sue Gray know if you are interested. Note this will not be a chorus funded event, just an opportunity to celebrate the festive season.

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.

❖ Rachael Moessis	13 th – 25 th Nov 2023
❖ Pippa Anderson	22 nd Sep – 17 th Nov 2023
❖ Heather Baeza	returning 8 th Nov 2023
❖ 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
❖ Jane Masters	returning 15 th Nov 2024
❖ Betty Fuller	return depends on health



Supper Roster

DATE	SUPPER	HOSP TEAM
Wed 15 th Nov	Minor Supper	Jenny and Kaye
Wed 22 nd Nov	Minor Supper	Verne and Inese
Wed 29 th Nov	November Birthday Supper Wear your fancy pants night	Anne H and Alison (cake)
Wed 6 th Dec	Special Supper – details tba	Jenny and Kaye

Diary Dates 2023

2023	
Sat 18 th November	Show with Sydney Harmony at Hornsby RSL
Fri 24 th November	Management team Meeting – venue Sue's tbc – Postponed from 10 th Nov
Sun 26 th November	2.15pm City of Sydney Christmas Performance – Martin Place Tree
Sat 2 nd December	12pm QVB Christmas Performance – Queen Victoria Building
Sat 2 nd December	6pm City of Sydney Christmas Performance – Martin Place Christmas Tree
Sat 9 th December	12pm QVB Christmas Performance – Queen Victoria Building
Wed 13 th December	Bunch Rehearsal – venue tba
Wed 13 th December	CKC Christmas Party – St Josephs – last night for 2023
Fri 15 th December	Bunch Performance – Rowland Village Christmas Party
Sun 17 th December	6pm City of Sydney Christmas Performance – Martin Place Christmas Tree

Diary Dates 2024

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

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