



Secret Chorus Business

29th November 2023

This week's rehearsal will be in the Chapel. Risers will need to be put away after rehearsal as usual.

- ❖ Rehearsal focus will be on preparation for our Christmas sing outs. The list of songs as detailed in the Christmas sing out section (next page) will be covered
- ❖ Please bring your music if you need it
- ❖ Sue Gray and Alison will be collecting items for a care package for Jen Senior.

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.*

Last week's Stars

Congratulations Ian & Carol Lutz, Diane Jenkins, and Courtney Churchward.



Member Birthdays



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

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. Please bring a plate to share for a Christmas Supper.

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.

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
- ❖ Thursday 21st December – 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Travelling to the city for Christmas sing outs this weekend

This weekend there is trackwork planned for the Metro and North Shore lines, so they will be running city rail buses which take a long time to get to the city. A better option might be catching the bus from the Hills area or using another train line. 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.

Raffle donations

Donations of quality goods are still required for the upcoming CKC Christmas Party raffle. Things like good wine, chocolate, self pamper items (no candles) are appreciated. Make sure you check the use by dates:

Rehearsal Break

- ❖ Last Rehearsal for 2023 – Wednesday 13th December – CKC Christmas Party
- ❖ First Rehearsal for 2024 – Wednesday 31st January.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and relaxing January. Stay safe and see you back on the risers for a fantastic 2024.

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 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.

❖ Heather Baeza	returning ? 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
❖ Betty Fuller	return depends on health



Supper Roster

DATE	SUPPER	HOSP TEAM
Wed 29 th Nov	November Birthday "Wear your Fancy Pants" Supper	Anne H and Verne (cake)
Wed 6 th Dec	Special Supper – details tba	Jenny and Kaye

Diary Dates 2023

2023	
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
Wed 6 th December	The Governor's Christmas Party performance – Governor House
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
Thursday 21 st December	4pm QVB Christmas Performance – Queen Victoria Building

Diary Dates 2024

2024	
Fri 12 th January	Management team Meeting
Wed 31 st January	First Rehearsal for 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