



Secret Chorus Business

28th August, 2024

This week's rehearsal will be in the Pacifica Room, and our songs will be:

❖ Weather With You

Please wear your medals and name badge ☺

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.*

WHAT'S NEW



Star of the Week

Congratulations on your first public performance, Mon (at Kaity and Courtney's wedding) – we hope you enjoyed it and that it is the first of many!

An extra star to Frances for liaising with Hills Council and organising our banner to be displayed in Castle Hill.

You are both shining stars!

Thank You

Many thanks to all who contributed to a very successful Taster Night last week, especially to the Hospitality Team for a great supper, Frances for greeting the visitors and supplying name tags, Sue W for her fun warmup, to Kath and Jane, (and Liz and Cathy) for their testimonials. The visitors all had a great time and many of them would like to return to sample more.

Also, a big thank you to Liam Dwyer for finding and purchasing a new cable for our sound system.

Risers

Betty is away for a few weeks, so we will all need to pitch in with putting up the risers until the end of September.

Taster Night 2

This week is our second Taster Night, and we hope we have plenty of visitors to share our love of singing with.

- Please bring a plate of food to share with our visitors at supper

Wednesday September 4 – note from Jessi and the Social Team

Wednesday, September 7th!!! Save that date cause we're gonna party like it's 2020!! Separately, and in our own homes!!! Since we will be without both Vicki and St. Joseph's, the Social Team will be throwing a little Zoom party



so put on your PJs, grab a glass of wine and prepare yourself for a night of fun and games It all kicks off at 7:30 and will probably only go for an hour or so, so don't be too fashionably late! Oh, and be sure to have a pen and paper handy...

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://uws.zoom.us/j/85340393301?pwd=3HFotDgkNj2THWgFoECzcp14sel78q.1>

Meeting ID: 853 4039 3301

Password: 545730



P.S. If you haven't used Zoom in a while you might need to update the app ahead of time

Bunnings Cake Sale: Saturday 7th September – 10am-4pm – Message from Jane, Fundraising Chair

The fundraising team would love your help to make the cake sale a success and raise much needed cash for the chorus.

1. You can support the event by donating homemade goodies to sell on the day. Things that have sold well in the past are:

*Whole cakes

*Brownies

*Slices/tray bakes

*Dog treats

*Items that cater to special dietary requirements, eg. Gluten free, vegan, paleo etc.

Generally anything that looks homemade and you can't buy commercially is popular. Things like popcorn, lolly bags and cookies often get ignored as these can be easily bought at the local supermarket.

If you really hate baking, you can also help us by donating items that we can use on the day, such as cake boxes, paper bags, gloves, tongs etc. Please get in touch to let us know what you would like to donate.

2. We will also need help with running the stall on the day. If you can spare an hour or two to sell goodies, please email Kaity Dwyer and indicate whether you would prefer to help in the morning or afternoon and she will organise a roster.

Thank you, we really appreciate your support! The Fundraising Team

Christmas Sing Outs

Jane has secured some Christmas performances for us for Choirs in the City – thanks Jane ☺ Please check the website and sign up for these fun performances which showcase the chorus and earn us much needed funds. **NB There is an additional sing out during the day on 29th November. If you haven't already, please let Jane know your t-shirt size before 28th August.**

BHA Barbershop Festival

Barbershop Harmony Australia is holding its Barbershop Festival on the Gold Coast from 4-8th September. For more information, visit their festival website <https://www.barbershopfestival.com.au/>

To access the festival webcast visit <https://www.barbershopfestival.com.au/> They are requesting a suggested donation of \$20 to support this service.

Cancelled Rehearsals – Dates

There will be no rehearsals on the following dates:

- ❖ September 4th 2024
- ❖ October 23rd 2024
- ❖ October 30th 2024

The Social Team are working on some ideas for other activities on those nights – so stay tuned ☺

Warm-Ups Team

Many thanks to our Warm-Ups Team for starting our rehearsals each week with physical activities to help prepare our bodies for singing each week. If anyone would like to volunteer for a warm-up in September, please email Jessi at j-fo75@hotmail.com, or chat to her at chorus. The roster for the rest of August is: 28th – Jane

REF Visit/Coaching with Emily Moriarty 1st March 2025

We have confirmed that Emily Moriarty will be working with us on Saturday 1st March 2025. Please put this date in your diaries now. Emily is a certified director and arranger, works with groups in SAA and BHA, and was the Baritone in Region 34's beloved Four Docs and a Diva quartet; Emily also sings Tenor in BHA's mixed quartet 2023 champions, Mixed Signals. We are really looking forward to working with Emily, and this will be important preparation for our competition performance.

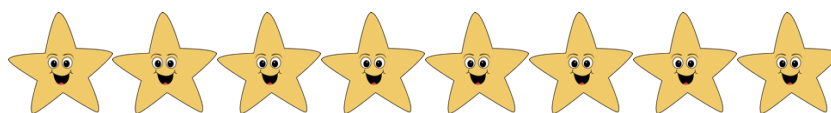
Why are you a member of CKC?

Many thanks to Di for running this session a couple of weeks ago – it's great to remind ourselves of who we are and why we work and play together to create beautiful music. Here is the word cloud of our thoughts



Do not fear mistakes. There are none.

Miles Davis



CKC COMMITTEES 2024-5

HOSPITALITY

Chair: Sue Winter

Jenny Do Rozario

Kaye Kendall

Sue Rosenblum

Sue Kelly

Marea Witt

Anne Harris

FUNDRAISING

Chair: Jane Masters

Courtney Churchward

Ann Keating

Sue Winter

Kaity Dwyer

Crystal Forbes

REHEARSAL EQUIPMENT

Chair: Kaye Kendall

Spring Zeng

Anne Thompson

Emma Edwards

Heather Baeza

COACH COORDINATION

Kath Ware

Pippa Anderson

Rachael Moessis (Reserve)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Jessie Foulke

Jen Kumar

Anne Thompson

WEBMASTER

Carol Lutz

Member Birthdays



❖ Mare Witt	August 23
❖ Sue Winter	September 1
❖ Pippa Anderson	September 10
❖ Kaye Kendall	September 24
❖ Susan Kelly	September 28

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.



❖ Carol Lutz	26 th June–30 th September 2024
❖ Kaye Kendall	August 2024
❖ Emma Edwards	7 th -28 th August 2024
❖ Spring Zeng	21 st August – 12 th September 2024
❖ Betty Fuller	24 th August - 20 th September 2024
❖ Sue Winter	26 th August - 27 th September 2024
❖ Ann Keating	29 th August - 24 th September 2024
❖ Rachael Moessis	14 th -30 th September 2024
❖ Jenny Do Rozario	23 rd September - 30 th October 2024
❖ Cheryl Wolfenden	14 th October-10 th November 2024
❖ Pippa Anderson	25 th September-20 th October 2024

Diary Dates 2024

2024	
Wed 21 st August 2024	Taster Night. Wear name badge and medals
Wed 28 th August 2024	Taster Night. Wear name badge and medals
Wed 4 th September 2024	No rehearsal – Social Activity run by the Social Team on Zoom
Wed 4 th -Sun 8 th Sept 2024	BHA Barbershop Festival – Gold Coast and webcast
Sat 7 th Sept 10am-4pm	Bunnings Cake Stall Fundraiser - CKC
Wed 23 rd October 2024	No rehearsal – activity TBA
28 th Oct-2 nd Nov 2024	International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri
Tues Oct 29, 2024	Harmony Classic: Endeavour Harmony is Contestant #5 in Div AA
Wed 30 th Oct, 2024	International Quartet Semi-finals: Alouette is Contestant #37, Skylark #41
Wed 30 th Oct 2024	No rehearsal – activity TBA
Sat 2nd Nov 2024	Fundraising: Bunnings BBQ CKC Castle Hill
Sat 16 th Nov 12pm	Quartet Masterclass. Regional event via Zoom
Fri 29 th Nov 12.20pm-14.40pm	Performance: Choirs in the City: Martin Place Christmas Tree
Sat 7th Dec 2024	Fundraising: Bunnings BBQ CKC Castle Hill
Sun 1 st Dec 6-8pm 2024	Performance: Choirs in the City: Martin Place
Thurs 12 th Dec 6-8pm	Performance: Choirs in the City: Martin Place
Mon 16 th Dec 6-8pm	Performance: Choirs in the City: Customs House
Sat 1 st March 2025	REF visit and chorus coaching with Emily Moriarty

Management Team

- ❖ Musical Director: Vicki Dwyer
- ❖ Team Co-ordinator: Rachael Moessis
- ❖ Finance Manager: Susan Kelly
- ❖ Secretary: Anne Harris
- ❖ Public Relations Co-Ordinator: Jen Kumar
- ❖ Performance Co-Ordinator: Jane Masters
- ❖ Membership Chair: Frances Gurto
- ❖ Appointed Member: Diane Jenkins
- ❖ Appointed Member: Crystal Forbes
- ❖ Appointed Member: Pippa Anderson

Many thanks to returning team members, and to those joining this year. We appreciate the time, skills and commitment you dedicate to the smooth running of the chorus.

Music Team

- ❖ Musical Director: Vicki Dwyer
- ❖ Assistant Musical Director: Diane Jenkins
- ❖ Bass Section Leaders: Jenny Do Rozario, Betty Fuller
- ❖ Baritone Section Leader: Kaity Dwyer
- ❖ Lead Section Leaders: Rachael Moessis, Liz Perry-Windhorst
- ❖ Tenor Section Leader: Diane Jenkins
- ❖ Visual Team: Courtney Churchward (and Heather Baeza)

Chorus Fine Print

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 send your suggestions with kindness – it makes it easier for the Management Team to receive them with kindness.

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.