



Secret Chorus Business

26th June, 2024

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

- ❖ Almost There
- ❖ Seasons of Love
- ❖ Believe

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

Raffle Tickets On Sale Wednesday 26th June

- ❖ Raffle Tickets (to raise money for Alouette's trip to International) will be on sale before rehearsal 26/6
- ❖ Please bring cash
- ❖ Alison who is organising the Trivia Night, was coming to sell tickets before rehearsal, but she is unwell, so Courtney will be selling the tickets instead

Open Rehearsal Night Wednesday July 3rd 7.30pm

- ❖ This will be a fun night of sharing our love of acapella harmony with visitors who are interested in ensemble singing
- ❖ Bring a friend, ask them to bring a friend, and share the upcoming flyer around
- ❖ Visitors will be learning tags and other short fun pieces, we will perform for them, and there will be supper and socialising afterwards
- ❖ There will other Open Nights following, so if they miss the first one, there'll be another opportunity soon

Trivia Night

- ❖ To raise money for Alouette's journey to International in October
- ❖ Saturday July 13th, 7pm-9.30pm
- ❖ Christmas in July theme
- ❖ Raffles and prizes to win
- ❖ Grab some friends and come along for a night of trivia and fun
- ❖ West Epping Uniting Church (note this is a non-alcoholic venue)
35 Orchard Street, Cnr Carlingford Road and Orchard St., Epping NSW
- ❖ \$35 per person
- ❖ To book, and for more information, click the link below

- ❖ <https://www.trybooking.com/CSPQX>
- ❖ Another way to support Alouette's trip to International is to donate using their Go Fun Me page: <https://gofund.me/1c544e86>

Trivia Night Raffle Prizes

- ❖ Ann K is collecting items for raffle prizes for Alouette's Trivia Night – donations of wine, chocolates, spirits – anything you would like to win - will be gratefully received. See Ann's email 14/6 for details – many thanks Ann

Special General Meeting

- ❖ Wednesday July 10th at 7.30pm
- ❖ At our rehearsal space at St Joseph's
- ❖ To vote on the proposed changes to CKC's Rules for Incorporation
- ❖ See Rachael's email 15/6/24 for details

Time for New Committees - don't miss out!

- ❖ To assist in the smooth running of our chorus, please volunteer to work on one or more of our committees. There are plenty to choose from, so pick a team where you can share your skill and flair, or one where you can learn a new skill
- ❖ Sign on sheets will be available before and after rehearsal for the next couple of weeks
- ❖ If you're away, you can email me or Pippa and we'll put your name down for the committee of your choice
- ❖ Thanks Pippa

Bunnings Barbeque Fundraising Dates – Castle Hill


Preparing for a contest at International is costly, so please do as much as you can to help us raise funds, which will go towards coaching and other competition related expenses. Bunnings BBQs are a great fundraiser, so put these dates in your diary now:

- ❖ Sunday 15th September (Alouette)
- ❖ Saturday 20th October (Alouette)
- ❖ Saturday 2nd November (CKC)
- ❖ Saturday 7th December (CKC)
- ❖ Thank you to Crystal for securing these dates for much needed fundraising

New CKC Tops

- ❖ Please have your tops ready to roll for **Wednesday 7th August** – this is our night of coaching with Lea Beverley, and we will give the new tops a test run at that rehearsal
- ❖ Many thanks to Kath and Jane for the work they have done on this

Kaity and Courtney's Wedding

- ❖ Springfield House Gardens, 245 New Line Road, Dural
- ❖ Friday 16th August
- ❖ 3pm-6pm
- ❖ Song: Seasons of Love
- ❖ You will need to qualify to perform this song – please submit a recording to your Section Leader
- ❖ Please mark your attendance on the CKC website
- ❖ Congratulations Kaity and Courtney 

Resignations

It is with great sadness that we bid a fond farewell to both Inese Kamenyitzky and Susannah Robinson – we will miss them but wish them all the very best for the future.

Riser Etiquette Refresh #4

When the Director is demonstrating how to sing a particular passage, listen. Do not sing with her. She will be demonstrating pitch, nuances of vocal quality, notes, words If you sing with her, others will miss out on learning from the expert.

Please mark your attendance on the website for the 2025 International Convention in Columbus Ohio

Congratulations! Circular Keys Chorus is eligible to compete as a Wildcard Chorus at the 2025 International Chorus Semifinals in Columbus, Ohio October 20-25, 2025 at the Greater Columbus Convention Centre.....

And we have accepted the invitation – Columbus here we come!

Current Committees

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

- ❖ Inese Kamenyitzky – Chair
- ❖ Anne Harris
- ❖ Kaye Kendall
- ❖ Jenny DoRozario
- ❖ Verne Mantova
- ❖ Sue Winter
- ❖ Susie Robinson
- ❖ Sue Rosenblum
- ❖ Susan Kelly

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- ❖ Anne Thompson
- ❖ Jen Kumar

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

- ❖ Sue Gray – Chair

- ❖ Courtney Churchward
- ❖ Jen Senior
- ❖ Kaity Dwyer
- ❖ Linda Vitali
- ❖ Ann Keating

COACH COORDINATION COMMITTEE

- ❖ Kath Ware
- ❖ Rachael Moessis

REHEARSAL EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

- ❖ Kaye Kendall – Chair
- ❖ Emma Edwards
- ❖ Heather Baeza
- ❖ Cheryl Wolfen

WEBMASTER

- ❖ Carol Lutz

Member Birthdays



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| ❖ Cheryl Wolfenden | July 08 |
| ❖ Monique Wood | July 09 |
| ❖ Inese Kamenyitzky | July 21 |
| ❖ Daniela Groeschel | July 23 |
| ❖ Diane Jenkins | July 25 |

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.

❖ Kath Ware	20 th May – 1 st July 2024
❖ Cheryl Wolfenden	11 th June – 3 rd July 2024
❖ Marea Witt	19 th and 26 th June 2024
❖ Kaye Kendall	August 2024
❖ Betty Fuller	24 th August – 20 th September 2024
❖ Rachael Moessis	14 th -30 th September 2024
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New CKC Tops – from Kath Ware

When choosing your white tops for dyeing –

- ❖ You can choose any style of top
- ❖ The colour must be white
- ❖ It should be made from a natural fibre (cotton, bamboo, linen) and be jersey knit (like a t-shirt fabric) (no cotton / polyester blend fabric)
- ❖ Avoid extra trim like lace, embroidery or buttons, or cheap poor quality tops. Remember you will be dying this top and you want it to last

Where to buy your white top –

There are a number of on-line stores that will stock the above type of top including:

- ❖ Birdsnest - <https://www.birdsnest.com.au/>
- ❖ Tulio - <https://tulio.com.au/>
- ❖ Kobomo - <https://kobomo.com.au/>
- ❖ Woman Within - <https://www.womanwithin.com/>
- ❖ Blue Bungalow - <https://bluebungalow.com.au/>

You can also try shops like:

- ❖ Uniqlo (they have good cotton t-shirts)
- ❖ Myers
- ❖ Sussan
- ❖ Katies

Receiving your dyeing materials –

Our wonderful Sweet Adeline of the year, Jane Masters will give you your dye pack with full instructions and all materials when we return from Fremantle. So please have your top purchased prior to then.

You can get together with a friend to dye your tops together if you like, but it's best not to dye more than two tops at a time.

If you are still uncertain about the top you need to purchase or the dyeing process, please contact Kath 0417 485 049. Kath will be travelling back from Fremantle over six weeks on a camping road trip and will be back at rehearsal around 30 June.

Diary Dates 2024

2024	
Wed 26 th June 2024	Raffle Tickets on sale before rehearsal – to raise funds for Alouette's trip to Kansas
Sat 29 th June 2024 11.00am	The Pretzel Effect: Leadership and Membership (SAA workshop) time: on Zoom
Wed 3 rd July 7.30pm	Open rehearsal night – more info to follow soon
Wed 10 th July 7.30pm	Special General Meeting to vote on changes to the Rules for Incorporation
Sat 13 th July 2024	Trivia Night - fundraising for Alouette's journey to International – save the date
Wed 8 th August	Coaching with Lea Beverley, Expression Judge. During regular rehearsal time
Fri 16 th August 3-6pm	Kaity and Courtney's wedding: song: Seasons of Love
Sun 15 th September	Bunnings BBQ (Alouette)
Sat 20 th October	Bunnings BBQ (Alouette)
28 th October-2 nd November	International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri
Wed 30 th October	International Quartet Semi-finals: Alouette is Contestant # 37, Skylark #41
Sat 2 nd November	Bunnings BBQ CKC fundraiser
Sat 7 th December	Bunnings BBQ CKC fundraiser

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: Crystal Forbes
- ❖ Appointed Member: Diane Jenkins
- ❖ 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 DoRozario, 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 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.