



# Secret Chorus Business

23rd October, 2024

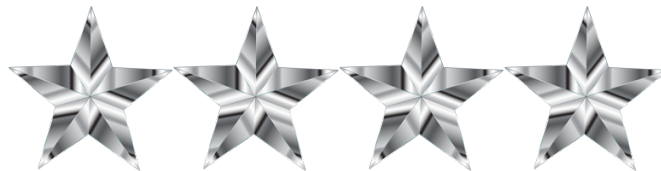
## NO REHEARSAL THIS WEEK Halloween themed party at Rachael's place



## WHAT'S NEW

*Wishing Alouette an awesome time in the USA, and all the very best on stage in Kansas City. You are sounding amazing, and we know that you will sparkle and shine on the international stage. We are so proud of you and will be with you in spirit!*

*Enjoy every minute!*



### Thank You to an Anonymous Donor

A huge heartfelt thankyou goes out to a member who has offered to donate to the chorus the cost of hiring St Joseph's for our Saturday convention rehearsals next year. The member wishes to remain anonymous, so I don't know who it is. Whoever you are, THANK YOU!



## Halloween Party Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October



Is everyone ready to get spooooooky?!? Rachael has generously offered up her home for the night of Wednesday, October 30th so get your costumes ready and prepare to party! It won't be the right night for Trick or Treating, but there will be plenty of fun and games. We're also hoping to take a photo for the Sweet Adelines Webcast watch party competition with everybody in their Halloween finery so go nuts with your costumes to help our submission stand out. There's USD\$500 up for grabs so let's give it a red hot go!

The fun starts at **7:30pm at 17 Cavendish Street, Pennant Hills**. Bring something to eat for a Treat or you might just be asked to show us a Trick (and actually that would be awesome too!) BYO drinks. Costumes are optional but such good fun



See you there!



## Webcast Watch Party

Webcast watch party is at Rachael's place:

- ❖ 17 Cavendish Street Pennant Hills
- ❖ 10am-12pm
- ❖ Alouette on stage 11.04am
- ❖ We'll take a photo of us watching the webcast for FB and SAI membership draw

## Bunnings BBQ 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out at the Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Jane sent out the roster recently, and would love an extra person on the 10-12 and 12-2 shifts. Please let Jane know if you can give some time.

## Alouette's International Convention Performance in Kansas City

Alouette are scheduled to be on stage at 11.04am on Thursday 31st October (Sydney time). They are Contestant no. 37. We wish them all the very best for their competition performance and all the exciting events they will be experiencing in Kansas City.

## Sweet Adelines International Convention Webcast

You will be able to watch the live stream of the international competitions from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup>. A playback feature will be active until Nov 17 which will allow you to watch any events that you miss (this is great for us living in a different time zone). The cost of access the live stream and playback is USD25.

There are always many fantastic performances at the International conventional, so don't miss out - maybe share the cost with other members and watch the live stream or the playback together.

On Nov 18, all performances will be accessible to all on The SAI YouTube channel, so if you aren't able to watch the live stream or playback, you can access them from this date.

For more details, and to register go to <https://www.sweetadswebcast.com/>

## Australian contestants:

- ❖ Endeavour Harmony Chorus: Harmony Class Div AA contestant #5. Harmony Classic starts at 9:15am on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (Sydney time). Region 34 member Sharon Cartwright is Emcee for this event
- ❖ Alouette: Quartet Semi-Finals: Contestant #37. On stage 11.04am Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October
- ❖ Skylark: Quartet Semi-Finals: Contestant #41

## Ohio T-Shirts

Do you love Carol and Sue's Ohio t-shirts? Would you like one? You don't have to steal the shirts off their backs! Carol has kindly offered to print a t-shirt for any member who would like one.

To order a T-shirt you will need to:

- ❖ Provide Carol with a BLACK T-shirt of your choice (any fabric is fine): it will need to be pre-washed WITHOUT fabric softener – this helps the design to adhere to the fabric
- ❖ Transfer \$15 to the CKC account with your name and Ohio t-shirt in the reference
- ❖ This will cover Carol's costs and be a small fundraiser for the chorus
- ❖ Carol will return the completed t-shirt once she has been notified that the amount has been transferred into CKC's account
- ❖ Carol can start taking orders from next Wednesday. Please place your t-shirt in a bag labelled with your name

THANKS CAROL 😊

## Qualifying for Christmas Singouts/Performances

- ❖ The first time a member has to pass an Xmas song once, it should be done by audio recording, but after that members can pass by attending a section rehearsal, or by performing in a small chorus during rehearsal, or a by live riser.
- ❖ That members can hold sheet music as long as they only need to refer to it occasionally
- ❖ For newer members, have a short list of songs for them to learn, and we can group those songs together in one set (yet to be determined however would include the songs we have been working on already).

## Physical Warm-Ups Etiquette

Please be ready for our physical warm-up sessions at 7:30pm – these sessions help prepare us physically and mentally for our vocal warm-ups and rehearsal, so they are very important – and are also fun! If you have physical restrictions and find it difficult to participate, just do what you can within your limits. Please show respect to the warm-up leader by paying attention to them – they have spent time and energy preparing a warm-up for us, so show them every courtesy. If you have important matters to discuss, please remove yourselves from the warm-ups space.

## Riser Etiquette

Members have noticed that there has been some restlessness and chatting on the risers recently and have been finding it distracting difficult to hear and pay attention to what is happening out the front. Please show respect to

our Director and of all our members and leaders by refraining from chatting and creating distractions on the risers. I think I'm guilty of that myself sometimes, but I will make sure to improve.

Here is a reminder of the relevant riser etiquette guidelines:

### **Ten second rule**

*If the Director has not addressed the chorus within ten seconds, then you can talk quietly with your riser neighbour until the Director resumes.*

### **Listen, don't distract**

*When the Director is speaking to the chorus or another section, listen. Don't pass the time singing, reviewing your part or talk. It makes it difficult for all of us to pay her proper attention and to learn, because we're instead paying at least some attention to you.*

## **International Board of Directors (IBOD) Election**

We will be voting for members of Sweet Adelines International Board of Directors on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Individual chorus members will vote for a candidate, and the chorus will submit the winner of that vote to Sweet Adelines International. I have sent out information on the candidates and voting process by email. You can also read about the candidates here <https://sweetadelines.com/sites/default/files/Operations/IBOD-Election/2024%20IBOD%20Nominee%20Bios%20for%20website.pdf>

## **NSW Rules for Incorporation – 2021 changes not registered**

Recently we voted in favour of changes to our Rules for Incorporation which were required by the Dept of Fair Trading (DFT) and Sweet Adelines International, and these changes were lodged with the DFT shortly afterwards. In subsequent communication from DFT, it came to our attention that the change that we voted in favour of in 2021, regarding the terms of office of Management Team members, was received by the DFT, but not registered. A representative of DFT recommended that we submit the whole Rules with these changes included, to our members for review, hold a Special General Meeting to pass a resolution in favour of the Rules, and then submit it to DFT for approval. The meeting to vote for the Rules is also set for Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. I have received an updated Rules from Dianne James who is the Governance Coordinator at Sweet Adelines Australia, and I sent it out by email to all members for their consideration.

## **Copyright**

Circular Keys Chorus pays for the copyright of our sheet music, and membership of CKC entitles us to access this sheet music. Visitors and prospective members are not entitled to receive copies. We do have Visitors books which have copies of our current repertoire for use during rehearsals – these folders remain the property of CKC and must not be taken home by non-members.

## **Taster Nights Cancelled**

Because we want to focus on preparing for the International Contest in October next year, we have decided to cancel the open nights in November.

If you know of anyone who is interested in visiting a rehearsal, they are welcome to come along anytime. It's helpful if we know in advance that they are coming.

## **CKC Christmas Party**

The date for our Christmas Party is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Stay tuned for more details.

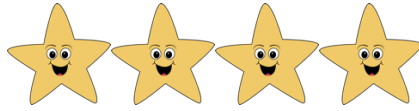
## **CKC's Values**

**Our top five values are:**

**RESPECT EXCELLENCE COMMITMENT EDUCATION FUN**

**Let's make sure we keep these values in mind in all our chorus dealings and activities**

*Integrity ☆ Commitment ☆ Fun ☆ Dare to be Different*



## CKC COMMITTEES AND TEAMS 2024-5

*Thank you for the time and energy you spend supporting our chorus*

### HOSPITALITY

Jenny Do Rozario  
Kaye Kendall  
Sue Rosenblum  
Sue Kelly  
Marea Witt  
Anne Harris

### FUNDRAISING

**Chair: Jane Masters**

Courtney Churchward  
Ann Keating  
Kaity Dwyer  
Crystal Forbes

### REHEARSAL EQUIPMENT

### WEB TEAM

Carol Lutz - Webmaster  
Kath Ware – Public Pages

**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

### COSTUME

Kath Ware

### MAKEUP

Kaity Dwyer

## Management Team

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- ❖ 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

# Music Team

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- ❖ 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)

If there are teams or team members missing from the lists above, please let Rachael know

## Member Birthdays

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| ❖ Philippa Taylor | November 13 |
| ❖ Emma Edwards    | November 21 |
| ❖ Anne Thompson   | November 23 |
| ❖ Cathy Horner    | November 24 |
| ❖ Frances Gurto   | December 08 |

## Member Leave

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Are you planning on taking holidays or unable to attend rehearsal? If so, please email [absence@circularkeys.org](mailto: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.

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| ❖ Jenny Do Rozario    | 23 <sup>rd</sup> September - 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 |
| ❖ Liz Perry-Windhorst | October 2024   |
| ❖ Kath Ware           | 10 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> October 2024            |
| ❖ Cheryl Wolfenden    | 14 <sup>th</sup> October-10 <sup>th</sup> November 2024    |
| ❖ Sue Gray            | 5 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024            |



## Resignation

Sadly, Sue Winter has resigned – we are sorry to see her go but wish her all the very best for her future journeys through life.

## Diary Dates 2024

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2024	
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct-2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2024	Sweet Adelines International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2024	Harmony Classic: Sydney time from 9am Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Endeavour Harmony is Contestant #5 in Div AA
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 2024	International Quartet Semi-finals: Alouette is Contestant #37, Skylark #41 (US time)
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024	No rehearsal – Halloween Party at Rachael's place 17 Cavendish St Pennant Hills
11:04am Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 2024	Alouette are on stage (Sydney time)
Sat 2nd Nov 2024	Fundraising: Bunnings BBQ CKC Castle Hill
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2024	Regional Event: Membership and Marketing: Zoom
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 12pm	Regional Event: Quartet Masterclass with Caitlin Castelino: Zoom
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 12.20pm-2.40pm 2024	Performance: Choirs in the City: Martin Place Christmas Tree
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 6-8pm 2024	Performance: Choirs in the City: Martin Place
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024	Fundraising: Bunnings BBQ CKC Castle Hill
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6-8pm	Performance: Choirs in the City: Martin Place
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6-8pm	Performance: Choirs in the City: Customs House
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2024 7.30pm	CKC Christmas Party
1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from Feb 2025	International Competition Rehearsal: TBC
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	REF visit and chorus coaching with Emily Moriarty
October 20–25, 2025	Sweet Adelines International Convention & Competition, Columbus Ohio

## Chorus Fine Print

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### SUGGESTION BOX

Have a suggestion you want to raise? Send it to [suggestionbox@circularkeys.org](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto: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.



## CKC FEE INFORMATION

Circular Keys Chorus charges an annual fee to cover the costs of venue hire for rehearsals and coaching sessions, Director's Honorarium, International and Regional fees, costumes, insurance and other costs related to running an organisation, music and learning tracks, promotional materials such as banners ... and more. As you can see, not all of these expenses are related to running rehearsals, which is why we pay every month including the weeks we do not rehearse (eg Christmas/January break).

The annual fee is broken up into 12 equal payments of \$60 per month. It can be paid annually (\$720), quarterly (\$180), or on another regular basis (always in multiples of \$60 please), but it needs to be paid in advance for a member to be in good standing. These fees are also payable even if you are not attending rehearsals, and if a member is taking leave, fees should still be paid in advance so that membership is maintained. This is because all our costs remain the same, whether or not individual members are attending.

If paying your fees slips your mind, add it to your diary, or set up direct debit so that the fees are paid when due. If you do forget your fees and the Finance Manager reminds you, please pay the outstanding amount promptly. Remember that the Finance Manager is a volunteer, and we need to be considerate of her time by paying our fees regularly and by responding to her requests promptly and with courtesy.

## 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