



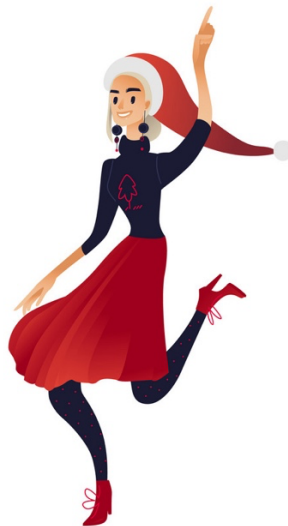
# Secret Chorus Business

18<sup>th</sup> December, 2024

**RESPECT EXCELLENCE COMMITMENT EDUCATION FUN**

'We unite through music, creating a harmonious space where voices blend, friendships grow,  
and artistry thrives'

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



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**Please wear your Christmas gear**

*Thank you to you all for singing together so beautifully and working so tirelessly to  
make our Chorus sparkle and shine in so many ways in 2024.*

*Wishing you all the best for a safe, happy and rejuvenating holiday season!*

# WHAT'S NEW

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## Star of the Week

Congratulations to Kath, our Star of the Week! Thank you for everything that you do for CKC – Costume Coordinator, Coach Coordinator, managing the public pages of our website, on PR team writing articles for various publications .... and probably more! Thank you especially for sourcing the Bunch scarves, and heading the Onion Team for our recent Bunnings BBQ. You are such a supportive and committed member. Thank you!



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## Extra Bunnings BBQ April 21 2025

Bunnings have given us an extra BBQ fundraising date of Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025. Please mark your attendance on the website so that we can be sure we have enough volunteers for that day.

## Christmas Sing Outs

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas performances for the City of Sydney gigs – they are so much fun, and very profitable. The public love us, and the event managers are always complimentary, so I'm sure they give feedback regarding our performances to the City of Sydney ☺

An extra big thank you to our pitch pipers – such an important role, and we couldn't do it without you - and also to Vicki for directing us so well and engaging the audience to ensure they have a wonderful time.

Thank you also to Di for doing a great job leading us on Monday night – thank you for stepping up, Di!



## Christmas Giving

Jen K has done some research and has found a charity located in Mt Druitt called The Wash House. Their mission is:

'Our purpose is to reduce the impact of poverty, social disadvantage and violence on the lives of women and girls.'

The Wash House said that they have no toys to give the children at Christmas. They would like toys that are:

- ❖ new
- ❖ unwrapped
- ❖ for boys and girls up to the age of 10
- ❖ may include books (new)
- ❖ large and small items

Jen will collect the toys at our Christmas Party on 18/12 and take the gifts to the charity the next day with a card which you can also sign.

<https://www.washhouse.org.au/>

Thank you for all your work on this project, Jen.

Of course, if you would like to give gifts to special chorus friends, or you have already organised gifts, then please go ahead.

## CKC Christmas Party

Many thanks to the Social team for organising this event – it's gonna be fun!



# Circular Keys Chorus Christmas Party 2024

You're invited to the CKC Christmas Party 2024,  
for a casual dinner, raffles and games.

Time: 7-10pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Venue: The Pacifica Room (our regular rehearsal room)  
St. Josephs

Dress: Christmas bling!

Dinner: Pot Luck finger food - bring a dish to share  
(preferably savoury)

Add a label if gluten or lactose free. Please avoid berries and peanuts.

Decorate your table if you wish.

Optional:

Bring a present for a child for The Wash House charity

BYO:

Drinks, disposable plates, glasses, cutlery and merriment!

## RE-CAPS AND UPDATES

### Australia Day Performance

We have a performance on Australia Day for the City of Parramatta, so please mark your attendance on the website. Some people might be away during this time, but please sign up if you can. More information will become available closer to the time, but the gig is in Parramatta Park from 7am-9am. There will be a rehearsal to prepare at St Joseph's on Wednesday 22/1/25 at our usual rehearsal time. The songs for this performance are:

- ❖ I am Australian
- ❖ My Country
- ❖ Shelter
- ❖ Under Southern Skies
- ❖ Waltzing Matilda
- ❖ Weather With You

### Change of Dates for International Saturday Rehearsals 2025

We have had to cancel Saturday 6/9/25, and we are trying to secure an additional Saturday in August. Apologies for any inconvenience, and we will let you know as soon as we can when the date is secured. This is the updated list of Saturdays:

Date	Room
Saturday 1/2/25	Mechtilde Woods Room
Saturday 1/3/25	Pacifica Room
Saturday 5/4/25	Pacifica Room
Saturday 3/5/25	Pacifica Room
Saturday 7/6/25	Pacifica Room
Saturday 5/7/25	Pacifica Room
Saturday 2/8/25	Pacifica Room
Saturday 8/25 TBC	TBC
Saturday 27/9/25	Pacifica Room
Saturday 11/10/15	Family and Friends Concert venueTBA

### Billeting Dual Members

Next year we will have Dual members attending our Saturday rehearsal, and some of them may be coming from some distance. If you are able to accommodate any dual members, please let Rachael know. A big thank you to Kath who has already volunteered 😊

### Bunnings BBQs 2025

Bunnings have given us 3 dates so far for 2025, so please put these in your diary:

- ❖ Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- ❖ Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April
- ❖ Easter Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

BBQs are great fundraisers for the chorus, and many hands make light work, so please volunteer for these if you can.

### Christmas Raffle

Thank you to Ann K for organising this fundraiser, and to all involved in getting this together 😊

### NSW Rules for Incorporation – Registration Complete

Our new Constitution has been registered with Fair Trading. The Constitution (Rules for Incorporation) and letter of confirmation are now on our website.

### Return and Earn – every 10c counts!

A Return and Earn account has been set up for the chorus for fundraising, so remember to keep your plastic and glass bottles, aluminium cans and some tetra packs aside for our Return and Earn. Compatible items have 10c



marked on the packaging. Remember **not to crush** your eligible items. You can either bring them to chorus and Jane will deposit the items for you, or you can deposit them yourself at a depot using the barcode below and at the end of the newsletter. You can take a screenshot of the barcode to use at the depot. If you prefer, you can print the barcode. Thank you to Jane for setting this up.

If you are not a big consumer of drinks yourself, why not ask your friends, family, colleagues, church group etc. to give you their empty bottles?

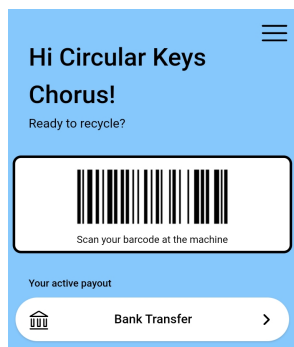
### How to Return and Earn:

<https://youtu.be/OYDROMQIDbU>

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=966272033522727>

### Return and Earn Location Points:

<https://returnandearn.org.au/map/>



## Hospitality Team

The Hospitality Team is seeking new members. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Kaye [colinkaye7@bigpond.com](mailto:colinkaye7@bigpond.com) for more information. The Team may also be asking other chorus members to contribute to suppers to support the Hospitality Team, so please contact Kaye if you can help with this.

Suppers are a great way to socialise, stay in touch with our chorus friends and get to know more of our chorus members. Thank you Hospitality Team!

## 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:

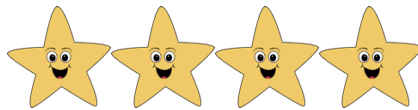
- ❖ Provide Carol with a BLACK T-shirt of your choice (any fabric is fine): it will need to be pre-washed WITHOUT fabric softener – this helps the design to adhere to the fabric
- ❖ Transfer \$15 to the CKC account with your name and Ohio t-shirt in the reference
- ❖ This will cover Carol's costs and 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

**We would like to encourage all members travelling to Ohio to purchase one of these shirts – we will be using them as rehearsal shirts during our Saturday International rehearsals, and also as a fun travel shirt in Ohio.**

THANKS CAROL ☺

## Thank You to an Anonymous Donor

As you know, a member has offered to pay for our Saturday rehearsal next year – this amount has already been placed into the Chorus account. Whoever you are, once again a big, warm THANK YOU!



## 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

**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

### WEB TEAM

Carol Lutz – Webmaster

Kath Ware – Public Pages

### COSTUME

Kath Ware

### MAKEUP

Kaity Dwyer

## Management Team

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❖ Musical Director: Vicki Dwyer

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

- ❖ 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, Susan Kelly
- ❖ 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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|-----------------------|-------------|
| ❖ Crystal Forbes      | December 20 |
| ❖ Jenny Do Rozario    | January 21  |
| ❖ Courtney Churchward | January 24  |
| ❖ Rachael Moessis     | February 9  |
| ❖ Sue Rosenblum       | February 21 |

## 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.

**Remember that our rehearsals are streamed on our Circular Keys-On Key Facebook page and are saved there, so if you do need to miss a rehearsal, you can watch at home or catch up later – also a great way to review any content to consolidate your learning.**



## Diary Dates 2024

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2024	
Sat 7th Dec	Fundraising: Bunnings BBQ CKC Castle Hill
Thurs 12th Dec 6-8pm	Performance: Choirs in the City: Martin Place
Mon 16th Dec 6-8pm	Performance: Choirs in the City: Customs House
Wed 18th Dec 7:30pm	CKC Christmas Party: Pacifica Room, St Joseph's
2025	
Fri 10th Jan 7:30pm	Management Team Meeting at Rachael's place
Sun 26th Jan 7am-9am	Parramatta Park
Sat 1st Feb 9am-5pm	International Competition Rehearsal Mechtilde Woods Room, St Joseph's
Sat 9th Feb 8am-4pm	Fundraising: Bunnings BBQ
Sat 1st Mar 9am-5pm	REF visit and International Competition and chorus coaching with Emily Moriarty
Sat 5th Apr 9am-5pm	International Competition Rehearsal Pacifica Room
Sat 3rd May 9am-5pm	International Competition Rehearsal Pacifica Room
Sat 7th Jun 9am-5pm	International Competition Rehearsal Pacifica Room
Sat 5th Jul 9am-5pm	International Competition Rehearsal Pacifica Room
Sat 2nd Aug 9am-5pm	International Competition Rehearsal Pacifica Room
Sat ? August 9am-5pm	International Competition Rehearsal Pacifica Room TBC
Sat 27th Sept 9am-5pm	International Competition Rehearsal Pacifica Room
Sat 11th Oct time TBA	Family and Friends Concert venue TBA
October 20–25	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



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