

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
CIRCULAR KEYS CHORUS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
17 APRIL 2024

Our membership currently stands at 38 members. While we added 5 new members during the year, we unfortunately said goodbye to 10. Among those leaving were 2 very committed and longstanding members, Deborah Martin and Steph Wallbank. These 2 ladies contributed greatly to many aspects of chorus life over many years. We will miss them.

To celebrate Steph's contribution over 27 years we held an afternoon tea in February including festivities, photos and attendance by many past chorus members. It was a wonderful occasion.

At the 2023 convention in Brisbane we achieved the fantastic result of 2nd overall and 2nd midsize (AA) chorus and felt that we had come back!

There was one longevity pin awarded to Cheryl Wolfenden in February for her 10 year membership.

The Doris Ward Award recipient for 2024 is Jane Masters, who has been recognised for her ongoing support and commitment to the chorus especially in the area of seeking out and managing our sing-outs. We are delighted that Jane is our Sweet Adeline of the Year for 2024.

We sang at many Christmas venues including the QVB, Martin Place and the wonderful evening at NSW Government House. We also sang at 2 Australia Day events and the Bunch sang at several retirement homes. Jenny Do Rozario has taken over direction of the Bunch and we thank her heartily for this.

A workshop was held in Blacktown in June but unfortunately, despite some interest shown by attendees, it did not result in any new members.

We co-hosted a fabulous show with Sydney Harmony at Hornsby RSL in November. The performers included other choruses and quartets and we received some wonderful feedback by audience members.

Our beautiful bari Heather welcomed another baby boy, Enoch (brother to Zeke) in December and has had a busy year moving house also. We look forward to her return, hopefully in June.

We are now at the pointy end of preparation for the 2024 Region 34 Fremantle Convention. We have 2 more wonderful coaching weekends to come which are sure to give us an edge.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be a member of the management team over the last year.

Frances Gurto

Membership Chair