

Circular Keys Chorus Annual Team Coordinator Report 2023-2024

To my CKC Sisters in Song! Let's take a stroll down memory lane and celebrate all the amazing moments we shared in 2023. It's been a whirlwind of fun, challenges, and unforgettable performances!

Highlights of the Year:

The year kicked off with our traditional Australia Day sing-out in Parramatta Park, setting the tone for what was to come. Despite some challenges with accommodation bookings and rehearsal venues, we journeyed to compete in our first face to face convention since 2018. And wow did we show them how CKC shines! Achieving our highest-ever score and being the first chorus to secure a wild card invitation to compete at International were milestones we'll cherish forever. While we decided to decline the invitation, our Brisbane performance was nothing short of spectacular!

Back home, we teamed up with Sydney Harmony for a concert that left everyone in awe, showcasing our passion for barbershop to friends and family.

Acknowledgments:

First thanks must go our Master Director, Vicki Dwyer for her vision and musical leadership. Her infectious passion for barbershop and singing has inspired us all to become better singers and to strive for greatness both individually and as a chorus.

A heartfelt thank you to our Section Leaders and members of the Music Team for their unwavering support of Vicki and their dedication to our musical growth. The countless hours spent listening to riser recordings and watching videos have been instrumental in refining our performances. We couldn't shine as brightly as we do without your expertise and guidance.

A special shoutout to our visual team for their invaluable contribution to our performances. Your creativity and attention to detail help us appear authentic and connected to the story we tell on stage. Your efforts enhance our performances and elevate our artistry to new heights.

And I also want to raise a big shoutout to our rockstar management team behind the scenes:

- Anne Harris, our super Secretary, for keeping us organized and on track.
- Sue Gray, and Sue Kelly, our financial wizards, for keeping our finances in tip-top shape.
- Frances Gurto, our Membership guru, for welcoming newbies with open arms.
- Jane Masters, our Performance powerhouse, for scoring us some awesome gigs.
- Candace Deller, our PR and Marketing, for keeping us in the spotlight while she was with us!
- And a round of applause for our other elected members: Diane Jenkins and Pippa Anderson whose support and assistance was greatly appreciated.

Departures:

As we celebrate our victories, it's also important to acknowledge those who have bid farewell to CKC throughout the year. We've said goodbye to some cherished members as they retired or moved away. While their absence is deeply felt, we're grateful for the time they spent with us and the memories we've shared. Their contributions have helped shape CKC into the vibrant community it is today, and they will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Committees:

We couldn't do it without our incredible committees:

- The Hospitality Team, led by the amazing Inese, for always making sure we celebrate in style.
- The Fundraising Team, under the leadership of Sue Gray and Courtney Churchward, for boosting the funds with Bunnings BBQs, raffles and fun.
- Kath, our costume queen, for making sure we look fabulous on and off stage.
- Courtney and her team for getting us pumped with awesome warm-ups.
- Kaye and crew for their ninja-like setup and pack-up skills.
- And a big thanks to Alison and Kath for looking after the awesome coaches!

Conclusion:

As I pass the Team Coordinator torch after 5 incredible years, I want to dedicate a special tribute to Sue Gray. Sue, you've been my rock throughout this journey. Your unwavering support, dedication, and countless hours of hard work behind the scenes have been nothing short of exceptional. CKC is incredibly fortunate to have you on the team. Your contributions, both seen and unseen, have been instrumental in shaping our chorus into the vibrant community it is today. How could we ever thank you enough for bringing Dug as a mascot to help us twittervate our uptune!. You truly are a gem, and your presence enriches the lives of everyone in CKC. Thank you for everything you do, Sue.

And to each and every member of CKC, thank you for bringing the best of yourself every week and being the heart and soul of this chorus. Let's keep singing, shining, and daring to be different in 2024 and beyond!

Catch you on the risers,

Carol Lutz

Outgoing Team Coordinator