

Circular Keys Chorus Annual Team Coordinator Report 2024

Circular Keys Chorus, what an incredible ensemble you are – your skills, creativity, work ethic, dedication, teamwork and sense of fun are inspirational! 2024 was another fantastic year of many achievements in all aspects of our chorus life of which we should all be very proud!

It's always a thrill to share our music with audiences, and we kickstarted the year with two public performances on Australia Day at Parramatta Park and Bella Vista Farm, showcasing our Australian repertoire. After travelling the breadth of the country we sang on the national stage at Fremantle, and although we didn't quite win the day as we'd hoped, we performed so well that we were offered a wildcard place to perform in Columbus, Ohio in October 2025 - a huge achievement, one only ten choruses across all regions achieved ... and so, Ohio, here we go! Singing at Kaity and Courtney's wedding in August was an honour and a joy – such a beautiful setting, beautiful couple and happy occasion that will stay in our hearts always, and it was a privilege to sing with them and share their special day. Who could forget the Bunnings pre-Fathers' Day gig, with its glorious reptiles? Such great memories of Vicki draped with a huge snake and Ann K with a large lizard on her shoulder! And our Christmas gigs that bring so much joy to our audiences in the city are always fun and bring in much needed funds. Even though it is technically a 2025 event, singing at Crystal's citizenship ceremony was also a great joy. Thank you to all members who practiced, rehearsed and sang in 2024.

In February we celebrated Steph's huge contribution to CKC with a party attended by current and past members of the chorus, it was lovely to see so many old faces, catch up with old friends, share precious memories and re-live hilarious performances with contemporary re-writes! CKC's 28th birthday, Kaity and Courtneys's pre-wedding glitz, Halloween and Silly Socks Day – this chorus sure knows how to celebrate everything!

Congratulations to our award winners this year: Alouette's fantastic second place score in Fremantle and wildcard entry to the International Quartet Competition in Kansa City – we are so proud of your achievements! And talking of proud – congratulations to Diane Jenkins as the recipient of our Region's Marian Reinsch Award for Most Outstanding Recent Graduate in the Director Certification Program – as always you are a star! To our Doris Ward Award/Sweet Adeline of the Year Jane Masters, we sincerely thank you for your high level of service to the chorus. I'd also like to acknowledge and thank our members who made contributions to Region 34 in 2024: Vicki, Kaity and Pippa. And we can't forget the fantastic success of Jen Kumar whose stunning design was selected as the logo for the 2025 Regional Convention in Hobart – so beautifully done, Jen!

A huge thank you to Vicki who dedicates so much time and skill to Circular Keys – her vision and passion inspire us every day, and her amazing skills as an educator provide us

with all we need to become better singers and support us on our singing and musical journey. Vicki is our Musical Director, is on the Management Team, and she also supports the Region as a member of the Regional Educational Faculty of many years. Supporting Vicki are Di our Assistant Director and our Music Team who devote their time, energy and skills to support chorus members in their singing and performance skills – we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you do – you are integral to our growth as individual and ensemble singers. Working with Vicki and the chorus have been coaches who have all contributed to our development: Lea Beverley, Emily Moriarty, and of course Di Huber and Bec Hewitt.

This year we have farewelled some more treasured members, and we miss them greatly. We thank them for their contributions, we wish them all the best and hope that they enjoyed their time with us. We give a warm welcome to new members Mon, Ursula, Spring and Philippa and hope that you spend many happy and rewarding years with Circular Keys.

We are so proud of our quartets and their achievements: Alouette, Tango, Kephi and Allegra. As they sing to us at rehearsals, we watch them grow in confidence and skill and love to cheer them on at competitions and gigs. To Alouette, a special mention – we are so proud of your achievements at the regional competition in Fremantle and your first journey to International – congratulations to you all!

The Management Team supports and drives the chorus in so many ways, and I'd like to thank our outgoing team for all their efforts to keep CKC running smoothly, with an extra special thank you to Carol L and Sue G, who undertook many years of service on the Management Team, dedicating skills, time and energy to their role.

To our current Management Team, I'd also like to thank you for your invaluable service to CKC and your support of me as the Team Coordinator – you dazzle me every day with your dedication and enthusiasm to ensure that our chorus is the best that it can be:

- Vicki, our Musical Director: for your fantastic musical skills and your focus on our growth as an ensemble
- Anne H, our Secretary: for your good heart and accurate and timely minutes which guide us in our roles
- Susan K, our Financial Manager: for your diplomacy and financial skill and insight
- Frances Gurto, our Membership Chair: for your keenness and dedication to our members' interests
- Crystal, our Performance Coordinator: for your enthusiasm and willingness to step into this role at short notice
- Jen K, our PR & Marketing Coordinator: for your sweet nature and creative flair to produce fabulous materials to promote our chorus across all media platforms

- Diane Jenkins, appointed member: for sharing your years of experience to support the team and the chorus, and for giving many hours of your time to ensure our journey to International runs smoothly
- Pippa Anderson, appointed member: for being a voice from the chorus

Huge thank yous go to our Committees who put so much time and energy into the day to day running of our chorus – we couldn't do it without you:

- Hospitality for your amazing suppers and delicious morning teas
- Fundraising for working hard to generate funds with cake stalls, BBQs, raffles and more
- Costume for taking such great care of our costumes and distributing them to new members
- Sound, for ensuring we can all receive vital instruction with ease
- Warm-Up crew for fun and energising music and movement to begin our rehearsals
- Social, for creating fun events to keep us connected beyond rehearsals
- Coach Coordinator for providing for visiting coaches and ensuring they are well accommodated and well fed
- Website gurus for making sure that our website runs at its best and looks great for our members and the public
- Make-up for making sure we look amazing on stage

We are so fortunate to have so many devoted members who work hard in a myriad of ways to ensure that CKC is a well-oiled machine - thank you to all who make it happen!

Having completed the first leg of my journey as Team Coordinator, I am reminded again of what an awesome group of singers we are, giving so much of our hearts and souls to our music and our chorus, and being ready and willing to contribute, learn and grow every time we step on and off the risers. We are all bright and shining stars, and I look forward to another year and another incredible adventure with you all as we journey to Ohio and beyond!

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