

From the President

Excellent performance and attitude once again guys from the 30 or so who attended the final Music@Midday performances at the Canberra Theatre on Tuesday. By all accounts, Tony Craven is a star - what a ham! None of us performing would know anything about that of course because we were so intently concentrating upon her good self.

The Uniform Survey has not been forgotten. Your committee has devoted considerable energy and discussion to the information from the survey so far. The next stage has had to be deferred to January due to recent absence of your President mainly. My apologies. The committee will be deciding the next stage at the first Committee Meeting on 18th January.

Please check out the website calendar for 2011 if you have not already done so. Brumbies commitments and known War Memorial gigs have been included. Please let me emphasise once again the importance of the Brumbies organisation to the ARC. The Brumbies contribute the largest component of funds to our coffers by a considerable margin as a result of our performances at Brumbies home games. Therefore please consider the calendar and try to commit to as many of the EIGHT home games plus the inevitable home semi-final and home final as you can.

Speaking of the Brumbies, the General Manager Michael Thomson has asked me to convey his sincere apologies to all ARC members for his failure to appear at our Annual Dinner a couple of weeks ago. He is sorely embarrassed after having received and having accepted his invitation to simply have forgotten the occasion. He asked me to assure you that he has no excuse; he meant no slight and, on the contrary, has presumed that the ARC will continue to be a feature in the Brumbies environment in 2011.

You still have the slightest opportunity to send Alastair Crombie an email about your thoughts on the recent MCAA Festival in Sydney. Alastair will be taking all submissions to Sydney for consideration there at the review meeting this weekend. a.crombie@effect.net.au

EXTRA NUMBERS would be helpful if you can make it on the 7 December Gig at Warrigal Retirement and Aged Care Home 111 Campbell Street Queanbeyan at 1.10pm for 1.30pm.

As required at the Members Forum in February, all members will receive before the final practice next week, a copy of the Action Plan derived from the Forum and your committee's review comments against the recommendations made as to progress and success thus far. Members will also receive a copy of the forward planning calendar for 2011 with most major commitments included.

REMEMBER Canberra Services Club first practice in 2011 is 18th January, 6.45pm for commencement at 7.00pm, finishing at 9.15pm.

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Breaking News from Frank Bergersen - The Japan Trip is off!

Yes lads, sad though it is, the prospect of an all expenses paid trip to Japan for 15 of our guys to star in a Japanese commercial dressed as Eskimos has not come to fruition. The following advice was

received on 1 Dec from the Australian National Choral Association which has the ARC as one of its members:

Hi Men

We can unpack and relax - we did not get the gig in Japan. I did not realise that they wanted video footage of each singer. We were not asked for that, sorry guys. I know most actors have show reels to send and this must have been what was sent from the USA? Thank you so much for all your time, effort and willingness to give this a go. I know it was a huge effort to get this many together and would have been a great opportunity - but no luck this time. Thanks again for your willingness to support ANCA and jump at the opportunity presented. I will certainly let you know if anything like this comes up in the future. Best wishes for the holiday season and happy singing.

Janet Wyville
ANCA

As a large number of you know, there was only a two day window of opportunity for the ARC to respond to the Japan gig prospect. Ric and I put in a gargantuan effort and emailed and telephoned as many choir members as was humanly possible within the time available. We all knew that this prospect was tenuous at best, but knew that if it did come off that it would be a heap of fun (as well as hard work) and an experience to be treasured. I know that the 15 persons who were able to respond affirmatively to the exciting opportunity on offer appreciate the effort that was made even though on this occasion it did not come to fruition. Clearly we have made a good impression on ANCA and the door is open for future opportunities, hopefully with more positive outcomes.

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From Alpha Greetings!

Pictures from MCAA Concert, taken by my son, Tauri are up on line now. To check them out, just visit the links below:

Male Voice Festival Rehearsals

<http://gallery.me.com/alphagregory/100528>

Male Voice Festival Concert

<http://gallery.me.com/alphagregory/100538>

The photos can be downloaded but if used in any publishing, please credit the photographer. Could you please pass the link on to all your members so that they can view the photos.

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December 2010

7 December Gig at Warrigal Retirement and Aged Care Home 111 Campbell Street Queanbeyan at 1.10pm for 1.30pm

Colin will be conducting and Liz will accompany us. Uniform will be the normal summer rig (i.e. polo shirts) and the repertoire will be drawn from:

Siyahamba
Tshotsholosa
Stout Hearted Men
Brumbies Song
Road to Gundagai
Santa Lucia
Country Mile
Snowy River Roll

A couple of well known Christmas Carols (words will be provided)

For those who haven't been to Warrigal before, parking can be a tricky so the best place is at the bowls club car park on George Street (accessible via Campbell Street or Stornaway Road) from Canberra Ave. At the rear of the car park is a gate leading to the recreation room.

14 December at Faithfull Circuit Christmas Carols, 10 Faithfull Circuit Kambah 1815 for 1830. Dress: summer rig (polo shirt), with Christmas trimmings (hat, etc). This event is at Liz and Gordon Fyfe's house and partners are welcome to attend. Food will be provided for participants and partners following the carols but BYO drinks. Carols are well known items and will be sung from books provided by Liz - it is intended that we will get some exposure to these carols (and books) at next Tuesday's practice.

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