

From the President

Member Welfare

Ken McInnis

We wish Ken well as he pursues further medical advice in Sydney regarding the viability of his donated kidney and repercussions thereafter. We certainly hope that recent suggestions that the kidney could still be OK prove to be true.

My apologies for suggesting last week that it was another organ that was threatened.

Warren Whittaker

Just to confirm the advice at Tuesday night's practice that valued Bass man Warren Whittaker who has been laid low with bronchitis for the past few weeks has been advised that he has a cancer on his ankle and will be admitted to the National Capital Private Hospital on 28 March for surgical removal. He will be there flat on his back with leg in the air for a couple of weeks so if you fancy a chat with a captive audience, then Warren is your man.

Our thoughts go out to Warren for a successful surgery and speedy recovery. Warren does not expect to be back with us at Tuesday night practices until the end of April/early May. He is on the list for the London Concert, so I know that he will return to the fold hungry for singing and with his sights firmly set on that choral pinnacle.

Australian War Memorial

Numbers appear to be worrying low for the AWM gig tomorrow (Friday 18th). Alastair and I will be away on choir business in Orange so have to be absentees for this first 2011 AWM gig.

Please attend 9.30am for 10.00am if you can. The hymn will be O God Our Help In Ages Past.

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Brumbies

Your committee discussed the challenges of recent times and a proposal has been put to Brumbies General Manager, Michael Thomson, for consideration for trailing at the next game v Waratahs on 26th March. You will be informed as soon as the Brumbies respond.

Eddy Stevens and I had lunch with Michael and our Patron Ian McLean on Tuesday. All suggestions were keenly taken up by both Michael and Ian and both have responded already with suggestions, advice and referrals on such matters as alternate practice venues, suppliers for the new blazer and performance arrangements at Canberra Stadium.

Michael is pursuing a possibility which if he can arrange it will be dear to many ARC hearts. No, we will not be back performing on the ground.

Blazer Voting

The blazer sub-committee headed by Vice President Eddy Stevens held its first meeting last Tuesday and is underway in its work.

Wollongong Regional Tour

Please notify Max Brennan of your intention to participate in the Wollongong regional visit with the Arcadian Lamplighters on the weekend of 21-22 May. 30 + starters at this stage is a great response.

Max will have more information soon about accommodation options but it would appear that insufficient members wish to travel by coach so you are advised to consider car pooling etc for that weekend.

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Annual Fundraising Concert

Bookings have been made at the Hughes Baptist Church Hall for Thursday afternoon, 13th October and Saturday afternoon, 15th October for our Annual Fundraising Concerts. The Thursday afternoon will target the Aged Care market and the Saturday afternoon will target the normal market.

Please consider your work and diary commitments and endeavour to be available for BOTH concerts that week to assist in our own fundraising.

Annual Retreat

Your committee has tried to provide a significant lead time to enable you to plan your commitments accordingly. Our Retreat weekend has been booked once again at Goulburn Conservatorium for 17-18 September.

Choir Promotion

Remember to access the promotional e-flyers for display wherever you note an opportunity. This was a major element of last year's Forum to enhance promotion and recruitment so use the resources now made available please. An order is being currently processed for 300 hard copies as well.

Wagga Wagga City Rugby Club Mens Choir

The Wagga Wagga City Rugby Club Mens Choir will be joining with us again this year on Saturday 26th March for the Brumbies v Waratahs match. However, due to the unavailability of both their MD and accompanist, those who come will join with us in our repertoire. Mick Rice will be advising them of repertoire to help familiarise them for the day. I know we will make them welcome. More details later.

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Canberra Services Club Membership Renewal

Still hold off (unless you particularly wish to renew anyway of course) renewing your membership of Canberra Services Club because your committee is currently exhausting the POSSIBILITY of taking up an alternative practice venue. Eddy, Rick and I were hopeful of announcing an outcome tonight but could not quite manage it. A couple of formalities need attention and we now hope to provide clearer information next Tuesday.

UNIFORM

NB: it is NOT acceptable for members to wear "close resemblances" of our stipulated uniform. You are expected to purchase the designated items so that the integrity of our uniform is assured.

Workin Gear

Paragon Mall

Gladstone Street (between Wollongong Street & Maryborough Street)

FYSHWICK ph: 6280 5885

Costs:

Blue chambray shirt with ARC logo	\$57.45
Blue polo shirt with ARC logo	\$26.95
Gabardine taupe (fawn) trousers	\$42.50

Other uniform items are available through our Uniforms

Officer, Peter Scott:

ARC tie	\$20.00
Blue spray jacket with logo	\$32.00
Camel colour broad brimmed hat	\$26.00

Black shoes, black socks, black belt to be supplied by you.

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Antarctica Conference

Sib files have been distributed for the proposed songs. Check them out before next practice please.

From the London Gig 2012 Sub Committee

The 2012 London Concert music books are available for \$5. Revised indexes, including details about London repertoire early next week for you to refresh your folders.

Male Choir Association of Australia

Please complete the expression of interest sheet to indicate if you believe you will attend the next MCAA Concert in Melbourne in October or November 2012. This is purely a planning exercise and binds nobody. Also indicate if you think your partner will accompany you. This task must be completed next Tuesday night and the results sent to MCAA.

I hope you all had a great St Patrick's Day. To be sure.

Regards

Neil

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Hall Village Brass Band - Just A Song At Twilight

Sunday 20th March at 5.00pm

Hall Primary School grounds, Victoria Street, Hall. Free entry, Gold coin to the Band and Hall School Museum. Museum opens at 3.00pm

Bring a rug or a chair, a chicken sandwich and a drink and the neighbours. Relax and enjoy the music - the Waltz, martial style, popular songs and music from the theatre.

Choir Attendance

The paid attendance last week was 38, there were 4 "others".

Many Parts in Tune

Paul