

From the President

CANBERRA SERVICES CLUB

I have received a note of thanks for the letter of concern and support that I sent last week on behalf of us all to the CSC. They are operating out of the Press Club for the moment and their President will respond formally in due course. They, too, were relieved that we had removed all of our musical equipment and filing cabinets.

BRUMBIES

Brumbies are still tour de South Africa with forceful intent. The next home game is on Sat 14th May, against the Lions. Please ensure your name is on the gig sheet

ANCA MAGAZINE SING OUT

There is an article on us in its latest publication. It is on the gig sheet table for your perusal.

MISSION FUNDRAISING GIG

This gig at Hughes Baptist Church Hall last Saturday was successful. I have received a card of thanks for our contribution which is on the noticeboard.

I trust that all who intend participating in the Wollongong regional visit 21-22 May have their travel and accommodation needs fixed by this time. See Max's note below about final arrangements.

May Choir Training & Commitments

Tuesday 10 - Nurses and Midwives Wreath-Laying Ceremony (1PM for 1.30PM start) the date on the Gig Sheet of 6 May is wrong!

Saturday 14 - Brumbies v Lions (5.30PM)

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 Wollongong Gig (see below)

Saturday 28 - Brumbies v Stormers (5.30PM)

Wollongong Regional Tour

The Lamplighters have been finalising the booking at the Illawarra Leagues Club for the 21/22 May visit by ARC. The Auditorium is on the upper level and is accessed by stairs or lift.

The following programmed has been proposed by the Lamplighters for our Wollongong visit:

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Saturday Program

- 5pm Lamplighters move in some risers and a piano so the Auditorium will be open for people to arrive
- 5.30pm -6pm Run through of joint numbers by Choirs
- 6pm Bar in Auditorium opens!
- 7pm Welcome & being seated at large round tables
- 7.15pm Buffet Meal starts - \$25/head
- 8.30pm (ish) Light entertainment starts - there will be a female soloist and a couple of light hearted items.
- Perhaps the ARC can add some 'Rugby' or other offerings.

Sunday Program

- Morning Free Time - How do we want to spend it?
Lamplighters are offering an accompanied walk around the beach, Harbour and City if we would like that.
- Lunch Lamplighters can organise a light (or heavier lunch) at the Leagues Club about 12 noon, or we can do our own thing.
- Concert
- 1pm Auditorium Doors open
- 2pm 1st Half - Suggested by Lamplighters MD:
Lamplighters followed by ARC, with a female soloist in between - approx. 50 min total
- 2:50-3:10 Interval
- 3:10-4:00 2nd Half - ARC, followed by Lamplighters and then joint numbers - again about 50 min
- (Note - On Sunday drinks will need to be bought from the main club bars on the ground floor)

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We need to let the Lamplighters know the following information:

Numbers eating on Saturday night

Number of choristers singing

Number of partners/supporters needing tickets for the concert - \$15 tickets (\$10 for partners)

Our decision on Lunch on Sunday

Our decision on a Sunday morning activity

There was a sheet at Choir Practice on Tuesday night for members going to Wollongong to complete to provide the information required. This sheet will be available next Tuesday night as well, the last Practice night before the information needs to be passed to the Lamplighters.

If there are members going to Wollongong who won't be at practice next week and haven't filled in the sheet, would you please let Max Brennan have your input by e-mail, brennam@ozemail.com.au or by telephone, 62886275. Detail required is:

Name

Dinner Saturday Night: Yes/No & Number

Organised Activity Sunday Morning: Yes/No

Organised Lunch Sunday: Yes/No

Number of Partner/Supporter Tickets for Concert

Annual Fundraising Concert

I am still seeking expressions of interest from members to assist with the organisation of this year's concerts Thursday afternoon, 13th October and Saturday afternoon, 15th October. The Thursday concert designed for the Aged Care industry residents as well as the Saturday afternoon concert for the general public.

Several committee members will be involved of course. Thanks to those members who have already come forward. Please contact me if you can help in some way.

By now everyone has had a time to consider your work and diary commitments and endeavour to be available for BOTH concerts that week to assist in our own fundraising.

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Antarctica Conference

Note that the date has been changed from 28th June to Saturday 25th June times and precise details still to be confirmed but probably in the evening.

Sibelius files have been distributed by Andrea, via Geoff Ford, for the proposed songs. Continue to practice from these please.

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.

SIBELIUS MUSIC AND FOLDER INDEXES

Members should note that all converted Sibelius files remain the property of the Australian Rugby Choir and must not be transferred to third parties other than other financial members of the ARC.

Please attend to your music folders following the Repertoire Committee work in rationalising previous indexes. Revised indexes have been emailed and distributed to all members.

Remember to purchase your London Gig books as these are available from the desk when you pay your nightly subs or during the brew break.

Everyone should have got the lyrics "Birdie, Birdie" email distributed by Geoff. So please print the two sheets off and add to your music folder.

REMEMBER

All Warbles are available FROM the latest news menu on the website.

Many Parts in Tune

Paul
Webby