

From the President

Australian War Memorial

A thank you letter has been received from AWM Director, Steve Gower, thanking us for our participation once again in the Anzac Day main ceremony. See the whiteboard.

Chaps, numbers on the gig sheet were low so can I appeal to you to please make every endeavour to attend and help out. This Sunday 5th June, 10.30am for 11.00am, Bomber Command Ceremony, Sculpture Garden, usual uniform plus brown hats and blue jackets.

This is a larger than usual gig with the Governor General in attendance with the supporting Australian Military and normal Diplomatic folk in attendance.

See lots of you at the AWM on Sunday.

Members Welfare

Currently, our thoughts will be with Darryl Cupitt as he prepares for surgery next week some time. An angiogram revealed he will need to undergo four bypasses due to his left coronary artery being completely blocked. He has requested no calls or visits until Val lets us know how he is faring after the recovery period after the procedure. All the best Darryl.

Big Macca, Ian McKay T1 hard to miss, see the article from earlier this week in the CT on the whiteboard.

Welcome back David Wallace after an extended period of convalescence.

Doorkeepers

Many thanks to Des Grayson and Peter Tedder who have volunteered to assume the roles of Darryl Cupitt and Phil Gallagher while the latter two are absent over coming months. Be gentle with Des & Pete as we are greeted each practice.

Darryl has laid out gig sheets for all known gigs until our concerts in October. Please fill in your details for any of these gigs especially the Retreat and the two October concerts.

Your committee is anxious to plan relevant elements for these major commitments and such data provided ASAP will assist.

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London Gig Books

If any chorister has copies of the London books and they are not going to London, the choir will buy the books back and make them available to a few intending travellers who failed to purchase the material. Please see Rick Dresser if you can help out.

London 2012 Concert

Those members intending to participate in this overseas venture should make themselves aware of the part practices that have begun or will soon begin. If you have missed the earlier advice, please contact Rick Dresser to find out where and when practices for your part will be available.

Brumbies 10th June

Brumbies v Rebels on FRIDAY 10th June, 5.30pm for 6.00pm. This is the last home game for the season. Let's make it an excellent hurrah. Please attend to the gig sheet.

Brumbies Managing Director, Michael Thomson was very impressed with our rollup and performance last Saturday given the trying circumstances that the Brumbies find themselves currently. Remember that this is the only Friday night game in the season and you may need to think about travel to the game during a work day peak hour.

Those of you who will be coming from work may need to collect your entry ticket from Keith Brent next Tuesday night at practice in case you may struggle to arrive before our 6.00pm start. Join us when you can but you will need your ticket beforehand because we will be around at the East Gate to start with.

Antarctica Conference

Saturday 25th June at the ANU School of Music, Band Room, Peter Karmel Building, from 8-9.45pm, assemble at 07.30pm

Tickets available at the door \$15 full, \$10 concession, students free. See the following link

<http://www.music.anu.edu.au/events/antarctica-music-festival>

Part 1: Canberra Girls Grammar School Choir and Australian Rugby Choir present Antarctica related songs.

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Part 2: Performance artist, Cheryl Leonard (USA), presents natural sounds and instruments collected in Antarctica.

Sib files from Andrea have been distributed for the proposed songs. Continue to practice from these please.

Songs for Antarctica Concert

We now have Sib files for 5 of the 6 songs for this concert. They are fairly simple unison songs so I encourage all to work on all of them at home so that we need only polish them (and avoid "note bashing") at practice.

This gig was always promoted as one where we would use books and sing in unison so please familiarise yourselves with the single melody for each of the six songs and make up one small folder with only the pages of words so efficiently prepared by Ian Johnson recently. Thanks again Johnno.

Winter Break

Your President was daydreaming at the end of last year when making up the 2011 calendar. I failed to align the break with the ACT school holidays, my apologies to those of you for whom this is important.

Our final practice will be on Tuesday 28th June and we will resume Tuesday 19th July which is a week earlier respectively than the end of school term and the end of the holidays.

Our Annual Fundraising Concert in October

Plans are proceeding. Gig sheets will on the table to indicate your intention to participate in either or hopefully both concerts.

I have had it confirmed only this afternoon that **David Kilby** will be delighted to accept our invitation to be Master Ceremony at the Saturday afternoon concert. You will recall that David was disappointed in not to be available for last year's concert and he asked to be remembered for this year's duty. **System works!**

ANCA magazine Sing Out

Sing Out has published an article on the ARC in its latest publication. It is on the gig sheet table for your perusal.

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Blazer Sub-committee

Please my error last week, the black blazer from Workin Gear is \$155 not \$165. Please ensure that you thank the sub-committee members Eddy, Keith Jones, Peter Cole, Frank Bergersen, Robert Macaulay and Peter Scott for the work they have put in on our behalf to assist the committee in coming to this decision.

Uniform

With the imminent introduction of a blazer, it is timely to repeat notices placed previously, that it is not acceptable for members to wear "close resemblances" of the stipulated uniform. The integrity of our uniform **MUST** always be maintained and assured. As such it is not to be compromised in any manner.

Such notices have been made following mention of such concern by several members in last year's uniform survey, and endorsed by your committee. The black blazer will be a specific one from Workin Gear with patch pockets and uniform buttons and members must not presume to wear a close resemblance.

As with any purchase of any part of the uniform, any member who experiences financial challenges in making such purchases may contact the Treasurer Rick Dresser privately and confidentially to arrange for assistance and repayment.

Sibelius files

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.

Remember

All these files and this Warble are available on the website.

Many Parts in Tune

Paul
ARC Webmaster

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Request from other musical group - 18th June

The Canberra Mandolin Orchestra will be conducting a concert on behalf of Autism Aspergers Association ACT on Saturday the 18th June 2011 at Yarralumla Uniting Church in Denham Street Yarralumla.

The doors will be open at 1.45 pm. The concert will start at 2.00 pm and will finish at 3.45pm. Afternoon tea will be available half way through the program.

Tickets will be \$15 and are available at the door or from me. Phil Ibbotson ph 62813415 2 Magyar Street Hughes or email pibbotson@ozemail.com.au