

From the President

Membership Fees & Annual General Meeting

Annual membership fees of \$25 were due and payable on 1st July for the 2011-12 year. Please note that you must be financial to vote at the upcoming AGM on 9th August.

Please ensure that you have noted the 7.00 pm appointment at the Tradies before regular practice on the 9th so that we can complete requirements for the next year. If you cannot attend please tender your apology for the minutes. Also consider whether you can stand for election to the committee.

Geoff Ford will distribute The Annual Report and the summary of the annual financial reports for the perusal of all members before the AGM and the full financial report will be available at the AGM.

Our Patron, Col. Ian McLean has indicated that he will be attending the AGM as well as the Concert on 15th October and the Annual Recognition Dinner in November.

August Rehearsal Schedule - Just for Fun

Graeme Trompf is the next member to be favoured by Madame as to his choices for next Tuesday's practice. Graeme has selected: Let It Be Me; Ave Verum; The Wonder of You; Cavatina (She Was Beautiful); Irish Blessing. Please organise your music folders so that you can access those songs next Tuesday night.

Our Retreat 17-18 September in Goulburn and Fundraising Concerts in October

Please ensure your attendance at our week-end retreat and both concerts. New members especially will benefit from the weekend Retreat. The thorough musical workout and good fun is the sure way to cement your relationship with the choir.

The Concert sub-committee is close to finalising promotional material for the sale of tickets. Our aim is to fill Hughes Baptist Church Hall, present a quality performance, have fun doing it, and to make some money for the choir.

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Canberra Choir Database

Alastair Crombie has compiled a data base of Canberra's choirs. If you have contacts with any of those choirs, please indicate on that sheet at practice so that you can assist with distribution of promotional concert material to be available soon to those other choirs.

I Am Australian

Please consider the request from Andrea about singing the solo tenor line of this song as practiced at recent practices. Please contact me if you feel qualified and able to perform in this way.

Uniform Blazer

The earliest of the blazers ordered have been delivered. Please arrange to get your orders in if you have not already done so.

NOTE: in response to questions by a couple of members, you are reminded of the question that was voted on that saw the blazer introduced: the blazer needs to be able to be buttoned at the front. Your committee envisaged that when the blazer is worn in performance, it will be buttoned at the front. Therefore, when attending your fitting for the blazer, please ensure that you carefully consider whatever girth you have been endowed with!

Cost of the blazer has been reduced to \$148.50. Members will need to personally attend Workin Gear, Paragon Mall, Gladstone Street, Fyshwick during working hours to be measured and fitted for their blazer. You will be contacted when your blazer is ready to be collected but allow approx 3 weeks. Payment can be made at fitting or pick up. As the first wearing of the blazer has been designated for the first Annual Concert performance on Thursday 13th October, members are advised to get there soon but by the week ending 9th September at the latest to play safe with delivery times before the concert.

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Calendar Clarification of some gigs

Please update your diaries.

Wed 31st August

Full details are still being finalised but the choir has been asked to perform at the launch of a new logo and social program of the Council on the Ageing (COTA) at their headquarters in Hughes. Put the date in your diary and watch for the gig sheet soon. Considerable assistance with promotion for our concerts around the Aged Care fraternity will be afforded by COTA very soon and so we want to reciprocate and support them too.

Earlier notice that a Heart Foundation gig would be held on 29th September has been changed. A clash of engagements has occurred and we will continue to participate in the Police Annual Remembrance Service that day. Details will be updated on the calendar soon.

The 2011 Notional Calendar indicated uncertainty about a Melody Music Christmas Concert at the Sydney Opera House in December. Your committee has decided that we will not participate.

And to repeat, the AWM will NOT be reintroducing Carols@AWM this year.

Regards

Neil

Many Parts in Tune