

Goulburn Retreat – 17-18 September 2011
at
Goulburn Regional Conservatorium, 160 Bourke Street (cnr Bourke and Verner Streets)

This circular provides information on the administrative aspects of the Goulburn retreat weekend. Further information will be circulated when the detailed program for the weekend is finalised. As a guide, aim to be there by 10am on Saturday for a heart-starting morning tea and expect to finish around 4:30pm Sunday.

The work we put in during the weekend will set us up well for our annual fund-raising concert on 15 October, the program for which includes several songs for the concert in London in July next year. Attendance at the retreat will therefore ensure that choir members are well positioned to get on top of the programs for these two major events.

A gig sheet for the retreat has been available at practice sessions for some time. This sheet will be expanded to enable members to indicate whether they will be attending the dinner on the Saturday night and, if so, whether they will be accompanied by a partner. To assist planning please add this information to the gig-sheet as soon as practicable if you are attending the retreat.

Transport

Members should make their own arrangements for travel to Goulburn and return to Canberra. Wives/partners are welcome to join members for the weekend (at members' expense).

Meal Arrangements

Morning Tea and Lunch. The ARC will provide morning tea on both days and a sandwich lunch at the conservatorium on the Saturday. You will need to make your own arrangements for lunch on the Sunday.

Saturday Dinner. Dinner on Saturday night will be in the Station Room Restaurant at the Goulburn Workers' Club, 236 Auburn St (the main street) at 7 for 7:30pm. The menu is three courses with 2 dishes for each of the courses to be served alternately to provide a choice. The room has bar facilities and tea and coffee will be served. The **cost of dinner is \$32 per head.**

The Workers' Club requires notification of guaranteed minimum numbers for dinner (ie for which we pay even if fewer people attend) by 9 September. So please indicate your dinner intentions on the gig sheet well before that date. To avoid congestion at the door and obviate handling a significant amount of cash on the night, the cost of \$32 per head is **payable in advance with your dinner booking to Keith Jones or Peter Cole by Friday 2 September.** In effect, please make this payment no later than practice night on **30 August.** Payment of the exact amount would be appreciated.

There is **very limited opportunity** to revise the numbers upwards after 9 September, so failure to advise and pay is likely to mean you will not get a place for dinner. There will be no opportunity for refunds if you do not attend after booking and paying for dinner.

Sunday Breakfast. Members will need to make their own arrangements for breakfast on Sunday.

Accommodation

We have not been able to secure a block of rooms to cover our full accommodation requirements at a single motel. Our usual motel, the Goulburn Central Motor Lodge (cnr Auburn and Verner Sts, phone (02) 4821 1655, fax (02) 48219242, email goulburncentral@ozemail.com.au) is holding 4 deluxe rooms (1 queen size bed only). The Astor Hotel Motel, 93 Auburn St (phone 4821 1155, fax 4821 1240, email info@astorhotelmotel.com.au) is holding 8 double rooms (1 double bed) and 15 share rooms (double and single bed) at discount rates. Members must **book directly with the motels and pay for their own accommodation** for the night of 17 September. The rooms are available on a “first come, first served” basis.

The room rates below are discounted and both motels have requested that rooms be booked by 3 September. The discounted rate may not be available after that date. If you wish to share a room, please make your own arrangement to do so and book your room **as soon as possible** directly with the motel. To obtain the discounted rates you should mention that you want to book one of the rooms being held in the name of Keith Jones for ARC members. The rooms reserved for the ARC and price per room depending on number of occupants are:

Room Type/bed configuration	1 person	2 persons	3persons
Goulburn Central Motor Lodge			
4 deluxe rooms (1 queen)	\$90	\$105	-
Astor Hotel Motel			
8 double rooms (1 double bed)	\$65	\$80	-
15 share rooms (1 double and 1 single bed)	\$80	\$80	\$95

Please contact Keith Jones or Peter Cole if you have any queries.

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