Australian Rugby Choir

Warble

Members Welfare

Good news on the health front, we were delighted to welcome back Ken McInnis and Paul Gallagher to practice on Tuesday night. Also, Neil Fleming, who underwent surgery on Tuesday morning, is a little sore but progressing well. When visited, he was sitting on a chair with spoon in hand about to tackle his lunch.

Friday 4th November Woden Alive

Thanks to the 20+ who turned up last Thursday at the Tradies for the photo shoot. Although the promised article and photo have not yet materialised in the Canberra Times, on the positive side, ARC members are offered a special rate of \$30 per head for the dinner on Friday 4 November.

Already, over 20 tickets have been taken up by our members and their guests. Understand that tables are for 10 and we are trying to arrange some set seating so that we can be together.

Dinner is at 7pm (doors open at 6.30). Andrea, who also hopes to get to the dinner, has asked that we be ready to warm-up NO LATER THAN 9pm, for our scheduled 9.20 on-stage performance.

Those not attending dinner are asked to be available by 9pm. Dress for the concert is the usual chambray shirt and tie. A reminder that the no-alcohol prior to performance rule, needs to observed.

Next Gigs http://www.rugbychoir.org.au/calendar.html

Friday 28th October Australian War Memorial Gig

We are still a little on the light side for the AWM Army Apprentice gig on Friday 28 October - 1.30 for 2pm, if you can make it please do so. Normal uniform, brown hats, blue spray jackets at the ready and blue folders.

Friday 10th & 11th November Australian War Memorial Gigs

While on the AWM please keep in mind that we have two more performances coming up on 10^{th} November (HMAS Hobart) and of, course, Remembrance Day on the 11^{th} . The latter is the one of the two AWM events where the new blazer will be worn.

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Friday 18th November Annual Recognition Dinner

Remember to add your names to attend our Annual Recognition Dinner. Payment is \$40 per person and early payment would be appreciated. This is an important event in our annual programme requiring a fair bit of planning and arrangement.

Moreover it is one of the few occasions you will see our Treasurer, Rick McDresser open his heart and his bag to help subsidise the cost for the event. So go ahead and add your name next training night.

ARC Patron Award

The Patron Award will be presented again this year and Robert Macaulay will again act as Returning Officer for conducting the voting by members. Robert will be providing information about the award and procedures in the near future so please start considering who you believe is a worthy recipient this year.

Every member is invited, indeed encouraged, to nominate the person he considers has contributed outstanding service to the ARC during 2011. Anyone closely associated with the Choir can be nominated.

Nominations can be made by email to <u>jandrmacaulay@bigpond.com</u> or by handing a sealed envelope to Robert Macaulay, the Award Coordinator, with your nomination inside and your name on the outside. All nominations are held in confidence by the Recorder.

It is MOST HELPFUL, although not mandatory, if you provide a few lines or paragraph(s) as to why you have nominated that particular person. This helps the Recorder prepare notes for the Patron when he makes the Award. Nominations close at midnight on 15 November.

London Group

The London Group will have seen Rick's message advising that next Sunday's special practice session has had to be postponed to the following week, as Andrea unexpectedly has to be in Melbourne. Apologies all round on this.

Regards Paul Warble Editor