



CHOIR PRACTICE TIMES HAVE BEEN ALTERED

It was decided at the last committee meeting that our Monday evening choir practice times be altered to the following:-

- warm-up will commence at **7.30pm sharp**,
- tea break will now be at 8.45pm,
- and finish time will be at 9.45pm

STIRLING SPRING FAIR

As mentioned in our last newsletter, the choir has accepted an invitation from the *Stirling Spring Fair* organisers to perform on the Stirling Oval on **Sunday 12 November 2017**.

BRING A FRIEND NIGHT

Monday 27 November 2017

Bring a friend night is a wonderful opportunity to allow family & friends to experience the benefits & wonders of choral singing.

RESIGNATION

Andrea Taylor has tendered her resignation from committee and also as the choir's Promotions Officer. Both casual vacancies have been filled by Eugene Abraham. The committee thanked Andrea for her commitment and valuable contributions over the years.

EARLY HISTORY OF CHOIR

The choir started as a women's choir back in 1960 as part of the Country Women's Association (CWA) Stirling branch. A gradual change occurred when members were not able to practice or perform day or night for mass choirs of 400 plus singers etc. The Musical Director, Mary Archer, decided that music was the primary object, so in 1964 the group broke from the CWA and formed the Mt Lofty Singers. The choir started practicing at the Stirling Kindergarten and afternoons were altered to evenings "*as there were a number of young mothers who were chorally inclined and at night there was a family sitter available in the form of a husband*".

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATIONS

BETTE and ANDREW TAYLOR



Bette joined the Mt Lofty Singers on 16 February 1981 (*her name then was Bette Willison nee Hardy*). Bette's father & mother both sang. Mr Hardy was lead boy soprano in the St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Melbourne and also a pianist. Mrs Hardy was a beautiful alto.



Andrew sang in a 400 boys choir at St Peters College. He was also known to sing around pianos with others as you did in those days. After singing Christmas carols at a party, Andrew was head-hunted & joined the Mt Lofty Singers in 1979. He also sings with the Adelaide University Choral Society. In Bette's 36 years with the choir & Andrew's 38 years, both have held all positions in the choir over that time other than that of Librarian. Such dedication has been greatly appreciated & hence in recognition of their commitment & service to the MLS, life membership was conferred on Bette & Andrew on 4 September 2017.

FLASH-MOB PLANNING

Sunday 26 November 2017.

Planning is well under way for the choir's next big challenge - to take our music and songs out to the people. Committee approved the following program but the song order will be finalised by Olga:

- Downtown (*flash-mob style*)
- Colours of the Wind
- Three Contemporary Latin settings
- Ave Verum
- Australiana Medley
- ~~The Wheels on the Bus~~
- Nature's Splendour
- Joy to the World
- We Wish You a Merry Christmas



SUGGESTED FLASH-MOB TIMETABLE

MOUNT LOFTY SUMMIT

- 10.15am Arrive at route 823 Mt Lofty bus stop
10.30-11am Singing on terrace outside Visitor Centre
11.10am Depart to Stirling

STIRLING (*Stirling Market day*)

- 11.20am Arrive stop 36, Mt Barker Rd
11.30-noon Singing at bottom of Druid Ave
12.15-1pm Lunch in Steamroller Park
1.00pm Depart stop 36A Avenue Rd via Freeway to Hahndorf

HAHNDORF

- 1.15pm Arrive Auricht Rd behind The Manna, walk through to main street
1.30-2pm Singing at The Haus
2.15pm Depart Auricht Rd to Mt Barker

MOUNT BARKER

- 2.30pm Arrive Cameron Rd shopping centre rear
2.45-3.15pm Singing in Mt Barker Central Shopping Centre
3.30pm Depart Cameron Rd back to meet point

SUGGESTED BUS PICK-UP & RETURN POINTS

(To be decided upon at a later date)



**** denotes 'via South Eastern Freeway'**

Either Mt Barker - Dumas Street Park 'n' Ride,
depart 9.50 am** and return 3.35 pm.

or Verdun Junction - bus stop 50, Grumpy's (as was),
depart 10.00 am** and return 3.50 pm.

or Aldgate - bus stop 44, Aldgate depot,
depart 10.00 am and return 3.50pm**.

As members of the choir can appreciate, the organisational work done by Jill Morrell and David has been considerable including the hiring of a 45 seater bus for the transportation of choir members (*and some roadies!*), suggested pick-up & drop-off places for choir members (*not yet decided upon*), travelling times, arrival & departure times and the anticipated length of time at each venue.

END OF YEAR PARTY

Following a busy day touring the countryside entertaining many with our 'Flash-Mob' style appearances and traditional choral singing, a warm & cordial invitation is extended to all members of the choir & partners to enjoy time together at the home of Pat and Brendon reminiscing on the day's success or 'the year' that's just flown by.

Sunday 26 November 2017

4pm onwards

Pat & Brendon's — 29D Leonard Road, Hahndorf

BBQ dinner — BYO Mœt

Scrawled on a wall:
"Life is one contradiction after another."
Written underneath: "No it's not!"