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## Choir Notes

The **MCAA Festival Concert at the Sydney Town Hall** on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, was a resounding success.



Congratulations to all who participated and a big thank you to Leon and Bev whose enthusiasm and hard work over the long festival preparation was exemplary.



(left) The dynamic duo receive acclamation and mementos on stage at the Sydney Town Hall

Music Director Alpha Gregory always demanded a very high standard and made a lot of friends in both the choir and the appreciative audience with her brilliant conducting.

The next MCAA Festival in 2012 has been offered to our three

Melbourne based member-choirs and we look forward to another tremendous gathering, this time under the baton of the distinguished Welsh conductor and arranger, Alwyn Humphries OBE, who did so well with the 2008 Festival choir in Canberra.

Since our last edition of Notes we have also performed in the Forbes Town Hall as the feature attraction for a charity concert, organised by the Forbes View Club. We have had nothing but good feedback on the concert from the organisers in Forbes and apparently it was a financial success so that was pleasing for all concerned.



Probably the most pleasing local event for us was the lightening visit of the Wellington Male Voice Choir from New Zealand. Many great social get togethers occurred including a winery visit to Printhe Wines of Molong, an Official Welcome Dinner and joint rehearsal at Newstead, and a social bowls afternoon. This was topped off with a very well attended and appreciated joint-concert at the Regional Conservatorium.



Being Leon's last home concert the boys made sure it was a good one and a great feeling existed as the choir and audience lifted and during the evening paid tribute to an outstanding contribution to the choir. Well done Leon!

We will have another opportunity to express our thanks to Leon at his testimonial Dinner in the Coral Sea Room at the Ex-Services Club here in Orange on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011, (7 for 7.30 pm cost \$30 per person)

Another moving occasion was our Patron and Local Member's farewell dinner where we contributed with three songs - introduced, conducted, sung and accompanied from the heart - as a gesture of our appreciation. Thank you again Russell Turner - enjoy your retirement!

The Choir's guest appearance at the **Elvis Festival Morning Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January in Parkes** is almost upon us. There will be a special practice for this on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan, 7.30 pm at Newstead** .

On the Sunday we will rendezvous at the main under-cover shopping centre car park in Parkes at 8 am. Dress: uniform with no tie or coat unless the weather is cold, ready to rock!

Choir Re-commences Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January: with **Choir Practice**, Newstead Bowling Club, 7.30 pm specifically to go through the items for Australia Day ceremony next day.

## **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Australia Day Commitment**

Choristers to assemble in Cook Park at 9.00am. Dress: uniform with no tie or coat unless the weather is cold.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January; **Choir Practice continues** with 2011 material being introduced and folders handed out. This is also the night that **nominations for the Choir's 2011 committee and executive positions close**, as laid down in our constitution. So if you would like help with the management of the choir next year please ask someone to nominate you **before the end of January**.

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February: OMVC AGM** and election of office bearers for 2011, 7 pm followed by normal choir practice.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February: Annual Dinner**, Newstead Bowling Club  
Details t.b.a

The singing calendar for 2011 has several pencilled-in events and concerts which are being negotiated:

February: Orange Expo 27<sup>th</sup>  
March: Testimonial Dinner 19<sup>th</sup>  
April: Ku-ring-gai concert 16<sup>th</sup> and ANZAC day dawn service 25<sup>th</sup>  
May: Carcoar Museum - Charity Concert  
June: Dubbo, joint concert with mixed choir  
July: possible trip by train to Broken Hill  
August: Orange Eisteddfod  
September: Possible High School boys' choirs joint concert  
OCT/Nov: Concert in Orange with Wooden Valley Youth Choir and Alpha  
November: Wellington NZ (possible 5-7 day tour from 14<sup>th</sup>)  
December: Orange Christmas celebrations

Early in the New Year President Ken will be calling for names/numbers of those prepared to commit to a short 6 day tour to Wellington NZ to be part of the WMVC 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. The dates we are looking at are from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011.

The Wellington Choir is planning a festival with several choirs participating in a number of events. A costing is being put together which will include a subsidy and with our usual income from fundraising we are hoping to make this short trip attractive and affordable for all choristers. It will include opportunities to be billeted and there will be no need for the hiring of a coach or internal train or plane trips as there is plenty to do and see in and around Wellington (not to mention listening to all those funny accents).  
Oops!

WMVC M.D Tom Humphries said in an email from NZ this week that his choir is still buzzing over the depth of friendship and hospitality extended by us last month and that they are ready to respond if we come over next year.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**



### **Orange Male Voice Choir is now recruiting new members**

Our proposed calendar this year includes trips to Carcoar, Dubbo and Broken Hill, a Spring tour to Wellington N.Z, and hosting visits from the Ku-ring-gai Male Choir, and the Wooden Valley Youth Choir.

Part of Orange since 1926, the men of the **OMVC** look to expand the Choir's membership to secure its future.

**Interested in joining?** We warmly welcome new members and visitors to rehearsals and concerts. Come and join-in some of our rehearsals and see if you like them. They are held at the choir's home:

### **Newstead Bowling Club on Monday nights at 7.30pm.**

Cnr. Hill and Kite Streets, Orange.

You don't need a trained voice to participate, nor be able to read music. Someone once said "it's just like singing in the shower but there are

thirty or forty of you". What fun! We sing some great songs, there is good mateship and always a beer afterwards!

***Come on – give it a try!***

You can check out our website: [www.omvc.org.au](http://www.omvc.org.au)

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Before you go ....

A preacher concluded that his church was getting into very serious financial troubles. While checking the church storeroom, he discovered several cartons of new Bibles that had never been opened and distributed.

So at his Sunday sermon, he asked for three volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to sell the Bibles door-to-door for \$10 each to raise the desperately-needed money for the church. Jack, Paul and Louie all raised their hands to volunteer for the task.

The minister knew that Jack and Paul earned their living as salesmen and were likely capable of selling some Bibles. But he had serious doubts about Louie who was a local farmer, who had always kept to himself because he was embarrassed by his speech impediment. Poor Louis stuttered badly. But, not wanting to discourage Louis, the minister decided to let him try anyway. He sent the three of them away with the back seat of their cars stacked with Bibles. He asked them to meet with him and report the results of their door-to-door selling efforts the following Sunday.

Anxious to find out how successful they were, the minister immediately asked Jack, "Well, Jack, how did you make out selling our Bibles last week?" Proudly handing the minister an envelope, Jack replied, "Using my sales prowess, I was able to sell 20 Bibles, and here's the \$200 I collected on behalf of the church."

"Fine job, Jack!" The minister said, vigorously shaking his hand. "You are indeed a fine salesman and the Church is indebted to you."

Turning to Paul, 'And Paul, how many Bibles did you sell for the church last week?' Paul, smiling and sticking out his chest, confidently replied, "I am a professional salesman. I sold 28 bibles on behalf of the church, and here's \$280 I collected."

The minister responded, "That's absolutely splendid, Paul. You are truly a professional salesman and the church is indebted to you."

Apprehensively, the minister turned to Louie and said, "And Louie, did you manage to sell any Bibles last week?" Louie silently offered the minister a large envelope.

The minister opened it and counted the contents. "What is this!" the minister exclaimed, "Louie, there's \$3200 in here! Are you suggesting that you sold 320 Bibles for the church, door to door, in just one week?"

Louie just nodded. "That's impossible!" both Jack and Paul said in unison. "We are professional salesmen, yet you claim to have sold 10 times as many Bibles as we could."

"Yes, this does seem unlikely," the minister agreed. "I think you'd better explain how you managed to accomplish this, Louie."

Louie shrugged. "I-I-I re-re-really do-do-don't kn-kn-know f-f-f-for sh-sh-sh-sure," he stammered.

Impatiently, Peter interrupted. "For crying out loud, Louie, just tell us what you said to them when they answered the door!"

"A-a-a-all I-I-I s-s-said wa-wa-was," Louis replied, "W-w-w-w-would y-y-y-you l-l-l-l-l-like t-t-to b-b-b-buy th-th-th-this b-b-b-b-bible F-f-for t-t-ten b-b-b-bucks ---o-o-o-or--- wo-wo-would yo-you j-j-j-just l-like m-m-me t-t-to st-st-stand h-h-here and r-r-r-r-r-read it t-to y-y-you??"

**And remember always finish the things that you start**

I am passing this on to you because it definitely worked for me today, and we all could probably use more calm in our lives.

Some doctor on tv this morning said the way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you have started. So I looked around my house to see things I'd started and hadn't finished so I have managed to finish off a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, a package of Prungles, the remainder of bot Prozac and Valiumun scriptins, the rest of the chesescke and a box a chocletz. Yu haf no idr how bludy fablus I feel rite now. Plaese sned dhis orn to dem yu fee ar in ned ov iennr piss. An telum,u blody luvum!! Xxx

**That's it Folks. Merry Christmas from all the staff here at OMVC Notes!**

