

# NOTES

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# Choir Notes

**Male Choirs Association of Australia (MCAA) Festival Workshop** Saturday June 5; with Alpha Gregory, MD of MCAA Festival at the Sydney Town Hall in November. Please adjust your diary because this workshop has been moved back a week from the previously planned date of May 29.

**9am - 11am and 11.30 - 1pm, at Newstead, Saturday June 5**

## **Bunnings BBQ - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

The second of four bookings we have this year at this enjoyable and rewarding fundraising opportunity. The proceeds go into our travel account to subsidise concert travel. Please volunteer for a shift by putting your name down at choir practice. Co-ordinated by John Read (phone 63 65 1238).

## **Parkes Concert - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June in the M D Hall Parkes.**

OMVC will perform a full concert list of songs from our repertoire for our friends in Parkes in this 2 pm matinee concert.

**Annual General Meeting of the Male Choirs Association of Australia will be held on SUNDAY 27th JUNE 2010**  
**The Rembrandt Club, 87 Dunheved Circuit, ST MARYS**  
**Commencing at 11am sharp.** Refreshments will be available at the club. (our thanks to the Rembrandt Male Choir for offering their services and club to us to hold the AGM)

We would welcome as many members of our MCAA to attend this important meeting where the Executive will be voted in for another term. Following the AGM a general meeting will take place with the main discussions being the Sydney Festival.

All positions of the MCAA Executive are declared vacant, and therefore we welcome nominations for the position of:

PRESIDENT:      VICE-PRESIDENT:      SECRETARY:  
TREASURER:  
MUSIC ADVISER:

Every choir is to appoint their own Delegate. One delegate per choir.

All we ask you to do now is to forward to the Secretary by way of an email, your nominations for the Executive positions, which will close on 21st May 2010.

Please title your email 'MCAA NOMINATIONS' and send to [bev.glover@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bev.glover@parliament.nsw.gov.au) May I suggest those who are being nominated, add a short profile of themselves and the choir they represent with the nomination so these details can be circulated to all members.

**Nominations** close on 21st May. Once these have been received a voting form listing the names nominated will be circulated to all members for their consideration. Those who are attending the AGM will vote on the day.

**Proxy votes** will be accepted on the day of the AGM if members are unable to attend. These will need to be in the hands of the Secretary no later than **Friday 25th June**.

Again you may email your vote to the above email and title it 'MCAA PROXY VOTE'

We look forward to you attending our AGM.

Kind regards  
Bev. Glover  
Secretary  
MCAA INC.

### **Combined Concert with Sydney Male Choir - Sunday July 11**

The concert title is "**Men of Song - City Joins Country**".

This is shaping as a great weekend and one of the highlights the year. Apart from a rare visit to the Civic Theatre for a very special concert on the Sunday, on the Saturday we are planning a two-vineyard tour from 2 pm to 5 pm, and a dinner at Newstead in the evening as a welcome function for our SMC colleagues. The vineyards chosen are Mortimer's on Burendong Way and Canobolas Smith on the Cargo Road.

**Men of Song Concert Tickets will be on sale through Ticketek.**

\$25 (non concession), \$20 (concessions) Children \$12 (aged 6 - 16).

Please note that there will be no need for you to buy **Men of Song Concert Tickets** for your partners through Ticketek unless they want to sit outside a block of seats which will be held for **partners of participating SMC and OMVC singers**. More news on this after Tuesday night's Management Committee Meeting.

Please vigorously encourage all your friends, relatives, neighbours and colleagues to buy their tickets and come along to the Civic Theatre for the **Men of Song Concert**, 2 pm Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> July.

We are calling for volunteers to take the **SMC billets**. The response has been good however there are still some couples and a single to be placed so if you would like to help out please put your name down at practice or see or ring John Spencer on 63690903.



Thursday July 8; **Special OMVC Rehearsal** with Soprano Jill Sullivan 7.30 pm Newstead. Because we are singing three songs with Jill, including Cleo Lane's "Your So Beautiful", we need to have a special rehearsal with her and we can't ask her to make two trips from Queensland so we have moved our normal rehearsal from Monday for that week and she has agreed to be here on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup>. Now that's commitment! Thank you Jill, (if you're reading this on our website).

Sunday July 11; 9.30am Sydney Male Choir will sing at the **church service at St Barnabas Anglican Church**. All are welcome to attend. There is a Morning tea after the service.

Please note that OMVC won't be singing with SMC on this occasion.

Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> 12.00 midday. OMVC Rehearsal in Civic Centre  
12.30 -1.30 pm OMVC/SMC Rehearsal in Civic Centre  
1.30 - 2 pm get break and get ready for Concert  
2 pm - 4 p.m (approx.) Concert

## Six Reasons Why Men Should Join Our Choir

1. Rehearsals are every Monday night which means for those few hours, you will significantly reduce the risk of contracting tendonitis from non-stop use of a television remote control or computer mouse.
2. Because we have a uniform, every time we get dressed up, we are liberated from a task many men find quite challenging - finding clothes that match properly.
3. If you think your singing in the shower sounds good **now**, just wait until you've been singing with us for a few weeks!
4. Singing in a choir is one of the few activities for men that does not require electronic equipment or expensive power tools. This could be very good for the family budget!
5. If you think you've done everything there is to do, and there are no great challenges left in life - try singing with us and holding your part ... no not that part silly!
6. When people ask you whether you've been behaving yourself lately, you can say "Hey, I'm a choir boy" !!

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## London Trip July, 2012

Bev Glover (Secretary, Male Choir Association of Australia) reports that negotiations are continuing with the organizers as to the make-up of the Australasian contingent for this 1000 voice concert.

So far the participants from our part of the world are: Melbourne Welsh Choir, Adelaide Male Voice Choir, New Zealand National Choir, The Australian Rugby Choir (Canberra), OMVC and Wagga City Rugby Male Choir and a contingent from MCAA members.

We have twelve keen singers ready to sign-up (and more are welcome) and we believe some of our friends from Wagga will join us. One suggestion is that a combined approach be adopted for rehearsals by the NSW and ACT singers with rehearsals in Canberra (and Sydney if enough singers from around Sydney join). Leon and Bev are keen to help prepare our singers and come to London, Leon as a singer himself.

The song-books for the big concert will be sent out from London in January 2011. This gives us 18 months to learn the stuff. The beauty of being involved is that OMVC is free to copy, learn and perform any of the songs at our own concerts, which saves us buying them. So, our choir will more than likely be learning a lot of the songs anyway.

The Australasian continent choir will probably learn a 15 minute program of Aussie and Kiwi flavoured music in New Zealand, Victoria, South Australia and Canberra, and then come together in London in the week before the concert and put the finishing touches to it.

Much of this will be discussed at the MCAA A.G.M on June 27th (see Bev's letter above) All executive positions are being declared vacant at that A.G.M and nominations close 21<sup>st</sup> of May, so see or ring Bev Glover, phone 6363 1414, a.s.a.p if you are interested.

## Choir Calendar

Saturday June 5; morning and afternoon **Male Choirs Association of Australia (MCAA) Workshop** with Alpha Gregory, MD of November MCAA festival; 9am - 11am and 11.30 - 1pm, at Newstead.

Saturday June 19: **Bunnings Fundraising BBQ**. Volunteer for a 2 hour shift please.

Sunday June 20: **Parkes Concert** 2 pm, M & D Hall, Parkes.

Sunday June 27; **MCAA Annual General Meeting** 11 am, at The Rembrandt Club, 87 Dunheven Circuit St. Marys. Enquiries to Bev Glover 63631414

Thursday July 8; **Special Rehearsal** with Soprano Jill Sullivan 7.30 pm Newstead

Saturday July 10, 2 pm - 5 p.m, **SMC Vineyard Visit** to Mortimer's and Canobolas Smith.

Saturday July 10; evening **Welcome Function** for Sydney Male Choir, details t.b.a

Billets needed, mostly Saturday, some Sunday night. Please ring John Spencer if you would like to help. 6369 0903

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2 pm **"Men of Song - City Joins Country"**,

Soloist: Jill Sullivan

Tickets on sale through Ticketek

Saturday Aug 28: **Bunnings Fundraising BBQ**. Volunteer for a two hour shift please.

Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>; **OMVC Concert**, Henry Lawson High School Hall, **Grenfell**, Rotary Club Fundraiser (details t.b.a)

Sunday Oct. 10: **Bunnings Fundraising BBQ**. Volunteer for a 2 hour shift please.

Saturday October 16; morning and afternoon **MCAA Workshop** with Alpha Gregory, MD of November MCAA Festival massed choir (details t.b.a)

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October; **OMVC Concert**, Forbes Town Hall. Fundraiser for the Forbes and District View Club details t.b.a

13<sup>th</sup> November Rehearsal **Male Choirs Association of Australia Festival** with soloists

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m **MCAA Festival Concert**, **Sydney Town Hall**

Tuesday November 16, **Wellington (N.Z) M.V.C, Concert**, Orange Regional Conservatorium Auditorium (details t.b.a)  
Billets needed for Wellington choristers Monday and Tuesday night, please put your name down at the next two practices or ring John Spencer if you would like to help. 6369 0903

If you have any photos, stories or puzzles you would like to share, please send them to the editor. My email address is: [speno.1@bigpond.com](mailto:speno.1@bigpond.com)

