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Choir Notes

Tickets for the **MCAA Festival Concert at the Sydney Town Hall** Sunday 14th November, are now on sale through the choir. They are priced at \$30.00 Adults and \$25.00 Concession. Contact John Holland.

Numbers for the **bus to Sydney** on the 13th of Nov. are almost at capacity. Please make sure your name is down if you want a seat and cross it off if you have changed your mind. Also, if you would like to stay at Rydges, Camperdown and haven't booked yet, please phone them on 9516 1522. Don't forget to mention that you are part of the OMVC group to receive the special rate organized by Bev.

Buffet Dinner There will be a nice informal get together with the other MCAA folk staying there, on the Saturday evening. To assist with catering it is necessary for us to collect the Buffet Dinner fee in advance. You don't have to be staying at Rydges to be able to attend this function. The cost is \$39 a head and John Holland is collecting this, so don't miss out!

Sunday Oct. 10: **Bunnings BBQ**. Volunteer for a two hour shift, especially if you are using the choir-subsidised bus in November. This is your last opportunity for 2010 to help raise those funds.

Saturday Oct 16; **MCAA Workshop** with Alpha Gregory, MD.

Venue: Church of Christ March Rd

Time: The practice will be from 9.00 to 11.00 and after a light lunch, from 11.30 to 1.30pm.

Sunday October 24th: **Forbes Concert. Forbes Town Hall, 2 pm**

The concert is being organised by the Forbes View Club and will directly benefit several children who are sponsored by them. There will be several instrumentalists on the programme (a pianist and I think a saxophonist). Organisation, publicity and ticket sales are well advanced. An afternoon tea will follow the concert.

Leon is keen to do Cantique de Jean Racine and we're able to have an excellent violinist from the Conservatorium to join with us for it. He would also like to do the Theme from Vicar of Dibley and Off to the Outback as well.

There's a number of good eating spots in Forbes. The RSL in Templar Street is excellent as is the Vandenberg Hotel just across from the Town Hall in Browne Street. There's also a number of good little coffee shops in Templar Street (Esme's) and good hotels in Rankin Street.

Saturday 13th November **Male Choirs Association of Australia Festival Choir Rehearsal**; 1 to 5 pm at the Pitt Street Uniting Church, Sydney. The bus will leave from the Orange Civic Centre at 6.30 am and head for Rydges Hotel at Camperdown. It will then take us into the City rehearsal at 12.40 pm. And return at 5.15 p.m. At 6.30 pm there is a **Buffet Dinner** and fellowship with other choristers and partners from the Festival Choir (N.Z, and some Canberra and Wagga choristers) in the hotel's function rooms.

Sunday 14th 2.30 p.m **MCAA Choir Concert, Sydney Town Hall**
After which the bus will return to Orange arriving around 9 p.m

Monday November 15th, Winery Visit, Welcome BBQ and Bowls, followed by combined rehearsal with **Wellington (N.Z) M.V.C.**

Tuesday November 16, **OMVC & WMVC Concert**, Orange Regional Conservatorium Auditorium 8 pm.

Sat. 4th Dec, **Leon's Testimonial Dinner**, Orange City Bowling Club

Mon 13th December, **OMVC Christmas Party** at the Home of Roger and Margaret Nancarrow, Woods Lane Orange. details t.b.a

Sunday 9th January Elvis Festival Morning Service, Parkes

Monday 24th January: **Choir Practice**, Newstead Bowling Club
6.30 p.m

Wednesday 26th January, **Australia Day** commitment at Cook Park. details t.b.a

POOF and the light goes off...

A 72-year-old man goes for a physical. All of his tests come back with normal results. The doctor says, 'Jerry, everything looks great. How are you doing mentally and emotionally? Are you at peace with God?'

Jerry replies, 'God and I are tight. He knows I have poor eyesight, so he's fixed it for when I get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom, 'poof'!, the light goes on. When I'm done, 'poof'!, the light goes off.'

'Wow, that's incredible,' the doctor says.

A little later in the day, the doctor calls Jerry's wife. 'Ginger,' he says, 'Jerry is doing fine but I had to call you because I'm in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that he gets up during the night and 'poof' - the light goes on in the bathroom, and when he's done, 'poof'! the light goes off?'

'OH MY GOD!' Ginger exclaims. 'He's peeing in the fridge again!!!!'

Bequeathing to the Choir

Your Will ensures your estate is distributed according to your wishes to those people and organisations you care about. It not only enables you to make provision for your loved ones but it also allows you to extend, beyond your lifetime, support for those groups and causes that have been important to you and have given you enjoyment over the years.

There may be some choristers who would like to provide ongoing support to the OMVC. It is quite simple to make a lasting legacy to OMVC through your Will, but you should talk with your solicitor to ensure it is constructed in a proper way so that your wishes can be met. You may also wish to discuss any proposed legacy arrangements with your family so they understand your bequest arrangements.

Should you wish to make a lasting legacy in this way to the OMVC, there are three ways to do so – through a gift of residue, a percentage gift, or a specific gift.

- A gift of residue occurs where after you have provided adequately in your estate for your family and/or friends, you choose to give all or some of what is left to the OMVC.
- A percentage gift allows you to share your estate on a proportionate basis among a number of beneficiaries without identifying specific items of property or amounts of money
- A specific gift enables you to specify anything of value as your gift to the OMVC. For instance it could be a sum of money, a property, shares, or perhaps a work of art. Because the OMVC is a registered charity, capital gains tax can be minimised when liquidating any property or shares bequeathed to it.

Suggested wording for leaving a bequest to the Choir could be:

“I bequeath to the Orange Male Voice Choir Inc. for its general purposes [or you could nominate some specific purposes] the residue of my estate [or a specified percentage or specific sum or property] free of all duties and testamentary expenses, for which a receipt from the OMVC Treasurer shall be sufficient discharge to my executor for this bequest”.

Most choristers already have a Will, but these may need to be updated from time to time to reflect changed situations and preferences. This often can be

done simply through a codicil. A codicil is an instruction which is added to your existing Will and, in effect, becomes part of that Will. A codicil is an easy way to include a bequest to a charity or other organisation without having to re-write your Will. It is not difficult to make a codicil and usually it is a quick and inexpensive process to do this through your solicitor.

The Donovan Burn Memorial Trophy

This year's Orange City Eisteddfod saw a very significant development for the Choir. For the first time, choirs in the Sacred Choral Section competed for the Donovan Burn Memorial Trophy. Orange Male Voice Choir was exceptionally keen to honour our late and great MD in a fitting way and Allan Grant's suggestion for a perpetual trophy in the City Eisteddfod was enthusiastically embraced by the 2009 Management Committee.

Neryl Burn was thrilled when Allan approached her requesting her endorsement of the trophy and the Eisteddfod Committee granted its immediate and grateful approval, the only qualification being that it would of necessity be for the Sacred Choral Section, the other sections already having trophies.

Rod Davis set about work immediately on a cedar shield befitting the memory of our great friend. The exceptionally fine craftsmanship and artistry of the finished product is a worthy metaphor for the beauty and grace that Don brought to his role as the Choir's MD. We have attempted to capture this in the simple inscription on the shield:

Presented in honour of Donovan Burn, long-serving and esteemed Music Director of the Rowland Gregory Orpheus Singers (Orange Male Voice Choir) for his outstanding contribution to the City's music.

It's fitting indeed that the shield is the creation of one of our longest serving members whose association with Don spanned almost 50 years. We congratulate Rod on the exceptional skill and care he has brought to its manufacture.

The evening resulted in an almost fairytale-like constellation of events, despite the absence from the stage of Bev with a broken arm and Leon

having literally just landed back in the country that day from overseas. Casual MD Melanie Meers led the Choir to victory in the Sacred Section with Neryl coming on stage to make the inaugural award to Orange Male Voice Choir. We hardly covered ourselves with glory during the remainder of the evening, but the knowledge that our's would be the first name on the shield that honours Don would be compensation enough for what might generously be described as decidedly 'average' performances in the other sections

A WEE SCOTTISH JOKE

On a bitterly cold winter's morning a husband and wife in Glasgow were listening to the radio during breakfast.

They heard the announcer say, "We are going to have 8 to 10 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the even-numbered side of the street, so the Snowploughs can get through.

"So the good wife went out and moved her car.

A week later while they are eating breakfast again, the radio announcer said, "We are expecting 10 to 12 inches of snow today. You must park your car on the odd-numbered side of the street, so the snowploughs can get through..

"The good wife went out and moved her car again.

The next week they are again having breakfast, when the radio announcer says, "We are expecting 12 to 14 inches of snow today. You must park...." Then the electric power went out. The good wife was very upset, and with a worried look on her face she said, "I don't know what to do. Which side of the street do I need to park on so the snowploughs can get through?"

Then with the love and understanding in his voice that all men who are married to blondes exhibit, the husband replied;

"Why don't you just leave the car in the garage this time."

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