

The Singing Snippets

Our busy 2024

Community Singing and Anniversaries

We had a delightful November day in charming Cygnet singing our own 3 songs and then combining with others to celebrate the Cygnet Singers' 40th anniversary.

In December, 11 choir members boosted the singing voices of the Memorial Congregation at Scots Church 200th anniversary. With its Scottish Presbyterian origins it was no surprise to hear Colin Dean with great humour (as Reverend Archibald Macarthur) composing a letter (home) to seek funding for the expanding church community. An organ and trumpet prelude set the scene and the bagpipes created the finale.

Carols

We sang at St Lukes Office to add our bit of Christmas to the city on the morning of the pageant when hundreds lined the streets.

A small group of us sang carols at Collinsvale Market while Christmas bargains were browsed by appreciative locals.

Sadly wet weather prevented the Lenah Valley Community Carols from going ahead.

2024 Concerts

'All in a Day'

What a concert! Many compliments from the audience of approximately 70. Some even said that it was our best yet! Two Scottish people appreciated Celtic Blessing. The choir turned out a magnificent spread for afternoon tea. We even nailed Lift thine Eyes!! Suze says she is very proud and can only see us going onwards and upwards. Thankyou for the Music has become our signature song.



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ANCA workshop and concert

7th September. How good was the workshop led by the very energetic Jane Christie Johnson!! Later in concert, we sang Thankyou for the Music, For the Beauty of the Earth and Goodnight Sweetheart and of course the songs that we workshoped with the other choirs.

Social

Our membership of 36 gets together regularly over a counter tea. It is always a good time to catch up on news with our fellow members.

Bunnings Barbeque continues to be our only fundraiser and another chance to chat with our fellow members and the public.

What a blast as we sang Karaoke on our final night for 2024!

Anzac Dawn Service

It was surprisingly warm as we drove to Woodbridge. A number of our members sensibly stayed overnight to avoid the 4am start!



Norm Cairns told a sensitive and heart rending story of his experience of war and in the trenches at Vietnam, bringing home the true reason for commemorating those who have gone to war. Our singing enhanced the significance of the commemoration. Laughing kookaburras announced the end of the service. We joined the community in the school hall where we all tucked into huge pancakes and hot drinks.

Festival of Voices

In an ambitious finale to Joan Wright's retirement, she directed the TSC and 8 local and interstate choirs to sing *Non Nobis Domine*, *Sing Gently*, and *Keep This Flame Alive* in the opening concert that celebrated the joy of singing. During the 10 days, several workshops and performances captivated audiences and celebrated the love of the voice.

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Leaving

Our next concert will be the last for our wonderful, talented accompanist Amanda Lee who is moving to the mainland to join her friends and explore new job opportunities. Thank you for being such a brilliant support and contributor to our choir. We love you and wish you all the best.



Next Concert- August 17

'Songs from Elton, Billy and Friends'

A lively celebration of all-time favourites such as *Circle of Life*, *River of Dreams*, *Piano Man*, *Hakuna Matata* and *Sing Gently*. Talented guest musicians will also feature.

17th August 2025 2.30pm

Clarence Uniting Church

Corner Cambridge and York St,
Bellerive

Adults \$25 – includes
sumptuous afternoon tea

Children \$10 Under 5 –free

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