

 *Illawarra Choral Society News Bulletin to Members. No. 3 2016*

Dear members

Attached to this bulletin there are some updated documents for members. All members should read these. They may look the same as last year but there are amendments of which you need to be aware. These documents are:

Common Rules for Members Updated in Feb 2016.

Concert Program 2016 Updated Feb 2016

Concert Wear 2016 Updated Feb 2016

Policy on Concert Wear This document has not been updated since March 2015. However, it needs to be read in conjunction with Concert Wear for 2016 so I am sending it again.

Please also note that these documents will be on the Members' Page of our website at www.illawarrachoralsociety.org if you need to refer to them sometime down the track.

Corel Garling's bequest to the Illawarra Choral Society

On the Thursday following Corel's funeral, Ian Garling came round to see me at home and handed me an envelope. Imagine how moved I was to find out that Corel has left the choral society a bequest of \$1000. Attached to the cheque was a lovely note from Ian outlining Corel's wish to leave this bequest and how much singing in the choir had meant to her. He also expressed his appreciation of our involvement in the funeral service and hoped we would continue to produce inspirational concerts. I have thanked him both for the emotions expressed by Corel and himself as well as the practical value of such a gift to the choral society.

Vale Lyndall Bailey

Some more sad news is that Lyndall Bailey from Dapto Anglican Church has recently died. Pat Raiter has kept us advised and represented us at her funeral. Lyndall was a pleasure to work with when we performed at Dapto and was always welcoming and cheerful. She never said no to a request – it was always “leave it with me” – and she would find a way to make it happen. A lovely person gone too soon.

Interesting TV Program

Stan Warren has brought to our attention an episode of the ABC science show **Catalyst** to be shown on **Tuesday 8 March at 8:00pm**. The show is about the feel-good hormones which are released when we sing and features the Newcastle Cathedral Choir. Of course, we know about these hormones and discuss them from time to time. Well, here is a chance to learn more about this beneficial effect of our passion for singing. A little bird whispered to me that Stan was at one time the Principal Chorister of this choir and therefore thinks they are pretty good. Apparently, they were filmed for around six hours to get the material for a 30 minute

show – I wonder how we would stand up to that! Thanks Stan for the tip about the show and members - dont forget to watch.

Short and Sweet Music Festival

Meryl has received information about this festival to be held in Sydney between Sunday 3 April 2016 to Friday 15 April 2016. The choral society will not be registering as a choir due to the demands of preparing for our Stabat Mater concert. However, individual choristers may wish to enrol in the workshop being held on Sunday 3 April under the baton of Jonathon Welch. There is an **attachment** to this bulletin with details and links to the site for registration. Please let me know if you have any problems accessing this information.

That's all for now...

Dorothy