



Illawarra Choral Society News Bulletin to Members. No. 7 2016

Dear members

Voice Part Rehearsals

Many members have suggested that it would be beneficial to have voice-part time structured into our regular Monday rehearsal program. We would like to try this out and believe that it will provide opportunities to work intensively on problem areas in each voice-part. We expect full attendance and support from members at these rehearsals and will welcome your feedback later.

Note: These rehearsals are not intended to replace the extra rehearsals organised outside of the Monday rehearsal structure. These are beneficial for those who can attend but are optional.

The structure below is similar to one used earlier this year (when Meryl was unavailable) and ensures that, over two Mondays, every voice part group gets:

- one rehearsal at UOW:
 - session with Meryl and Brenda in UOW Rm 107
 - session in UOW Rm G23 (downstairs) with leader and accompanist from voice part members.
- one rehearsal at a venue arranged by your voice rep.

We are very fortunate in having many talented members who can play a role in making these rehearsals successful. Members can assist in many practical ways so please let your voice rep know if you can help in any way, including:

- offering a rehearsal venue
- offering to be piano accompanist for session
- offering to lead a session

Every member can contribute to ensuring that they and their voice part group get as much benefit as possible from these rehearsals.

Rehearsal structure:

Please see the attachment [voicereh.pdf](#) for the proposed details of these rehearsals. Connie has already supplied details for the tenors so I have entered these to illustrate how it works. Then, when I have received complete details from the other voice parts, I will reissue the completed schedule.

Summer school

The committee has engaged Meryl to run a short series of seminars during the summer break which would be based around **how to read a music score**. I have had several conversations with members during the year who have expressed a wish to enhance their ability to read scores. The seminars may assist quite a few of our members in either learning or revising things that they learnt long ago. They would be mainly intended for members but there might also be a few places for potential members who may feel more confident about joining the choral society after a little tuition.

Initially, I would like to call for expressions of interest in participating to see if this initiative is viable. I will pass around a sheet at rehearsals for the names of interested

members. We propose to run the summer school in late January and just before returning to choir rehearsals.

Dates/times

Mon 23 Jan	10am – 12 noon
Tues 24 Jan	10am – 12 noon
Wed 25 Jan	10am – 12 noon

Venue/costs

We will need to make a charge to participants just to cover tuition and venue costs and this will be advised soon.

AGM 2016

The Annual General Meeting will be held on **Mon 7 Nov**. Please note this date in your calendar and we hope that as many members as possible will be able to attend. This is an opportunity to learn more about and influence the directions of the choral society for the coming year. The AGM will be held at the rehearsal venue and the first part of the rehearsal will proceed as usual. Then at 8:30pm the AGM will commence. Part of the proceedings includes an election of the committee for the following period and all committee positions are spilled prior to this election. Please give some thought to the representation you want in the coming year. AGM business papers and nomination forms will be distributed at least three weeks before the meeting.

Other dates for your diary

Mon 3 Oct 2016 is long weekend and there will **not** be a rehearsal that evening.

***Carol singing.** Most of you enjoy the opportunity to 'give back' to the community with some carol singing. The committee will explore options and advise you of dates and arrangements ASAP.*

***Bunnings BBQ fundraiser/carol singing** We have requested a date but won't know about this until end of Oct.*

Mon 12 Dec 2016 (Mon after our concerts), will be rehearsal for first half of evening followed by party time.

Sat 17 Dec 2016: Christmas party for members and their families at Paul and Dorothy's place (Mount Pleasant), 5pm until late. Fork buffet – bring a plate. More details later.

Mon 30 Jan 2017: First rehearsal for new year.

Dorothy Ebblewhite