

Hi everyone, and a very Happy Easter to you all! I hope you have a chance to take a break over the long weekend. As we come out of 'Mad March' we have a few things to look back on, and a few things to look forward to!

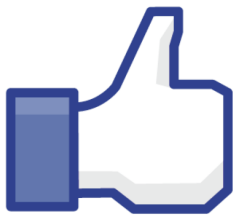
LOOKING BACK...

- Our feature story in the **Guardian Messenger** caught the eye of several community members who have expressed interest in coming along to choir over the next month or so. Please extend a warm welcome to all our new people!
- I would like to congratulate all our performers on an excellent effort at the *Marion Celebrates* festival on the 24th March. A mild day and good sound helped to make all our hard work worthwhile, with a positive reception from audience members. Well done!



JUST A REMINDER...

- With regard to rehearsals and performances, while it is not compulsory that you attend every time, it is encouraged and expected that your choir membership includes committing to performances and attending rehearsals whenever possible. While most of you are very good in this area, it's important to clarify expectations every now and then. This also includes membership fees: if you're a continuing member and are yet to pay your fees can you please do so via direct deposit or see Jen Gilbert at rehearsal. Fees cover things such as insurance, venue hire, sheet music, ANCA membership, printing, website and other promotional materials.
- Don't forget that many of our **song recordings** are available on our website under the 'Member Login' tab, enabling you to practice your parts during the week. You'll be surprised at the difference two 15-minute practices can make!



- If you're on **Facebook** and haven't yet 'liked' the Vocalize page, please do so! This helps to keep you in touch with up-to-date info (news, last-minute changes or cancellations) and spreads the word about the choir through social media.

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DIARY DATES...

We have a few things coming up for your diary:

- Mon 29th April** – On our first rehearsal back from holidays we will be celebrating our 1st birthday as a choir! We will start at **6:30 for a BBQ tea**, followed by ‘a rehearsal with a difference’. (If a few kind volunteers could bring a salad that would be wonderful – I’ll confirm this at the next rehearsal.)
- We will most likely be performing at the Community Grants Cheque Ceremony for the City of Marion on a **Monday night in June**. Date and time to be confirmed.
- Sat 24th August** – This is the date of our inaugural **annual concert** (for want of a better name!), to be held at Edwardstown Baptist Church (Dorene Street St Marys). This is our major event for the year where we will showcase all our work, supported by a band and other solo artists. Please block out your diaries from 1pm onwards as we will be rehearsing and sound checking during the afternoon. I am looking for a small organizing committee who can meet for half an hour every few weeks (after rehearsal) to help make this fantastic evening a success.
- Sun 20th October** – *Adelaide Sings* festival, Christ Church North Adelaide, 2:30pm. This is a non-competitive concert for adult community choirs, run by the Australian National Choir Association (ANCA).



If you know of any events that may be looking for a choir please let me know or direct them to our website.

That’s all from me for now – Happy Easter and keep on singing!

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