

Hi everyone and welcome to the last remaining weeks of the year – aaarrrrgh! Time has just flown by, and we're back in the swing of our Christmas repertoire!

MEMBERS

This month we welcome new members **Lorna Williams, Joan Teresa Hart, Christine (Chris) Corey** and **Lionel Suter**; and farewell **Anthony Little** and **Sue Didsbury** who have left the choir, due to other commitments.

ADELAIDE SINGS FESTIVAL & THE ANCA

Congratulations to a great performance on the 27th October. Following is a hearty commendation from the ANCA (Australian National Choir Association) State President Helen Pietsch:

"I would like to thank you so much for your participation recently in our annual Choral Festival, Adelaide Sings. Our committee has received many comments from the audience attending telling us how enjoyable the event was and the uniqueness of the contribution of each choir. One of our long term committee members felt it was the best Adelaide Sings thus far - this is great news. Congratulations to you all for your hard work in preparing for the Festival and for the quality of your contributions."

At the event, Helen Pietsch announced that the ANCA are looking for more members to join the SA committee. They are currently being forced to consider restricting the activities they offer annually because they do not have enough committee members. She is asking us to very seriously consider nominating a member of Vocalize Choir to join the committee. The requirements are not hard: attendance at the monthly meetings, and as much as possible, attendance at their workshops/festivals. The meetings are restricted to 1.5 hours in length and scheduled to suit the timetable of the majority of the committee members. Personally I am unable to be a part of this committee at this time, and so I am extending this invitation to you as choir members. If there is someone from Vocalize who would be willing to put up your hand to be on this committee that would be absolutely fantastic. Please email or chat to me if you are thinking about it.

CHRISTMAS PARTY!

To celebrate the end of a great year we will be having a Christmas Party after our final rehearsal on **16th December**. Please bring a plate of savoury or sweet food to share. One or two volunteers to organize a nice 'Christmassy' table would be fantastic.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Here are our Christmas performances, all of which have been confirmed. Please note the time change.*

Wed 4th Dec Glandore Carols in the Park, Glandore Community Centre, performing 7:10pm

*Sat 7th Dec Lutheran Disability Services function, Glandore Community Centre, *Performing 7:45pm*

Tue 17th Dec Hackham West Community Carols, performing 7pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Please take note of our singing schedule below and put it in your diaries. Note I have extended the first 3 rehearsals to 9pm if necessary to allow us to be adequately prepared.

Nov 18	7 – 9pm Sectional Rehearsals
Nov 25	7 – 9pm Rehearsal
Dec 2	7 – 9pm Rehearsal
Dec 4	Glandore Carols in the Park, call time 6:30pm
Dec 7	Lutheran Disability Services, call time 7pm
Dec 9	7 – 9pm Christmas music
Dec 16	7 – 8:30 with Christmas Party following
Dec 17	Hackham West Community Carols, call time 6:30pm



2014 DATES & FEES

Our first rehearsal for 2014 will be **Monday 3rd February**. Please note that the fee schedule will change as of next year, depending on the term joined:

Term 1	\$90
Term 2	\$75
Term 3	\$50
Term 4	\$35

This equates to approximately \$3/week which you would agree is very affordable! That said, please chat to choir treasurer Jen Gilbert if you would prefer to pay in instalments.

That's all for now; I look forward to the remaining weeks and some fantastic Christmas performances.

Sing on!

Kerrie