

Our Twentieth Anniversary Year



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT:

The 2018 AGM re-elected the Committee that we have had for the last few years. The Committee remains the same but the Club is likely to see some big changes. The nature of these changes is not yet clear but our numbers keep decreasing and we do not have younger recruits to carry on as we have in the past. We are in good shape financially and we are in demand with our audiences, but we are getting older and must make allowance for that.

Our future may involve cooperation with other groups or forming new associations. Whatever happens we will strive to continue making music for our pleasure and for the enjoyment of our audiences. We may even have to depart from the Barbershop style that we all love so much. Did I actually write that?

We will be singing Barbershop this December 11, Tuesday at 6.00 pm at the Charles Hotel for our **Annual Dinner & Awards Night**. We hope to catch up with old friends and associates and guests are welcome at \$30 each to cover the cost of dinner.

This newsletter will change very significantly after this edition. Bruce has produced 249 editions of Listen Hear for the information and inspiration of us all over a period of twenty-one years. This magnificent contribution to the life and times of Westcoast Barbershop Harmony Club will never be equalled or repeated. Thankyou Bruce from all of our members, past and present.

We wish you a Merry Christmas. - *John Brigatti*.

Visit to Juniper Riverslea, Mt Lawley

Our final nursing home concert this year is at Juniper Riverslea, 100 Guildford Road, Mt Lawley on Friday 7 December, 1.45 for 2.30 p.m.

We will again bring our No 1 costume, and appropriate 'Christmas' touches will be tolerated.

Our songs for this occasion will be:

Western Australia (entry); Wonderful Day; O Come All Ye Faithful; Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy; Let There be Peace on Earth; Alexander's Ragtime Band

Waltzing Matilda (entry); Home Among the Gum Trees; Harvest Moon; O Holy Night; In the Bleak Midwinter; Joy to the World; (Exit to 'Waltzing Matilda')

Carols at The Mez and Dog Swamp SCs

At the time of publication our two commitments for public carol singing are:

- Saturday 15 December at The Mez, Mt Hawthorn, and
- Saturday 22 December at Dog Swamp Shopping Centre, Tuart Hill.

Details of arrival times and dress will be given during notices this month.

Regis Aged Care, Woodlands

What a pleasure it was to visit this splendid new facility on Friday 2 November to present our program to the residents (who loved us!). The fact that retired member Chris Tan was in the audience made it even better.

Thanks go to all participants.

Citizenship Ceremonies

The last outing this year for the City of Stirling was on Wednesday 14 November and we received a great reception – particularly for the final number, *I Am Australian*. Thanks to all participants.

We have already been invited to sing for the Australia Day ceremony on Saturday 26 January. The dates of other ceremonies next year are not yet available.

Carlisle Seniors Program

The chorus enjoyed another great afternoon, singing to and with the Carlisle Seniors at the Harold Hawthorn Centre, Victoria Park on Monday 19 November. The day was made even more enjoyable by the generous afternoon tea provided by the seniors group. (Let's say 'Many happy returns.')

The Four Chordsmen

Tenor Peter McGuire, lead Ken Richens, bass John Friebel and Baritone Francis Tay have been out and about, singing. This photo appeared in the Jewish Care News following the quartet's recent visit.



The supporting remarks included:

Last Wednesday our a cappella group entertained and educated our audience with barbershop harmonies from the 1920s to the '50s. Attendees enjoyed listening and singing along to some wonderful songs, bringing back memories of years past.

The quartet also gave a very well received program at Kingsway Court, John Friebel's retirement village, on November 23rd. Busy days for *The Four Chordsmen*.

Position (Still) Vacant

The rush of applicants for the position of editor/compiler of this newsletter has been absolutely overwhelming and the Management Committee may have to seek professional assistance in reaching a decision.

Just kidding!

Don't be frightened – if you are even vaguely interested and perhaps want to know more just have a chat with Yours Truly. By the way, the successful applicant will receive the same emolument as the Club President. Now there's an incentive!

Rosters for December

(Please make alternative arrangements if you are going to be unavailable. Please speak to John Friebel, if you feel you have been overlooked.)

Quartets and VLQs

4 December

Sebbage, Clayton, Okely, Cook, Brigatti, Routley

18 December

Sebbage, McGuire, Richens, Okely, Cook, Tay, Brigatti, Friebel.

Kitchen Assistants

4 December: Mitchell, Tay, Friebel

18 December: Blackmore, Routley, Verbrugge

- Barberpole Cat for December: *Heart of My Heart*

Engagements and Activities

(Additions and alterations are shown in bold.)

- Friday 7 December, 1.45 for 2.30 p.m. Juniper Riverslea, 100 Guildford Rd, Mt Lawley.
- Tuesday 11 December, **6 p.m.** Annual Dinner & Awards Evening at the **Charles Hotel, 509 Charles St., North Perth.**
- Saturday 15 December – Singing carols at The Mez shopping centre, Mt Hawthorn.
- **Tuesday 18 December – Final meeting for 2018.**
- **Saturday 22 December – Singing carols at Dog Swamp Shopping Centre.**
- **Tuesday 22 January – First meeting for 2019.**
- **Saturday 26 January – Citizenship Ceremony at City of Stirling.**

The above list should be regarded as 'subject to alteration.'

This newsletter is published monthly. Contributions and comments will be welcome. These should go to Bruce Okely, 60/7 Harman Road, Sorrento 6020. Phone: 9447 0719 Email also available.

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