



Members' Update

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FROM THE COMMITTEE

Well, the Mahler is over, and we can now get back to regular rehearsals. What a wonderful night it was! All our hard work paid off, and it was a tremendous experience. We received great feedback at the "after party", with the Tasmanian Symphony Chorus making inquiries to return to Adelaide in the future to perform with the Philharmonia. Congratulations to all, and thank you for your commitment.

REHEARSALS continue now with no break, and hopefully we will have finalised all Conductors' choices for our June concert. A list of proposed items accompanies this newsletter. There is a huge amount of work to be learnt, and we are asking for your complete commitment to the choir for this event. Tickets will be distributed immediately after Easter, but you can begin to sell this event to your friends and relatives now.

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2010 are due, and are payable by the end of March to maintain membership of the choir. You will need to be financial in order to vote at the AGM.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Tuesday March 30th, 7.15 pm, followed by rehearsal, supper and book sale.

In accordance with the Rules of the Association, the following positions will be vacant, and the positions filled for two years: **Vice President, Treasurer, Choristers' Clerk, with Publicity Officer for one year only**, (not Concert Manager as last reported). Those with one more year to go in their tenure are President, Secretary, Fundraising Coordinator, and Concert Manager. Librarian is a coopted position with no specific tenure.

We have nominations for Vice President and Choristers' Clerk, but still need people to nominate for Treasurer and Publicity Officer.

We cannot carry out our plans for the future without support for these two roles. If you think you can nominate, but would like an assistant, two people can carry out the one role.

Nomination forms will be sent to you electronically and need to be in no later than one week before the meeting.

From a letter from Melinda Broadhurst, retiring Vice President: *"I appreciate having been on the committee for*

these last 12 months, as it has been an eye-opener of what goes on behind the scenes, and the responsibility you all have in your roles... I am unable to continue in this role and thank you for having such a heart for the choir, and willingness to take time and considerable effort to keep the choir going, so the rest of us can have such wonderful experiences singing."

2010 CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF OUR CHOIR.

The first event is our Concert on June 19th "One Choir Four Conductors", at Elder Hall, 7.30 pm, followed by supper in Bishop Hall.

Our three longest serving Conductors, Graham Abbott, Russell Larkin and Timothy Sexton, and our current one, Aldis Sils, will lead us in their choices of music.

There will be a weekend rehearsal on **Saturday May 29th**, at Marryattville High School, from 10 am to 3 pm with shared lunch in the middle of the day.

In the week before the Concert, rehearsals are on Tuesday June 15th, Thursday June 17th, Friday 18th (Dress Rehearsal Elder Hall).

The main celebration will be a Dinner at the Glenelg Golf Club on Friday October 1st. We need a small group to plan this, and volunteers will be called at a later date !

FUNDRAISING.

Begins with a *Bulb Drive*, with brochures distributed this week. With the recent rain, we should be able to plant up to the middle of April, so please sell to your friends and neighbours. Money and orders need to be in by Tuesday April 6th.

GET WELL WISHES go to several of our members who are on the sick list at the moment, and to some who have sick relatives.

Others are taking leave for travel, so good luck, have a wonderful time and come back soon!

President: Fran Verrall
Musical Director: Aldis Sils
Accompanist: Alexander Hanysz
Artistic Adviser: Graham Abbott

The Mahler Symphony No. 8 was a ground-breaking work when it was first played in 1888 and is still the only symphony of which the chorus is an integral part, from beginning to end. It was last performed in Adelaide at the 1968 Festival of Arts in Centennial Hall and some of our members took part in that production. This time we are proud to have contributed 50 Philharmonia members out of a total number approaching 400.

Rehearsals began in December, and in earnest in mid-January, after the holiday season. It was a grand undertaking, with sectional rehearsals over several nights each week, led by well-known choir conductors, including our own Aldis Sils. The music provided many challenges musically and in vocal range, but in the end, it was an exciting event, with an appreciative audience of over 5,000.

2010 APC CONCERT CALENDAR

Saturday 19 th June Elder Hall. <i>One Choir Four Conductors</i> . Our 30 Years Celebration Concert.
Sunday afternoon August 29 th : <i>An Afternoon of Australian Music</i>
Sunday October 3 rd : Evensong. St Peters Cathedral.
Saturday November 27 th 6.30 pm St Peters Cathedral: <i>For St Cecilia</i>

March / April REHEARSAL CALL . 7pm for 7.15pm start unless stated otherwise

March	16 th	7.15 – 9.45	Rehearsal	Cynthia Poulton Hall
	23 rd	7.15 – 9.45	Rehearsal	Cynthia Poulton Hall
	30 th	7.15 – 9.45	AGM followed by rehearsal, book sale and supper.	Cynthia Poulton Hall
April	6 th	7.15 – 9.45	Rehearsal	Cynthia Poulton Hall
	13 th	7.15 – 9.45	Rehearsal	Cynthia Poulton Hall
	20 th	7.15 – 9.45	Rehearsal	Cynthia Poulton Hall
	27 th	7.15 – 9.45	Rehearsal followed by supper	Cynthia Poulton Hall
May	4 th	7.15 – 9.45	Rehearsal	Cynthia Poulton Hall

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