

### New Committee

We welcomed our newest member Suzie Gaynor to the committee of 2015, and acknowledged the excellent work of departing President Annette, Vice-President Helen, and committee member Maple.

Suzie has already hit the ground running, helping prepare our Committee Handbook and preparing thank you cards for Annette, Helen and Maple!

In addition to our new member, new office bearers Maree (President), Elizabeth (Vice-President) and Nick (Secretary) are busy learning the ropes of their new roles.

### Members' files

Some members are struggling to access the recordings and rehearsal materials in the TSC Dropbox account. Bring in a USB drive (or borrow one) and Suzie can bring her laptop with the files for you – just let her know.

### Musical Director's report

Andrea has already organised two very successful concerts, and the year is just beginning!

There are many more concerts on the way, and organising has begun for potential events at Festival of Voices, Vaocluse and Home Hill, as well as a major café-style concert at Rosny Barn. Dates will hopefully be confirmed soon.

In addition, there are plans to potentially buy some new music as well as bringing some more previously performed TSC songs back into rotation.

### Temporary accompanist

Iestyn will temporarily leave us next month to spend time with the newest addition to his family. Though we could never truly replace Iestyn, we're

organising a fill-in while he's away who should be confirmed soon.

### Rosny Barn major concert

Despite the smashing success of our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala concert last year, it has become increasingly difficult getting a large enough audience to cover rising costs. As such, the committee has regretfully decided not to have a Town Hall concert this year. It was a difficult decision to make, as this will be the first time in the TSC's history that a concert will not be held there. In the end, we decided that last year's gala concert was a suitable farewell to the Town Hall for now while we try something new!

On that note, we are planning to have our major concert this year at the Rosny Barn. We want to make it a café-style concert with snacks and drinks available, including a new repertoire of easy-listening music such as show tunes and swing, and featuring vocal and instrumental soloists both from within and outside the choir. We hope that this new and exciting format will help us attract a bigger audience, and be more feasible for us long term.

Planning has commenced for a concert around early October – stay tuned for more details as they come!





## Advertising

We are looking for new ideas to attract both new audience and choir members. We're looking into possibilities such as singing for cruise ships, trying some variations on the Open Rehearsal idea, and surveying members to find out why we're not retaining as many of the people who have tried us as we'd like.

## ANZAC Dawn Service

This will be held at Woodbridge School – arrive by 5.45am for a 6am start. The school is on the left for those heading from Hobart, less than 1km past Peppermint Bay. Andrea will provide more details before the event.

Though choir uniform is to be worn as usual at the service, it is **heavily recommended** that you wear warm clothing of your choice over the top. Members are also encouraged to bring a light.

## Festival of Voices

We are in discussions with organisers about the best way to participate in the Festival this year. Most likely we will be performing a couple of “pop up” performances around Hobart and at the Singers' Lounge, and attending a workshop. We will likely need to charge a small fee for members who are interested in participating to help recoup costs.

## Bunnings BBQ

The process has changed this year, with a ballot being held every three months to determine which organisations get to run a BBQ. Unfortunately we haven't been selected so far, so fingers crossed that we'll be allocated a spot soon as the Bunnings BBQ represents a substantial part of our income as a choir and helps us stay afloat!

## Special General Meeting

As we were unable to get the audited financial report in time for the AGM, we need to accept it in a Special General Meeting in two weeks' time. It should only take 5 minutes at the start of rehearsal.

## Matt Ives Big Band

We're trying to organise more social events for the choir to get together outside rehearsal. Matthew Ives covered as MD for a week for us recently, and he is performing at Wrest Point this Wednesday (15 April) at 8pm. Choir members will be there, and early bird tickets are \$15 (or \$20 at the door).

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## Future performances

<b>Saturday 25 April, 6am:</b>	ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Woodbridge School (5.45am call)
<b>Monday 27 April:</b>	Special General Meeting to accept the audited financial report
<b>Friday 3 – Sunday 12 July:</b>	Festival of Voices
<b>August:</b>	Vaucluse Gardens (TBC)
<b>September/October:</b>	Rosny Barn major concert (TBC)
<b>November/December:</b>	Home Hill Charity Concert (TBC)
<b>Saturday 12 December:</b>	Glenorchy Carols by Candlelight