



The Singing Snippets

...when we're singing and where we've sung
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♪ 2018 on a roll

We made a great start to the year with Musical Director, **Matthew Ives** and accompanist **Tom Misson** both committing to the Tasmanian Song Company for 2018. And we are on a roll, not *Rock and Roll*, but rolling into Motown, with Matthew arranging many favourites from the Motown genre for our concerts this year.

Our first rehearsal also welcomed many new faces to the ranks, with 29 people at rehearsal last week – we will need a bigger tea room! Special mention to **Cheryl**, **Tim** and **Roen** who love us so much they've already signed up.

♪ Sing for a Sausage? (18 Mar)

Our first performance for the year isn't singing, it's sausage sizzling! Our annual fundraiser is at Bunnings Glenorchy, Sunday 18 March. One, successful, big BBQ fundraiser can raise enough money to cover our costs of public liability, insurances and sheet music purchase. It also means we can keep ticket prices low and membership affordable. If you haven't made it to a concert to support us, what about a snag at the Bunnings BBQ? We'd love you to see you, say hello and serve you a sausage while we sing!

Sunday 18 March 2018, 9.30am-3.30pm
Glenorchy Bunnings

♪ On the Village Green (15 April)

Singing at the annual **Richmond Village Fair** has become a favourite excursion for the choir. The fair is a step back in time to a traditional colonial period, with entertainment for all! There'll be costumes, live music, great food and much more. Kids can pat the animals, and this year there's a 'Kidz Fun Zone'.

It's a lovely way to spend a few hours on a Sunday, so come along, enjoy the atmosphere and catch us singing in the sunshine.

♪ Singing our respects on ANZAC Day

We feel truly honoured to be asked again to lead the singing at the ANZAC Day services in Woodbridge and Snug. As a community choir, it is a privilege to stand alongside local communities to pay respects to the ANZACs by contributing to these important services.

At Woodbridge, we are joining the Channel community for their 6am dawn service. It is a small, intimate and very moving ceremony. A breakfast follows in the school hall for \$5 and a natter with the locals.

We are also singing before and during the Kingborough Anzac Day 11 am service at the Snug oval. This year, Matthew has added harmonies to the old World War I tunes to create a resounding sound of authenticity to the atmosphere. Visitors are most welcome at both services.

♪ Talented Tom

Shhh, we've got a secret and we want to keep it hush...but word is out that our wonderfully talented accompanist **Tom**

Misson is also a very talented composer

(pictured at right in the

studio). Tom was recently in Sydney with the **Hush Foundation** as one of twelve invited composers commissioned to create music for young people with chronic illness and mental health challenges. The **Hush** formula brings composers together with unwell children and young people to hear their stories to inspire the composition of new music that uplifts them during their illness. The 18th production of Hush will be recorded by the Australian Chamber Orchestra and you'll be able to buy the CD! Read all about it here:

<https://www.hush.org.au/hush-18>



♪ Festival of Voices (29 Jun-15 July)

With a national choir festival in Hobart, it's a chance for local choirs to shine. And that's exactly what the Tasmanian Song Company plans to do, and with a little bit of coordination and magic, we hope to be performing on stage with the Flinders Island based **Acappellicans**. Check the program when it is released to find out where we are performing.

♪ Motown in Moonah (7 Oct)

Matthew is planning a Motown extravaganza! We're so excited that we're planning two performances on the day: a matinee and evening show. There'll be some wonderful guest artists, beautiful harmonies, songs you know, songs to get you moving and grooving. Pop it in your diary to ensure you don't double book yourself!

♪ Fond memories

We sang out 2017 with tinsel and tunes at the **Glenorchy Carols – A Not So Silent Night**. Thanks to all our regular supporters, for contributing to our 2017 success, especially in the last quarter of 2017.



In October, we had a wonderful choral contest with **Wanganui Male Choir** (picture above). The touring choir joined us in the wonderful performing space at the Moonah Arts Centre. Our friendly choral contest was enjoyed by a full-house audience and participants alike. The choir from New Zealand, is the second oldest performing choir in New Zealand and brought 119 years of performing in more than 265 concerts to share with a Tassie audience.

♪ The Sepulchre

Trying a new performance space, we gave you **A Hint of Christmas** at The Sepulchre.

With couches and sofas, it was particularly relaxing and enjoyable (see overhead picture at right). Guest artists **Di**

Richards, Eleanor Webster, Blythe Tait, David Abbott and **Matthew Ives** gave us **Manhattan Transfer** and **The Andrews Sisters**. It was such a treat to be able to sing with the small musical combo from St Virgil's College adding to **Tom's** sterling piano accompaniment. Barbershop group **The Eddies**, who are also from St Virgil's College, completed a diverse program of styles and tunes, with a cuppa to wash it down.



♪ Singers wanted

Did you know that you're missing out? Singing is good for you and we are the perfect date night to start your week. Our fabulous musicians, **Matthew** and **Tom** are truly a dynamic duo, rehearsals are great fun, packed with lots of singing, laughs, a cuppa tea, and a variety of song styles. Come on, we know you want to... the first step is the hardest, and we are there ready for you on your first night to ensure you feel comfortable. Give us a call to set the date for your first sing since school. Call Maree on 0417 347 044

♪ If you can't join us, come listen to us

18 Mar	Bunnings Glenorchy BBQ
15 Apr	Richmond Village Green
25 Apr	Woodbridge Dawn Service Sung 11am ANZAC Service
29 Jun-15 Jul	Festival of Voices
07 Oct	Motown at Moonah
08 Dec	Glenorchy Carols by Candlelight