



The Singing Snippets

...when we're singing and where we've sung
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♪ A Choral Showcase with Cupcakes ♪

We are returning to the Rosny Barn in May for an afternoon of tunes and sweet treats. Under the baton of the talented **Matthew Ives** and accompanied by **Tom Misson**, Tasmanian Song Company brings you a **Choral Showcase with Cupcakes** on Sunday, 28 May 2017. Singing a variety of tunes from the new repertoire developing under Matthew's new direction, the choir is baking a variety of cakes to complement your cuppa tea: and for an extra treat, Matthew promises to sing!

A showcase ticket is \$25 (or \$22 for a concession ticket) and includes the delicious afternoon tea. Tickets are available online through TryBooking at www.trybooking.com/278036 Best not leave ticket purchases to the last minute, as numbers are limited to just 80 in the cosy Rosny Barn.

Join us for music and cake; a wonderful combination for a winter's afternoon, 2pm on Sunday 28 May 2017 at the Rosny Barn. If you don't have online access to buy a ticket, call our president Maree 0417 347 044.



♪ Planning ahead

The choir is participating in the **Festival of Voices** this year (30 Jun – 16 Jul). We hope to be part of the choral program with **Chris Burcin**, and will also perform in several pop ups around town. The highlight of the festival is the bonfire song on Friday 7 July, which this year is *Light My Fire*. Why not come join us?

We are also very excited to announce that in October, we unite our voices with the **Wanganui Male Choir** from New Zealand. At the Moonah Arts Centre on Thursday 5 October, it's one not to miss: put it in your diary now!

♪ Congratulations Tom

Tom was recently awarded one of two highly commended awards for the Jean Bogen Youth Prize. Tom won the prize for his composition *Saturday Night Tuberculosis*.

Established in 1989, the award is the only one of its kind in Australia. Congratulations Tom!



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♪ Installed as the choir of choice!

We were delighted to perform again at the triennial Freemasons Grand Installation on 24 February 2017. Fifteen choir members donned the cobalt blue uniform, with Musical Director **Matthew Ives** at the conducting helm. After just four rehearsals in 2017, the choir excelled at providing the choral interludes in the ceremony, which is steeped in tradition and custom.

The Tasmanian Song Company has performed at the Freemason's installation ceremonies since 1996, thanks to several connections the choir has with the Freemasons. It is an honour to be their choir of choice and regularly invited to participate in such a prestigious and important event.

Many thanks to Matthew in his first official event as our MD, and to accompanist, **Tom Misson**, both experiencing their first installation ceremony.

Richmond Village Fair - 2 April

We loved singing again on the Village Green at the Richmond Village Fair (2 April). Sadly, Matthew couldn't make it, but lovely **Johanna Bostock** brought her music stand and stood out front keeping us under control and in time! Singing at the fair has become a regular gig for us and we love the chance to take on the outside elements. This year, Tom's music stayed on his music stand and we had debut performances by four new choir members: **Stan Kemsley, Hannah Windle, Aimee White** and **Pam Sangwell**.

The ANZAC honour

We reunited with former choir MD, **Andrea Scott** who is the official bugler for ANZAC Day Dawn Services at Woodbridge. We also joined the Snug community as the official choir at their 11am ANZAC Day Service. As a community choir, it is a privilege to stand alongside local communities to honour the ANZACs through contributing to these important services. Many thanks to the 15 members that made the early morning trip to Woodbridge to participate.

Welcoming new faces

With **Matthew Ives** officially signed as our 2017 Musical Director, we have welcomed many new faces to the choir. Since our first rehearsal on the 30 January, 26 people have tried our 'three for free' offer, with 9 people officially joining.

Welcome to **Stan Kemsley, Hannah Windle, Aimee White, Carl Thornley, Jack Lane, Megan Hale, Cat Schofield, Pamela Balon**. We also gave a special welcome to returning members **Elaine Tinkler** and **Pam Sangwell**.

♪ Annual general meeting

The choir is an incorporated, non-profit association and as such is required to have a constitution and adhere to the association legislation. This means we have an annual general meeting to elect a committee to handle the 'business' of the choir. On 20 March, we had our AGM to present the audited books, annual reports and to elect the 2017 committee. Welcome to the 2017 committee:

♪ President:	Maree Richards
♪ Vice President:	Helen Chapman
♪ Secretary:	Anne Temple-Smith
♪ Treasurer:	Liz Oakley
♪ Committee:	Julie Roughton, Jean Gray, Jack Lane, Stan Kemsley

At the AGM, we also acknowledged the contributions of departing 2016 committee members: Vice-President **Elizabeth Bowden** (who took leave for a year to travel around Australia), Reserve-Treasurer **David Doyle** (who moved to Melbourne in August) and **David McGuire** (who resigned from the choir in August to attend to family matters) and Secretary **Suzie Gaynor** (who moved to Canberra in October).

A special shout out to Suzie who continued working on the committee by Skyping in to meetings to ensure a quorum and still continues supporting the choir as the Web Master (with **Nick Beeton**) and helps with publicity.

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