

TASMANIAN SONG COMPANY

November Snippets

Dates for your diary

Northgate	26 Nov 11—12
Wesley	Sun 4 Dec 1.15pm
Glenorchy Carols	Sat 10 December
Shopping Centres	Please check list
Polytechnic Library	1 week day in Dec

Wesley Concert :

Choir members should arrive in uniform at **1.15** for a warm up, we start at 2pm. Uniform is black from the waist down, black or white shirt (the same as Bruny). The concert will last for an hour to be followed by afternoon tea with the audience. Helen has done a program and Maple will do a promotional flyer.



Carols by Candlelight at Tolosa Park

We will be the finale. We are singing 5 items: 3 with Iestyn and 2 with the Brass Band. Uniform will be black bottoms with black or white tops (same as Bruny) and Christmas leis.

Future plans:

We all agreed that having one major concert and several smaller ones worked well during 2011. Liz will book Sunday 30th September for the Town Hall Concert, that date should avoid people missing rehearsals because of school holidays.

- Plugged concert—perhaps May, to be confirmed
- Brookfield around May
- Moonah Arts Centre (tbc)
- Vaucluse late April (singing more recently learned music from 2011) and August
- Main concert 30th September at Town Hall
- Bunnings BBQ 27th October
- Bruny Island October
- Various Carols in December



Musical Directors Report

We need to create a positive environment for people to try out solo singing and being in small groups.

Glenorchy carols: We are singing 5 items—more than usual this year! Rachel is co-host so we will need to organize the final rows on the night.

Major concert for 2012 will be music from around the world.

Plugged concert plans are underway! The program to be songs that we have already performed – polishing rather than learning. Venue and time to be decided.

The Prophet Song, we're enthusiastic! It will be challenging, but not too hard for us. The harmonies are complex and it could take some months to learn.

Rachel has been working on a warm up CD and will have an example ready for the December meeting.

Shopping Centre Carols

We only need approximately 6 singers at each venue. The uniform to be black bottoms with white shirt and Christmas Leis.

Shopping Centre Carols (cont)

On 15th December there are 3 venues so we will outsource to Rachel and/or Reggie and friends
On 10th December we have too many singers only 3-4 wanted at that particular venue.

Welcome Kit

Maple will have it ready for the beginning of the year. It will be given to ALL members and may include handy items such as a pencil and rubber. The new publicity consent form and warm up CD could be distributed to everyone via the kit.

Banner

\$25 banner was displayed. It should be taken to ALL our performances, and used with flyers to promote the choir. A large banner will cost \$260, and will be considered at a later date when we have a logo.

Music Loans

We have loaned "I believe" to Bright Singers Inc. We need a formal policy for hire costs which can be looked at next year. Suggested 30% of replacement cost + Postage.
Bright Singers will be charged 30 cents per copy + postage.



Warm-up CD

Rachel has started work on this. It will be distributed to current choir members and possibly included in the welcome kit. Maybe downloadable from the web site. The CD should remain the property of the choir and be handed back at the end of the year. It would be easy to number them like the sheet music.

Treasurers Report

We need to advise members that payment should be made within a month of when it is due unless prior arrangements are made. Members who are away for a long time may pay pro rata by prior negotiation with the Treasurer.

Prophet Song

The arranger has been contacted and the cost for the arrangement and supporting sheet music was acceptable. Helen will order this.

Did you Know? You can pay your fees in installments just ask the Treasurer.

Security issues at Wesley Hall

Annette has contacted the Wesley Office Manager. The lady (Elizabeth) we often see making a cuppa etc is homeless and has been granted the privilege of using the facilities. Sleeping over is not included in the arrangement and she should be gone by the time we finish up. The Office Manager will speak to her regarding the abuse of her privileges. So we don't have to lock upstairs but we do need to lock the door to the kitchen as well as the other things we usually secure. So that our rehearsals are not interrupted we will lock the outside door to the hall once everyone has arrived. If other people want to be present during rehearsal they need to give prior notice, and any visitors should sit behind the choir as we need to focus on Rachel.

Summary of Uniform Issues

Sub Committee minutes for 17 October were taken by Marilyn. No-one from the Committee attended that meeting and we would like to thank Marilyn who ably filled the gap. A final decision on options to be presented to the choir on October 24 was made. Each design to be modeled on the night. Irene has suggested a cobalt blue material available from Spotlight at \$8 per metre. Irene has offered to make up the "Cathie" tunic in a smaller size. Feedback for the T&B shirt colour was overwhelmingly in favour of white rather than black. The next vote will be 21st November to decide between the 2 tunic styles. There will be a vote for colour on 5th December. This vote will include voting for tenors and basses uniform.