

Membership

We had a good turn up of former members at our Gala Dinner which went very well and was really enjoyed by all. Our publicity efforts haven't really attracted any new members.

Our present membership is 33. Attendance at rehearsals maximized at 29 prior to our Town Hall concert and has dropped to as low as 19 afterwards. Last Monday saw a very positive 25 attendees.



Men's Corner

Now the date's been changed for the Home Hill concert Nick, Eddie and Maggie will be able to participate. Nick was sorely disappointed at potentially missing two Home Hill concerts in a row.

There was some discussion about possible need to create a baritone section instead of separate tenor and bass sections. It was decided that Ewan would drop down to the Bass section to fill that out a bit.

Home Hill Charity Concert

Our charity this year is Eureka Clubhouse, a community based centre for people who have or did have a mental illness. Admission will be \$10. We'll start singing at 2pm, so our call time will be 1.30pm.

Christmas Carolling at Shopping Centres

We haven't been invited to sing carols at the usual shopping centres this year. Presumably this is because another organisation provides their services for nothing (but charges the participants). Nick has tried to contact Kingston shopping centre management on a number of occasions, but he hasn't had any luck.

Bunnings BBQ for 2015

Yes, we need to start the paperwork and planning already! Applications opened on 1st October and Maree will get the ball rolling for us.

Rachel

Considerable thought and discussion was given to how and when the choir members would be advised that Rachel was leaving. It's a bitter/sweet time for us. We're very sad that she's leaving and we will miss her but we are excited and pleased that things are going so well for her, especially with her CD due to be released soon. You can listen to a little teaser here: <http://www.reverbNation.com/rjtvox>



Rachel was a guest artist with us in the June 2010 concert Songs that Swing and became our Musical Director later that year. Tasmanian Song Company has a long tradition of hiring young inspired musical directors, and they do move on with their careers, and we wouldn't want it any other way!

A new Musical Director will be....

There was lots of discussion about how we could attract our next musical director and what sort of attributes they should have.

- * Aim for someone young and enthusiastic
- * Good musical ability
- * Good communication skills
- * Able to commit to the position for at least a year with a 3 month probationary period
- * Will need to sign a contract detailing conditions of employment
- * To be paid a monthly stipend for 12 months of the year
- * Will be required to prepare for and attend weekly rehearsals, monthly committee meetings and at least 4 concerts per year
- * Will need to produce a balanced repertoire, make rehearsals fun, maintain high musical standards, be punctual and patient, and manage 4 part harmony

We've sent a letter to the Conservatorium asking for expressions of interest and will contact other choir conductors asking if they are interested.

Glenorchy Carols by Candlelight

There's going to be an exciting new format this year! Its on Saturday 13th December and starts with Ryk Goddard telling a Christmas Story at 7.10pm. 8 choirs will be singing and Tasmanian Song Company will be on at 8.35pm directly after Hobart Stake Latter Day Saint choir. Following us there'll be some children's entertainment and then Santa. As Santa leaves the stage the Glenorchy Concert Brass Band will launch into community singing of Christmas carols. The community singing will be led by Ryk Goddard and Rachel Taylor on stage, with all the featured choirs sitting on grass and will finish at 9.55pm. First half we perform and listen and the second half sing!

Dates for your diary

Home Hill

**23rd November, charity concert,
1.30 call for 2.00pm performance**

Carols by Candlelight promotion

6th December, Northgate

Glenorchy Carols by Candlelight

13th December, Tolosa Park, Glenorchy

Last rehearsal for 2014

15 December UPSTAIRS at Wesley Hall