



## May 2019 Newsletter

### Thanks to our WA tour helpers

We are not long back from a great tour to Western Australia where the choir did itself proud at performances in Bunbury and Busselton schools and at Choralfest in Fremantle. It must be remembered that we couldn't tour at all without the volunteer helpers who donate their time and energy to look after the choir when we are away. So a very big thankyou to Katrina, Katrina, Janet and Rowena, as well as the music team of Amelia and Julia for all your hard work and care.

**Thanks also to those who have completed our helpers form.** We are currently collating this information and will be in touch with you.

### Calendar changes to note - see the calendar for details

### Choir and YVMen Yarrowonga Performance Sunday May 19

YVM and YVMen are looking forward to their day trip to be special guests at the Festival of 1,000 Voices in Yarrowonga. (See calendar for details). Those not on tour might need to revise the repertoire:

I'se the By	Away from the Roll	Silvy	Keep My Cool	Svatba
Homeward Bound	Szello Zug	Going up a yonder	Sesere eeye	Waltzing Matilda

### Uniforms - time to check

With performances for all singers in June it's time to check that all your uniform fits, and that you have everything you need so that we will look as good as we sound. New people will need to take up their choir pants to the right length. Everyone will need to make sure they have black socks and the right shoes. No runners or boots please - court shoes/ballet flats or school shoes (not sandals) are good. Choir and YVMen need to check that their long sleeve black tops still fit, and Training Choir members need to check their red shirts.

### Winter Concerts - Picture Book and Little Picture Book June 22 & 23

Our mid year concerts with the amazing hammer dulcimer master and composer Malcolm Dalglish are approaching. Bookings are open and tickets are limited due to the size of the hall, so book now to avoid disappointment. To help singers learn the repertoire for these concerts I have put some recordings of the music to learn at [www.yvm.com.au](http://www.yvm.com.au) on the newsletters page.

### Celebrating our 30th Anniversary with a tour to Europe!

Our plans for a two week tour to Italy and the UK in 2020 will proceed. The estimated cost is \$4,200 per person and we will travel in the July school holidays (from 27th June). We will now continue with planning and present more details to choir families in August, when families will be required to pay a deposit of around \$300 to secure a place on the tour. We will be looking for parents to come with us as supervisors and those interested should let us know, outlining any prior experience with group travel and working with young people. Tour supervisors will pay the same as singers for this tour.

### Would you like your child to be an excellent musician?

Our Sight Singing School program provides a framework in which every singer can be come an excellent musician, with good aural and music reading skills. However, for your child to reach their potential they will need your support. Those who are doing the best in developing these skills are those who are encouraged and helped by their parents to practice regularly. Is your child getting the support they need to succeed?

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# May 2019 Calendar

CHOIR = main choir members  
 SMALL GROUP = small group of  
 main choir members (to be advised)



BTC = Beginning Training Choir  
 JTC = Junior Training Choir  
 STC = Senior Training Choir

PLEASE NOTE: All choir members are expected to attend all choir concerts. However, if it is impossible for you to attend please make a written apology, at least one month prior to the concert. This is essential for our concert planning, as missing persons may necessitate us changing the repertoire for concerts, arranging replacement singers etc.

Sunday 19th May	YVM and YVMen Performance at Yarrowonga Festival of 1,000 Voices Depart Caulfield Grammar: 8.30am Return Caulfield Grammar: 8.00pm Bring: packed lunch, snacks and water bottle (dinner provided) Bring: Long sleeved black performance uniform Tickets at <a href="http://www.festivalof1000voices.com">www.festivalof1000voices.com</a>	CHOIR/YVMen
Monday 10th June	Queens Birthday holiday - no rehearsals	
Saturday 22nd June	<b>Picture Book</b> (with Malcolm Dalglish) 7.30pm James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC, Barkers Rd Choir and YVMen arrival 5.45pm. Wear long sleeved black performance clothes. Bookings: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BBVPQ">https://www.trybooking.com/BBVPQ</a>	CHOIR/YVMen & EXAUDI
Sunday 23rd June	<b>Little Picture Book</b> (with Malcolm Dalglish) 3pm James Tatoulis Auditorium, MLC, Barkers Rd Choir, YVMen and STC arrival 1.15pm BTC and JTC arrival 2.00pm TCs wear red YVM shirt, with black choir pants, black shoes and socks Choir and YVMen wear long sleeved black performance clothes. Each concert - tickets \$28, \$26 and \$10 Bookings: <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BBVPQ">https://www.trybooking.com/BBVPQ</a>	EVERYONE
Monday 24th June Thursday 27th June	Special Training Choir rehearsals with Malcolm Dalglish Special Choir and YVMen rehearsal with Malcolm Dalglish	
Friday 28th June 29th - 14th July	End Term 2 <i>Exaudi Tour to Scotland and Ireland</i>	EXAUDI
Monday 22nd July Friday 2nd August	Start Term 3 (note - this is a week later than usual) Kodaly Junior Choral Festival for Beginning, Junior and Senior Training Choirs Caulfield Grammar Wheeler's Hill Campus Arrival: 5pm - Pickup 7pm (Concert 6pm) Wear: Performance Uniform	STC, JTC, BTC
Saturday 24th August <b>Thursday 29th August</b> <b>DATE CHANGE</b>	Choir and YVMen Concerts in Bendigo (full day) Kodaly Choral Festival (evening) Evening, Ian Roach Hall, Scotch College	CHOIR/YVMen CHOIR/YVMen
Sunday 8th September	Training Choirs Concert St John's Southgate	BTC, JTC, STC
Friday 20th September	End term 3	
Monday 7th October	Start term 4	
<del>Saturday 19th October</del>	<del>City Sings - a day of singing in Melbourne</del> <b>CANCELLED</b>	<del>CHOIR/YVMen</del>
Sunday 1st December	Evening Christmas Concert venue TBA	CHOIR/YVMen & EXAUDI
Sunday 8th December	Twilight Christmas Concert 5.00 - 6.30pm Ian Roach Hall, Scotch College	EVERYONE
Saturday 14th December	Idea of North and Friends Christmas Concert	CHOIR/YVMen

NOTE: Exaudi dates listed separately on the Exaudi Newsletter