



# DOUBLE *fortè*

## Newsletter for Members and Friends of New Voice Choir

September, 2018

Well, Hello dear choir members and friends,

and a warm Mary-had-a-little-lamb welcome to five newbies.

Elaine, our secretary reports the membership now stands at twenty nine, including new choristers Ann-Maree Jensen, Neil and Gaylene Lynch, Wendy Loh and George Trehane.

Two lovely ladies have resigned, sending the following message:-

*Dear Linda and all of you wonderful fun New Voice choristers,*

*It is with sadness that Karen and I tender our resignation from the choir. The time has been too short by far but my health has made it too difficult for me to attend....*

*You have been one of the greatest group of people we have had the pleasure of meeting. Our time with you was often hilarious, sometimes frightening but always memorable. We will never sing "Mary had a little lamb" without fond memories of NVC and the horror of having to sing solo in front of strangers, but appreciated the discomfort of newer members.....*

*From the moment we walked into rehearsal and heard your voices, we were made to feel welcome. We wish you all the best in the future and hope to stay in touch.*

*With love,  
Jane Miller and Karen Ball*

Carolyn – we have missed you. Do hope you can join us again soon.

Thoughts and condolences to Jocelyn Clarkson. Her husband, Harvey passed away recently.

Also, special thoughts to the family and many friends of Chrissie Higgins – Chrissie was a member and great supporter dating back to the choir's beginnings in 2015.

### Annual General Meeting, 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2018



Efficiently chaired by Cliff Thomas, the AGM received reports from the President/Musical Director (Linda – see below), the Treasurer and re-elected all members of the Management Committee for 2018/19.

President – Linda McIntyre

Secretary – Elaine West

Assistant Secretary – Beryl Falconer

Treasurer – Julie Trewin

Assistant Treasurer – Jocelyn Clarkson

Media & Marketing - Margaret Heath,  
Tess Hogan, Judi Sharp

## **President's/Musical Director's Report**

As both the President and Musical Director of New Voice Choir Incorporated, I choose to deliver a single report as it would be impossible to cleanly separate the two, thus I can also spare you from having to hear certain details twice over.

I'll begin this year's report in the same vein as last year's – that is, by thanking a number of people without whom the New Voice Choir simply couldn't function and grow.

Thank-you to the other members of our current hard-working Management Committee: Elaine West, Julie Trewin, Beryl Falconer, Jocelyn Clarkson, Margaret Heath, Tess Hogan and Judi Sharp.

Thank-you to all of you, the members of the New Voice Choir, who don't complain (or at least not to me) when I may be having an off-week. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate this!

And thank-you to those people, businesses and organisations that offer the choir great deals, services, and/or opportunities, all of which ultimately support the work that we do. A prime and ongoing example of this is the Sherwood Uniting Church which – mostly thanks to our member, Judy Thornton – continues to extend a special price to us for the hire of rehearsal space.

Looking back across the 2017/2018 year, there can be no doubt that the New Voice Choir's largest undertaking has been the development and launch of a professionally-designed website via our company of choice, Excite Media. I'm not exaggerating when I stand here and tell you that the website development was a mammoth task, especially for some of us, and a task which I hope I, personally, never have to put myself through again. However, I firmly believe that all the hard graft was worth it as we now have a website of which we can be proud.

Additionally, in working with Excite Media, our logo was re-worked. The excellent artistic merits of Cynthia Cooper's original design were retained and further developed – with Cynthia's full approval – into a modern, striking, and very recognisable emblem.

Another important achievement of the past year has been our gaining status as a Registered Charity. Among other things, this means that we can now encourage fully tax-deductible donations.

I'm sorry to have said goodbye to some of our choir members since our last AGM, especially when those members have had to leave us due to health issues. By its very nature, our choir will always have a certain fluidity of membership, though knowing that doesn't necessarily make it any easier to farewell valued singers and, indeed, friends from our ranks.

The other side of that fluidity has, of course, been the steady influx of newbies that we've seen. In the dual roles of President and Musical Director of the New Voice Choir, it's been truly wonderful to welcome our new members, even though – in the role of Musical Director – I have then subjected them to their first rehearsals and done my utmost to scare them all away again! Congratulations to you for sticking with us – and yes, you know who you are!

And now, to the year ahead.... In truth, who can know exactly what it will bring for the New Voice Choir? However, the one rather enormous venture for the very near future is our fundraising concert next month. Yes, next month! And, if we can not only pull it off from a musical perspective (and barring some dire calamity, we will) but also raise sufficient funds, we could be looking at professional studio recordings of a couple of songs from our repertoire in the months to come.

In finishing, I would like to state, as always, just how much you all give to me each week. In all seriousness, and if you'll pardon the unfortunate pun, you – the members of this choir – make my life sing!

Linda McIntyre  
**PRESIDENT & MUSICAL DIRECTOR,**  
**New Voice Choir Inc.**

## Just for Fun

Bloopers from Church Bulletins – yes, they're true!

~ At the evening service, the sermon topic will be, "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

~ Miss Carlene Mason sang 'I Will not Pass this Way Again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

## Now, to more Serious Matters

Saturday, October 27 will come on us quickly. Linda is in full concert-mode with sectional rehearsals and intense choir sessions. Please keep up your practice at home during our break.öö



## Other things you can do to help make our fund-raiser a success.

1. Invite family and friends (even your enemies will enjoy it!) Word of mouth is the most powerful form of advertising. Here are the details in a nutshell:-

THE POWER OF MUSIC CONCERT

6:30pm, Saturday, 27 October, 2018

At Corinda State Primary School Hall

330 Cliveden Avenue, Corinda

TICKETS: \$15 includes supper (children under 12 free) BOOKINGS: [www.trybooking.com/YLRY](http://www.trybooking.com/YLRY)

*Note: the [trybooking](http://www.trybooking.com) site also has a donate button if people can't attend but would still like to contribute to our cause.*

And there will be some great raffles, possibly including art work from a choir member.

(Elaine will have flyers for you to distribute when we return to rehearsals.)

2. We are also going to need help with things such as directing people from the car parks, ushering to seats, selling raffle tickets, manning the door and any ticket sales at the door, a responsible person to bring a till and take care of the money, assisting with stands and chairs on stage, over-seeing the food/drinks and serving the supper..... So start wording up spouses, partners, adult children, friends – their help behind the scenes would be invaluable.

More information and updates when we return to rehearsals on October 9.

Keep Singing & Ciao for now!

*Margaret*

Margaret Heath

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