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Choir of SA for the
Friends of the Choir**

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Festival of Male Choirs 2008

Arrangements are now well in hand for the two Festival of Male Choirs Concerts early this year. The first is in the Adelaide Convention Centre on Sunday 30 March, and the second in the Barossa Arts and Convention Centre Tanunda on Sunday 6 April. Many of you have already reserved your seats for what promises to be a wonderful afternoon of music.

If you have not yet booked your seats for this special occasion, please fill in the yellow form enclosed with this Newsletter to obtain tickets for the 30 March concert in the Adelaide Convention Centre. Send it with your payment, and a stamped addressed envelope, to either Errol Chinner or Milton Lewis, whose addresses appear on the booking form.

Tickets for the Tanunda Concert on 6 April are now only available from the Barossa Arts and Convention Centre, Tel 8561 4299.

Credit Cards can be used for making bookings at this venue. Other methods of payment can be easily arranged.

As well as the eight South Australian Male Choirs taking part in both concerts, the K&N Brass, and a number of excellent soloists will be there to entertain you.

John Thomson, Tel. 8294 9975 is willing to answer any queries re. booking or organisational matters with regard to these two concerts.

Gymanfu Gamu and Friends of the Choir Concerts

You also have an opportunity, **on the form below**, to book for our annual Gymanfu Gamu at Flinders Street Baptist Church on 1 March, as well as the Friends of the Choir Concert at the Salvation Army Hall at Arndale on 4 May.

EVENT	PRICE	NO. OF TICKETS	TOTAL
Saturday 1 March 7.30 pm Gymanfu Gamu Flinders St. Baptist Church	\$10 per person		
Sunday 4 May 2.00 pm Friends of the Choir Concert, Arndale Salvation Army Hall	\$6 per person		
The Australian Central Credit Union Lottery	\$20 per book (ten tickets)	No of books	

Purchaser's Name

**Address.....
.....Postcode.....**

Telephone No.....

**Post this form with payment and stamped self addressed envelope to:-
Mr Milton Lewis 559 Military Rd, LARGS NORTH SA 5016. Tel. 8248 4706**

Web Master

We are pleased to announce that Pieter Lammersma, from the Second Bass Section, has accepted the new position of Web Master for the Metropolitan Male Choir.

Have a look at our updated Web Site at www.adam.com.au/mmc,

It is full of useful information about the choir. Check our programme for the year, and have a look at some recent photographs of the choir. A copy of MetNotes will also be there.

Sydney Opera House Gala Concert

On 18 November last year about 60 members of the Metropolitan Male Choir took part in a Gala concert at the Sydney Opera House. There were around 300 singers from Australian, New Zealand and Hong Kong choirs, all enjoying the great experience of singing in this famous Australian Icon. Many of us also enjoyed a dinner afterwards on a Sydney Harbour Cruise, and, as you can imagine, with a boat full of Male Choir members, there was much enthusiastic singing.

New Choir CD

Our CDs have sold well over the last few years, particularly the last two we recorded, "Songs of Australia" and "When the Saints Go Marching In".

We are often asked when we are going to record another one. Well, we hope to put together another album in February, featuring many recent additions to our repertoire. We will keep you posted as to progress on this, and the release date.

New Zealand Tour 2009

The Metropolitan Male Choir believes in planning well ahead. As you will see from our 'Diary Dates for 2008' column, below right, we have a full calendar for 2008 before the year is underway. We are already making plans for 2009 and beyond!

Last September our Musical Director, Don Noblet, and his wife Doreen, holidayed in New Zealand. They met

members of various male choirs during their travels, all of whom were keen to encourage the Metropolitan Male Choir to arrange a concert tour. Several members of the New Zealand National Choir attended one of our rehearsals in October, and meeting up with New Zealanders once again at the Sydney Opera House Concert gave us the impetus to look seriously at the idea.

A travel committee has been formed to look into a possible itinerary. Nothing definite has been decided, but it is most likely to be a tour of just over two weeks in the second half of 2009.

Choir 80th Birthday Celebrations

The Metropolitan Male Choir had its beginnings as the Holden Motor Body Works Choir back in 1928. Consequently we are celebrating our 80th Birthday this year!

To mark the occasion, we are planning an Anniversary Cabaret at the Mitsubishi Staff Restaurant at Clovelly Park on Saturday 18 October. We are delighted that the Wollongong Lamplighters Choir will be there to help us celebrate in a joint concert. We performed with the Lamplighters during our Eastern States Concert Tour in October 2004, and we know they will provide some great entertainment.

In addition to the concert there will be a Buffet Dinner. Limited seats will be available for Friends of the Choir on a first come first served basis, at a cost of \$35 per person. More details will be published in the next MetNotes, due to be published in May.

Allan Huddleston

Friends of the Choir members will undoubtedly be pleased to learn that Allan Huddleston is back singing with the choir, following his long illness and the death of his lovely wife Pat, and is undertaking some of the clerical duties associated with supporting the Friends activities.

The ever enthusiastic Allan has again agreed to run the fundraising Australian Central Credit Union Lottery on behalf of the choir.

The order form for books of tickets (10 tickets for \$20) is on the front page of MetNotes. Books of tickets are also available from Choir Members. Please note all monies raised from our lottery ticket sales go directly to the Choir, so your support would be greatly appreciated.

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Sun 6 April 2 pm Festival of Male
Choirs Barossa Arts & Convention
Centre Tanunda

Sun 4 May 2.00 pm Friends of the
Choir Concert, Salvation Army Hall
Arndale.

25 May PSA St Andrew's Glenelg

15 June PSA Rosefield UC

Sat 30 August and Sun 31 August
Annual Proms Concerts

14 Sept. PSA Unley Senior Citizens

21 Sept. PSA Elizabeth Grove UC

12 Oct. PSA Col Light Gdns UC

Sat 18 October. 80th Anniversary
Cabaret

***Choir bookings are now being
accepted for 2009 If your
organisation has been thinking
of inviting us to perform, please
contact the General Secretary as
soon as possible to allow
effective planning.***