



KMC Grapevine No.3



Editors' Note
Welcome to the April edition of Grapevine. We are now into the seventh (7th) week of face-to-face rehearsals, attendances are

good and in Paul's own words "we are progressing well" but, lots of hard work is still needed.

In this edition I would like to reintroduce the chorister profiles article entitled "Getting to Know You". I started with the Committee members and several replied, their profiles have been printed in earlier editions of 2020 Grapevines.



Committee Members who have not prepared profiles have now been encouraged to produce one. Similar contributions from other members are also encouraged.

I am currently obtaining information from the Choirs archives, Google, and old minutes to produce an article entitled "75 Years of History." for publication in May Grapevine 4.



April 2021

Message from the President

As we settle into the cooler Autumn weather, our rehearsal program is warming up as we return to live rehearsals and prepare ourselves to perform concerts. Yes, do you

remember those events, when we turned out in our smart choir uniforms and stood in front of an audience to sing?



I think that the last concert I performed in was on March 3rd last year.

The rehearsals are going well, with Paul's energy and guidance, and Hank is settling in to our style of singing. It is so good to be back together and able to hear our mates singing, rather than just our solo performances on Zoom. Also see our mates in the flesh, so to speak. It was good to see Stephen Howard pop in, albeit to return his uniform, and we are sorry to lose his fine voice from the T1 section. We are also very sad that Jim Ferguson has decided to hang his uniform up after a monumental 34 years with our choir, including serving as Treasurer for 7 years. Jim has been there for as long as all of us can remember, he will be greatly missed by the T2s and all the choir. At our Committee meeting last week (April 7th) we resolved to invite Jim and Annie to our Christmas

Function, and to present him with a special award.

The Committee meeting was the first that I chaired as your President, and I must say that it was a much more enjoyable event than I had anticipated. We had an extensive agenda to cover, however, thanks to a lot of preparation by Ken Wade, our Secretary, we moved smoothly



through, the items and ended on time. All the Committee members were present, as well as Peter Wright, who was willing to help with our Marketing and Publicity activities. Everyone had helpful ideas and was respectful to each other, which made for a very productive meeting. I also want to acknowledge the hospitality of Richard and Robin Deane-Butcher, who made their home available for the meeting.

Peter Wright outlined some thoughts he had for promoting the choir and attracting new members. We are down to about 40 members and would like to attract up to another 10 men to join the choir. We shall do this through a combination of putting up banners in public view and preparing an article for the Hornsby Ku-Ring-Gai Post. We shall also prepare leaflets promoting the benefits of choir membership, these can be handed out at concerts or other suitable venues and can also be given to **your friends and acquaintances** as part of a personal approach by you to enlist men to join us.

We are committed to perform at our annual fundraising concert at

Hornsby RSL on **October 10**. Ken Davis is chairing a sub-committee to organize this major event in our calendar. He has set us a list of



targets to achieve, including being concert-ready by July 10. With that in mind your Committee resolved to arrange 2 concerts at public venues prior to that date. David Foster, our Concert Co-ordinator, has been tasked with arranging these, and you will soon hear from him regarding the dates and venues. Since these may be the only concerts where we can perform prior to Hornsby RSL, it is **very important** that you



diarise them and make sure you attend please if at all possible.

Another important matter we dealt with was the anomalous situation that has developed, in which the position of our much-valued Associate Conductor Gerry Foley was not included on our Committee in our revised Constitution. We shall remedy this, as well as some minor changes required, by holding a short Special Meeting soon at the end of a rehearsal, in order to amend the Constitution.

I do not want to take up the **WHOLE** of this month's Grapevine but do want to let you know also that we discussed Ian Stapley's reminder that this is our 75th Anniversary year.

We resolved to celebrate this by naming our concert at the Hornsby RSL our 75th Anniversary Concert (perhaps with appropriate musical content: Paul suggested singing 75 songs!!) and by celebrating our 75 years as a choir by a rousing End-of-Year Dinner



Back Face-to-Face

Tuesday 9th March 2021 the choirs first night face-to-face rehearsal, still complying to social distancing.



Tuesday 12
April –
Social
distancing
now
relaxed.

Well folks
thats all
from me for
another
month, hope
you enjoyed
the contents
of this rather
short edition
Tony
Rathbone
Editor

