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Choir practices are held every
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Congratulations to our Patron

We were delighted to read in the Queen's Birthday Honours list on 13th June this year that our Patron had been made a Companion of the Order of Australia. This is the highest honour available in Australia, and we extend our congratulations to His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC AO. The award was for eminent service to the people of South Australia, to the development of cultural and economic links with Australia's near neighbours, to the advancement of multicultural inclusion, and as a supporter of the arts and education. We are very privileged to have him as our Patron.

Assistant Conductor

The Choir is happy to welcome Colin Campbell as our new Assistant Conductor. Please see page 2 for some notes on Colin and his background. He has taken on the position following the resignation of Harrison Lambert, who joined us in 2013 and has now gone on to further his teaching career. We thank Harrison for his service and wish him and his wife Natalie (who was our guest soprano soloist at several Christmas concerts) much happiness and success as they journey together through the coming years.

What's been happening?

Our Adelaide Fringe concerts, in which we were joined by jazz vocalist Luke Thompson, were great fun and were enjoyed by performers and audiences alike. We wish Luke and his family the best of luck as they set out on their German adventure.

In April, the Adelaide Male Voice Choir joined with the Metropolitan Male Choir of SA for a very successful gala concert of choral music *Hear the Men Sing!* It was a great experience to join with the fellows from the MMC in rehearsal and performance. Joanna McWaters as soprano soloist and Peter Goers as compere both added a special dimension to the afternoon.

The Choir was privileged to participate in the Anzac Day commemoration service at the Cross of Sacrifice again this year. We feel honoured to be part of this ceremony, which means so much to so many of us.

In May the Choir gave a concert in the lunch-time series at the Flinders Street Baptist Church. Although it was a very cold afternoon, the audience responded warmly to the Choir's programme. Might I suggest that if you are in the city on a Tuesday afternoon, these regular concerts might be just the thing to brighten your day.

Coming events

You are invited to our social fund raiser on Friday 22 July: *A 1920s Night*. We would love you to join us for a fun night out. Please find the details on page 3. Bookings are essential and we look forward to seeing you dressed as flappers, gangsters and socialites in 1920s style!

On Sunday 2 October, we are presenting an exciting concert of favourite songs from famous operas. This promises to be an afternoon not to be missed, as the Choir is joined by four superb guest soloists in a programme of glorious music. Please find the details on page 3.

Like most of our friends, I find it very difficult to accept that we are nearly half way through 2016. However, it's time to plan ahead and to include our AMVC Christmas dinner in your social diary. Details of this very popular event are to be found on page 4.

Interstate trip

The Choir is honoured to have been invited by the Orange Male Voice Choir to help it celebrate its 90th birthday, so a number of us will be travelling to Orange NSW in early November for this special occasion. Planning is well underway, and those who are able to attend are looking forward to a weekend of celebration and choral music.

Colin Styles

Colin Campbell (“Rusty”) has recently been appointed as Assistant Conductor of the Adelaide Male Voice Choir. We are pleased that he has joined us, and trust that his stay with us will be useful and a pleasure for him and for the Choir. When he isn’t conducting the Choir he sings in the Bass or Baritone sections.

Colin Ross Morgan Campbell was born in 1982 in Capalaba, Queensland. He is one of four siblings and at the age of 6 moved with the family to Donald, Victoria which he now considers home. Coming from a non-musical family, Colin was first exposed to musical instruments in Grade 5, whereby it was a requirement at Donald Primary School to learn to sing quirky tunes over a guitar played by the teacher at the time. In this same class he received his first instrument, the recorder, and quickly developed a strong interest in playing an instrument, happily carrying the recorder around the house, much to the family's dismay.

In later years the family again moved to Melbourne and he was enrolled at Trinity Regional College. For the first time Colin was exposed to a proper music program and given the opportunity to select an instrument of choice. Due to cost restraints and the availability of his grandfather’s old music instrument, Colin happily began his studies on flute, establishing music as a fundamental part of his life. Over the next four years in High School he was involved in the Trinity Regional College Band as band leader and also assisted with peer learning, as it was discovered he developed a natural knack for learning instruments. However, after four years the family decided it was time for him to move beyond his comfort zone and receive professional tutoring, and encouraged him to partake in the Australian Music Examinations Board program. In his first year of lessons Colin was enrolled in both the grade 3 and grade 5 exams earning A+ and C+ respectively before deciding that the choice of music and regimented approach were resulting in making music “not fun”. From this Colin decided to pursue his music privately, getting basic training in “bel canto” vocal technique and basic string technique (on violin, cello and double bass).

During this time, the same regimented approach in the education system also demoralised his natural interest in learning and at age 15 he decided to drop out of High School to pursue work and a stable career that he could

no longer envisage in music.

The next 8 years saw Colin get involved in numerous social groups, working in politics and not-for-profit organisations, whilst maintaining his pursuit of self-education across a range of fields such as philosophy, history, drama, politics and of course music.

After 8 years Colin made the decision that it was time to get serious and finally pursue a profession enrolling in a graduate diploma in Business at Central Queensland University which, in turn, made him eligible to enrol in the Masters of Business course at Victoria University. With his new credentials he floated between being a recruitment officer and a plethora of management roles before settling with Mobil. In this time Colin met his partner, Cameron, and due to work opportunity decided to move to Swan Hill, Victoria. After continuing to work in retail management both Colin and his partner agreed that change was needed as neither was enjoying their roles. Furthermore, they could not see a long term future in business. With this new direction Colin returned to playing music, which filled the void that had grown during his years in business, (which by now had fallen by the wayside), and gave himself one year to practise to meet the entry requirements set by the Elder Conservatorium of Music. Taking a gamble they both moved to Adelaide and were successful at gaining entry to Adelaide University.

Colin is now studying to be a teacher and, as luck would have it, was approached by Bill Shaw to be the Assistant Conductor for the Adelaide Male Voice Choir which he eagerly accepted and considers his first step in his new chapter with music.





An Operatic Performance to Remember!

**The Adelaide Male Voice Choir
presents an afternoon of favourite songs from famous operas:
Four superb guest soloists together with the Choir singing ensemble
pieces from a selection of operatic scenes**

**Conductor: William Shaw OAM
Accompanist: Edward Kriek
Assistant Conductor: Colin Campbell**

Sunday 2 October 2016 at 2.00pm

Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Road, Burnside

Our famous afternoon-tea will be available

Tickets \$25 / Concession \$20 / Financial Friends \$15

**Tickets will be available from 1 September through Choir members, or by contacting
our Concert Manager Neville Roach on 8332 1895; or you can book online through our
web page amvc.org.au**

Tickets will also be available at the door

There is plenty of parking nearby

AMVC Winter Social Function *1920s Night*

Get in the flapper, gangster mood and join us for an evening of fun and food!

WHEN: Friday 22 July 2016 at 7.00pm

WHERE: St Joseph's School Hall, 1 Birkinshaw Avenue, Tranmere

COST: \$20 per head (BYO drinks: disguised, remember Prohibition!)

We are suggesting tables of 8, so invite your friends to join you for a fun night out

Prizes for Best Dressed

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Phone Neville on 8332 1895 by 15 July 2016

Dates for Your Diary			
July			
Friday 22	7.00 pm	Social event: <i>1920s Night</i>	St Joseph's School Hall 1 Birkinshaw Ave, Tranmere
August			
Monday 1	7.30 pm	Season Two rehearsals begin	Immanuel Lutheran Church 139 Archer St, Nth Adelaide
Sunday 21	2.00 pm	Concert for RSL	4 Prince George Pde Colonel Light Gardens
September			
Sunday 11	2.00 pm	Concert	St Phillip's Anglican Church Brighton Rd, Brighton
October			
Sunday 2	2.00 pm	Opera Concert	Burnside City Uniting Church 384 Portrush Rd, Burnside
November			
4 to 7		Performance tour to Orange NSW to sing with Orange Male Voice Choir	
Thursday 24	7.00 pm	Concert	Glynde Lutheran Homes Avenue Rd, Glynde
December			
Tuesday 13	7.00 pm	Concert	Hope Valley Lutheran Homes 1217 Grand Junction Rd
Friday 16	7/7.15 pm	Christmas Dinner [BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL]	Legends Room, The Junction 470 Anzac Hwy, Camden Park

These details are accurate at the time of printing, but sometimes dates and venues have to be changed because of unavoidable circumstances. Further concerts and events will be announced as arrangements are confirmed. Please go to our website (amvc.org.au) or ask a member of the Choir.

AMVC Christmas Entertainment and Dinner

We're now halfway through the year 2016: It's time to plan ahead!

Our Christmas Dinner is a very popular function, so here is advance notice, so you can include the event in your social diary.

WHEN: 7.00 for 7.15pm on Friday 16 December 2016

**WHERE: Legends Room, The Junction
470 Anzac Highway, Camden Park
(Plenty of parking; easy access)**

**COST: \$60 per person
(3-course dinner, plus tea/coffee and chocolates;
Beverages can be purchased from the bar in our private function room)**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: Phone Colin on 8270 2628 from 10 November 2016.
Make up a table of eight, or we can place you with a friendly group.**

You are warmly invited to join us for a festive and enjoyable evening of good food and quality entertainment in a friendly environment. Our raffle prizes are legendary!