



# In Harmony

Newsletter of the Adelaide Male Voice Choir  
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Choir practices are held every  
Monday from 7.30 pm to 9.45 pm  
at Immanuel Lutheran Church,  
139 Archer St, North Adelaide

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[amvc.org.au](http://amvc.org.au)

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

At the turn of another year, newspapers often publish articles which reflect on the year that was and speculate a little on what might be in store for the coming year. This I propose to do, reflecting on some of the highlights of Season 2 in 2018.

**Concerts**

- Combined concert with Victoria Welsh Male Choir, to a packed house at the Burnside City Uniting Church. Each choir sang two brackets of songs, and we sang two combined numbers. Joanna McWaters was our guest soloist. This was a Benefit Concert for Ronald McDonald House, raising \$3,000. Prior to the concert we enjoyed a sit-down light meal with the visiting choir, thanks to the superb organizing skills of Judy Turner and her team of helpers.
- Sunday afternoon concert in the Unley Town Hall for the Unley Library.
- Sunday afternoon concert at Carinya Homes, Fullarton.
- Lunchtime concert at Flinders Street Baptist Church.
- Mary Potter Hospice Christmas Carols, where we led the carol singing and presented several items, accompanied by a brass ensemble from the Adelaide Symphony Orchestra.
- Christmas Carols at Hope Valley Lutheran Homes, which included piano duets by Ed Kriek and Hope Valley resident Norman Schulz, and an organ solo by yours truly.

As well as the full Choir, an Octet of our choristers sang at our midyear dinner and our Christmas dinner, as well as Mary Potter Hospice and Hope Valley Lutheran Homes. The Octet also provided entertainment at the BREIF Club's Christmas lunch.

**Social events**

An important part of our Choir activities and one which helps to build up camaraderie amongst us, I believe, is our two social activities during the year, where our families and friends can join us. Just prior to our midyear break we held our usual mid-year dinner, this time at the Graduates Restaurant at the Regency Park TAFE College. The venue was comfortable and the food was exquisite. The Committee may well consider going there again this year.

A wonderful atmosphere of conviviality prevailed at our end-of-year Christmas dinner at The Junction Bistro. Once again Andrew Turner and Joanna McWaters delighted us with several vocal solos and duets. Joanna also proposed the formal Toast to the AMVC.

At the Christmas dinner, presentations of thanks were given to Bill Shaw (Conductor), Ed Kriek (Accompanist), Rusty Campbell (Assistant Conductor), Terry Helbig (Librarian), Christian Pollnitz (Supplier of suppers at rehearsals), Sylvia Hunt (Attendance recorder and bringing cake and washing dishes for our suppers), and Daina Shaw (Editing our *In Harmony* Newsletter). These presentations acknowledge some of the people who work for the Choir on a regular basis throughout the year, but I would also like to thank the many people who lend a hand as needed for specific tasks and whose contribution is much appreciated.

**Long service**

The Choir benefits greatly from the loyalty and long service that many of our members have given. It has been a tradition of the Choir to present a set of specially made AMVC cuff links to a member who has given 20 years of service.

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Two such presentations were made at the Christmas Dinner—to Bill Brooker and Colin Styles. Peter Schulze also qualified, but was not able to be present. Congratulations to all three!

### Looking to the future

What's in store for 2019? By the time you read this Newsletter, rehearsals will be underway for three Gilbert and Sullivan concerts for the Adelaide Fringe at North Adelaide, Unley and Salisbury (see pages 3 and 4 for details). A major concert with an ensemble of instrumentalists is planned for May (see pages 3 and 4). Other details will be released later. Be assured that our Music Director, Bill Shaw, and the Committee are working to make this another successful, productive and enjoyable year.

*John Wilksch*

### Editorial note:

For the Wilksch household, the number 50 has a special significance at the moment, because it's 50 years since John was ordained as a Pastor in the Lutheran Church, and it's 50 years since John and Carol were married. A double cause for celebration! We extend our warmest congratulations to them both.

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Introducing **George Todd**, a member of the Baritone Section of the Choir. Here he shares with us some highlights from his life:

“Annie and I migrated from Scotland to Australia in October 1970, with two young children. We went first to Whyalla, where I had a job as an Electrician in the Steel Works. We stayed there for 3 years, then moved south to Angaston, then to Adelaide.

Up to this point, I had never done any serious singing, but I always had a love of singing. I was never a fan of “rock” style music, but I enjoyed, and still enjoy, musicals, songs from the shows, listening to singers from the 40s and 50s, my favourite being Doris Day, and I love harmony and duets.

Although harmony doesn't come naturally to me, I like to work on a harmony, and try to fit it to a song. I had the opportunity to do this when Annie and I were part of a Scottish Country dance group in Melbourne between 2000 and 2003. We visited nursing homes to demonstrate Country dancing, and sang Scottish songs as duets between brackets of dances.

It wasn't until we moved to the Yorke Peninsula in 1976, that I got involved in singing. We were asked to join the local Uniting Church in Maitland, and that was my introduction to choral singing. While we were there, we took part in a production of *HMS Pinafore*. After 4 years, we moved back to Adelaide. The Marie Clark singers were doing a production of *The Gondoliers*, so we auditioned for that and were accepted to take part.

In 1990, we moved to Victoria and I took part in a couple of choirs. One of these was the Peninsula Singers. One of the members had a sister who had died in Hospice care, and he arranged a series of fundraising concerts, in appreciation for their care. He asked a few of the choir members, including myself, to take part. We each did three solo pieces, then came together to do a choral piece. We did about four con-

certs. It turned out to be a successful effort to support the Hospice.

In 1999, we were introduced to Scottish Country dancing, so I never did any choral work for 16 years.

We returned to Adelaide in 2010, and in 2015 I joined a small choir. In late 2016, I was diagnosed with cancer in the lymph system, so the first six months of 2017 were taken up with chemotherapy. Fortunately, after six treatments, I was given the all clear. I tried vainly to keep up with the choir, but I missed a lot of practices.

We came along to a Sunday afternoon concert put on by the AMVC, and I was very impressed with the performance. I am enjoying my involvement with the Choir, and I am looking forward to the many challenges it will bring in the future”.

We welcome George to the Choir community and wish him good health and many happy years of music-making.



### **AMVC sings G&S — At the Adelaide Fringe**

This concert features a new selection of songs from the very popular Gilbert and Sullivan repertoire. The witty lyrics, effervescent melodies and lively social commentary are as fresh today as ever, so sit back and enjoy this delightful performance.

The concerts were sold out in 2018, so book early.

**PERFORMED BY:** The Adelaide Male Voice Choir and  
Guest soloists Joanna McWaters (soprano) and Andrew Turner (baritone)

**WHEN and WHERE:** Friday 1 March 2019 at 6.00 pm  
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 139 Archer Street, North Adelaide

Saturday 2 March 2019 at 2.00 pm  
Unley Town Hall, 181 Unley Road, Unley

Saturday 9 March 2019 at 2.00 pm  
Salisbury Secret Garden—John Harvey Gallery, 12 James Street, Salisbury

**TICKETS:** \$25; Concession \$23; Group \$23  
Available from Fringe TIX Box Offices; or phone 1300 621 255;  
or [adelaidefringe.com.au](http://adelaidefringe.com.au)

The concert lasts about 1 hour, so there is time afterwards to go out for a meal or to other shows.

### **Music to Treasure**

A wonderful Sunday afternoon concert featuring sparkling jewels from the treasure trove of great music by composers such as Mozart, Haydn, Bach and Handel

**PERFORMED BY:** The Adelaide Male Voice Choir with  
Guest vocal soloists and  
Guest instrumentalists

**WHEN:** Sunday 26 May 2019 at 2.00 pm

**WHERE:** St David's Anglican Church  
360 Glynburn Road  
Burnside

**TICKETS:** \$25; Concession \$20; Children \$10  
Available from George (0407 724 584) or email: [secretary@amvc.org.au](mailto:secretary@amvc.org.au);  
or through [www.trybooking.com/BAIYT](http://www.trybooking.com/BAIYT); or from Choir members; or at the door

**AFTERNOON TEA:** Our famous afternoon tea will be available at interval.

Please note our new concert venue: St David's Anglican Church in Burnside. St David's is well-known for its support of quality music performance, and we extend our thanks to the Church community for making us welcome. We look forward to a happy collaboration in future music events.

Further information about this and other concerts will be available at the AMVC website ([amvc.org.au](http://amvc.org.au)) as details are finalised.

## Dates for Your Diary

### SEASON ONE 2019

#### January

Monday 28	7.30 pm	Rehearsals begin	Immanuel Lutheran Church 139 Archer St, Nth Adelaide
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#### March

Friday 1	6.00 pm	Fringe Concert 1 <i>AMVC Sings G&amp;S</i>	Immanuel Lutheran Church 139 Archer St, Nth Adelaide
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Saturday 2	2.00 pm	Fringe Concert 2 <i>AMVC Sings G&amp;S</i>	Unley Town Hall 181 Unley Rd, Unley
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Saturday 9	2.00 pm	Fringe Concert 3 <i>AMVC Sings G&amp;S</i>	John Harvey Gallery 12 James St, Salisbury
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#### April

Saturday 20	2.30 pm	Concert Fleurieu Festival	Club Fleurieu Yankalilla
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Thursday 25	11.00 am	ANZAC Service	Cross of Sacrifice North Adelaide
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#### May

Sunday 26	2.00 pm	Concert <i>Music to Treasure</i>	St David's Anglican Church 360 Glynburn Rd, Burnside
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#### June

Sunday 2	2.00 pm	Mostly Music @ Malvern	Malvern Uniting Church Cnr Marlborough St & Cambridge Tce, Malvern
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Monday 24	7.30 pm	Last rehearsal Season One	
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**Please note:** The 2018 AMVC Mid-year Dinner and Concert at the Graduates Restaurant at the Regency Park TAFE was an especially enjoyable event, so we are planning to hold the function there again this year. Keep an eye out for further details as they are confirmed, so you don't miss out on this special evening.

### SEASON TWO 2019

#### August

Monday 5	7.30 pm	Rehearsals resume	Immanuel Lutheran Church 139 Archer St, Nth Adelaide
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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 event will be announced as arrangements are confirmed. Please go to our website ([amvc.org.au](http://amvc.org.au)) or ask a member of the Choir.

### Presentation of AMVC donation to Ronald McDonald House

The aim of the AMVC's charity concert on 14 September 2018 was to raise funds to help the work of volunteers at Ronald McDonald House in North Adelaide, the "home away from home" for the families of seriously ill children, who are being treated at the Women's and Children's Hospital nearby. We were joined by the visiting Victoria Welsh Male Choir for the concert, as well as our guest soloist, Joanna McWaters.

The AMVC is happy to announce that an amount of \$3,000 was raised, and a cheque for that amount was presented to Ronald

McDonald House on 17 October. Pictured at the presentation are (left to right) Concert Manager Selwyn Lipscombe, President John Wilksch, Ronald McDonald House Executive Officer Julia Black, and Director of Music Bill Shaw. Peter Schulze was also present and took photographs to record the presentation.

