

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

2020 was a very worrying year for all of us, as the COVID-19 pandemic turned our lives upside-down. The Choir had its share of challenges and disappointments, as the lockdown requirements caused the cancellation of its exciting 2020 program of performances, benefit concerts and social activities. It went into recess for 7 months, during which time the Choir members kept in touch via Zoom – not singing together, just chatting and sharing stories and keeping each other’s spirits up. Once the lockdown restrictions eased, the Choir was able to get together again in October to rehearse and record a broadcast program instead of a live performance for the annual Mary Potter Loving-Tree Christmas event.

Just as things seemed to be taking a turn for the better, the Choir was deeply saddened by the news that our President John Wilksch, who a short while before had participated enthusiastically in the Choir recording session, had died suddenly following surgery. It was with heavy hearts that the Choir sang at his funeral. His quiet strength and wisdom, together with his lively sense of humour, are greatly missed by the Choir. During that same week, we heard of the unexpected death of Alzira, wife of Choir member Ian Moody, and also the death of Bob Scott, retired member of the Choir. It was indeed a bleak time in the life of the Choir community. We mourn their passing and send sincere condolences to their families.

The best tribute we can pay to our departed friends is to keep them in our memories as the Choir calls on its resources of strength and resilience and continues with its work of providing splendid music performances to lift the hearts and spirits of the South Australian community. With that in mind, we are currently busy rehearsing our concert program “ABSOLUTELY G & S” for the Adelaide Fringe (details below).

With best wishes for 2021. May it be a happy and health year for all of us. Keep well and stay safe.

William Shaw OAM

“ABSOLUTELY G & S”

Presented by the Adelaide Male Voice Choir and guest soloist Andrew Turner

A delightful new selection for 2021 of songs from the Gilbert and Sullivan repertoire of comic operas

The witty lyrics and sparkling melodies are as fresh today as ever

Sit back and enjoy this thoroughly entertaining performance

You deserve a treat!

UNLEY TOWN HALL on Saturday 27 February 2021 at 2.00pm

WALKERVILLE TOWN HALL on Friday 5 March 2021 at 6.00pm

SALISBURY COMMUNITY HUB – JOHN HARVEY COMMUNITY HALL on Sunday 7 March at 2.00pm

COST: Full-Price \$28; Concession \$25; Child \$10

BOOKING: Consult the Fringe website (adelaidefringe.com.au) or phone the Fringe call centre (1300 621 255), or consult the Fringe brochure (page 4) or visit a Fringe Box Office (Rundle Mall, in front of Kmart –open now; or BankSA Fringe Corner on the corner of East Tce and Rundle Rd – open from Thursday 18 Feb).

Please book early, as there is limited seating due to COVID social distancing requirements.

Please consult the AMVC website (amvc.org.au) for information about future Choir concerts and events in 2021 (COVID permitting) as they are organized.