

# Sounds of Hawkes Bay Chorus Inc.

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## newsy notes



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**Editor note!** Remember - **NO NEWSY NOTES on April 30<sup>th</sup>**. I will not be at chorus on 28<sup>th</sup> April but will be looking for your emailed notices for NN's due out May 7<sup>th</sup> (I hope you all noted my date error in last NN's! Sorry about that)

### Below

What a tribute to Shirley Allen-Wallis! Her love of dressing up and fun was remembered at chorus on Monday as every member responded to the "Dress up For Shirley" call, led by Margot. Thanks Margot for helping us remember Shirley in such a happy and positive way. Shirley would have loved the evening. **Evelyn**



### From Management Team Meeting 15 April 2014-04-16

Sectional fundraisers are to start again, starting with leads in May. Bari/tenors in July and basses in Sept. Leads already have a raffle organised. Bring along your spare change!

### Coaching

Lynne Smith will be coming to coach us on Thurs. 7th August 2014 and Mon. 20th April 2015. She is a fabulous Showmanship Coach and will help get us to comps.

### Charter Party

July 19th! We are 20 years old!. 5, 10 and 20 year pins will be presented. Slumberparty theme. Watch this space for more info.

**Open night/membership drive** will be June 30th then July 7, 14, 21, and 28th.

Yay Kay! Kay is going to do the DIRECTORS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM! Good on you girl. This programme is open to any member who wants to better their musical knowledge.

Thanks from Margot for dressing up for Shirley. Your photo is going in a card to the family, to show that her spirit lives on, along with a donation to Cranford Hospice.

What a great start to our new up-tune. Keep up the good work and don't forget to listen and read your music and mark/highlight those tricky bits to remind you

YOURS IN HARMONY,

**Margot**

### Diary

21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Monday **NO CHORUS**

28<sup>th</sup> April Chorus

May Fri 2 to Sun 4 – National Competitions Auckland – Mangare

5<sup>th</sup> May – Chorus

11<sup>th</sup> May – COACHING Shirley Kout

12<sup>th</sup> May – AGM

19<sup>th</sup> May – Chorus

26<sup>th</sup> May – chorus

Membership drive June 30 to July 28

### Coaching Dates. ?= TBC

11<sup>th</sup> May Mon. Shirley Kout  
?14-16<sup>th</sup> June w/e Virginia  
7<sup>th</sup> Aug, Thur. 2014  
4,5,6<sup>th</sup> Oct, Virginia  
27 – 30- Mar. 2015 Virginia w/e retreat  
20 April 2015 Lynne Smith

### Happy Birthday Ladies!

#### APRIL

4<sup>th</sup> Jacqui Robb  
12<sup>th</sup> Nicola Bickers

### DUTIES 2014

April – Basses.  
May – Leads  
June – Baris and Tenors  
All members -\$10.00 per annum to Betty for riser erection.

## From Our Team Leader

What an awesome night last night with everyone getting behind the idea to keep a fun memory of Shirley AW going. There were some exceptional "turnouts". Thank you Barb and Glenda for going that little bit more, and to everyone else for making the effort. Didn't RRR sound wonderful for a first run through? I think it's going to be such a fun song to learn together. I've found a couple of sites to have a look at 2 different versions of RRR. On you tube put in Lions Gate 2007 Red Red Robin. They do a very clever and funny take on this song. Also look up the Swedish quartet SALT 2007 who also do a funky version. Christchurch City chorus are also on You Tube doing RRR. All have different arrangements but it is interesting seeing the fun they all have with this song.

AS I mentioned at chorus our AGM is creeping up fast and it's important every member has a think either about themselves going on the Management team or someone they would like to nominate. It's a great opportunity to see how we keep the chorus ticking over each year, with what goes on behind the "risers". Please come Monday week the 28th with thoughts and ideas, and a willingness to move outside your comfort zone. Attached with NN's is a timeline on how our AGM works in the weeks leading up to it.

The management team has just had a great meeting with lots of exciting things happening throughout this year and into 2015. Wishing you a great Easter break,

**Katie**

**From the Counting House FUNDRAISING! From APRIL 2013 to MARCH 2014** we can advise the following regarding our fundraising: Sales Table \$997.00

Cake Stalls	\$1925.00	includes Helens pickles at cake stalls
Events (Singouts)	\$4099.50	includes RSA
Other Events Jobs.	\$8347.29	Movie Nights, LOTTO (Barbie), OOSH Night, Catering

TOTAL: \$15,368.79 However, the expenses to make these funds need to be deducted and the following make up the total expenses cost of \$3657.63

OOSH evening \$2365.63 MOVIE night \$1102.54 CATERING \$189.46 = \$3657.63

**NET FIGURE excluding costs: \$11,711.16** Didn't we do well !!!



## Profiling.....Nancy!

Hi,  
I was born in Scotland to a Scottish Dad and Irish (Northern - Orange) Mother. We immigrated to New Zealand as youngsters, but returned to Scotland after five years as Mum had found it hard to settle. Two years later, Mum finding it hard to settle, we returned to NZ!!! It is ok for women to change their minds. Dad always had a great love of music and during his childhood and early adult life was always on stage performing. He taught my sister and me a little ditty ... *A Gordon For Me* ... so we could take part in the ship's concert on the way to New Zealand as pre-schoolers.

I started work at the Education Board at 16, and as a teenager in the 60's I spent most weekends at the "Top Hat" or wherever there was a performance - from "Larry's Rebels, Mr Lee Grant, The La De Das, Gene Pitney, Sandy Shaw". I also joined the Napier Operatic Society - but as a volunteer - not a performer.

The Ranfurly Shield came to The Bay and my girlfriends and I realised that McLean Park was a good place to meet guys - so a passion for rugby began (much to Dad's dismay as he was a New Zealand Soccer Referee).

I met my lovely husband, Ricky, at a party (Marist Rugby - Green) when I was 19 and married in 1973. We have three adult children, Scott, Tanya and Kara, and seven grandchildren - ranging in age from 10 down to 3 year old twins - life is never dull as everyone also has a passion for sport - from adventure races, to netball, rugby, cricket, dancing, swimming, BMX - so we are kept busy as spectators, babysitters and taxi drivers at times, but are fortunate to have two of our children living nearby, with Tanya and her family in Brisbane - so we try to visit at least once a year - usually in May. In the past few years we have also been fortunate to travel to other parts of the World - a great love of mine - Ricky comes for the ride.

We moved to Central Hawke's Bay in the early 80's and I was employed firstly at Onga Onga School and then Central Hawke's Bay College for 17 years before shifting to Havelock North at a time when our ageing parents needed our support. I still work part-time in an accounting firm that processes school accounts!

I joined Sounds of Hawke's Bay Chorus two years ago and originally auditioned as a Bass. I never realised there was so much to this wonderful art form, but I couldn't have wished for better support (and I needed it, and still do). After the Queenstown Competition I defected to the Lead Section, where hopefully I can continue the journey of learning and making new friends for many years to come. I admire the work of our Leaders - the time and effort they put in is amazing.

## and Sue!

Hi all, Sue here, I was born in Tokomaru Bay, educated in Auckland and at school learned elocution for four years. My only singing experience was within the school class and in Xmas recitals. I did my first OE to Christchurch in 1966. My employment was in an office in Auckland and at Ballentynes in Christchurch. My life has been an interesting one albeit through my husband. We met in 1967 and married in 1970. Our lives then took a real change when he owned the dairy in Tamatea. We worked that with staff for a few years and then in 1977 the opportunity came for us to lease the Crown Hotel in Napier. We did this for six years when we were asked to take over the Mayfair hotel in Hastings. Our three children grew up through the dairy and hotel days.

In 1990 we quit the hotel business and purchased a rest home. With a registered nurse and a caregiver we ran this for 6 years. In 1993 we also had the opportunity to go back to the Crown Hotel in Napier but this time it was ours.... and the banks! We ran this till 2003 when it was sold, closed and refurbished to its original glory or even better. We now live in a beautiful home on Napier Hill and relish the view every day.

In 2003 we also started a medical waste business, contracting to a firm in Wellington which sterilizes and disposes of all waste from the Hospital, Doctors, Dentists, Vets and Undertakers. We enjoy the flexibility this job gives us.

Two years ago I went with my husband to investigate the community choir in Clive. There we met up with our friend Teresa. While inside someone from the Sounds of Hawkes Bay Chorus put a flyer on our car windscreen. It invited women to four weeks free vocal lessons if we came along and liked it. We decided we could always leave after the lessons if we didn't like it....Well the rest is history because I am still here and enjoying it more than ever.

The highlight for me was competition in Queenstown. The whole weekend was wonderful. From traveling down and getting to know our chorus mates more personally, to hearing the quartets compete on Friday and the choruses on Saturday and all the fun and preparation in between. Winning a second place medal in our chorus size and a another for third overall was one of the highlights of my life. Many thanks must go to Millie, my roommate, for duties above and beyond the call of duty to a newbie. Life has got better for me with the challenges I have undertaken, within the company and friendship of all the ladies involved with the Sounds Of Hawkes Bay Chorus.

Over the next few years, my husband Maurie and I plan to travel, since we have children and friends waiting for us, in all corners of the world.

## Hugs From Helen

Helen Blake is missing everyone at chorus and is looking forward to joining us again. She has been buoyed by the cards, phone calls and visits from members. She is pleased to report that the last sales table netted \$51.00! Thanks also to Dorothy and Katie for picking up produce from Helen, and helping set things up. Well done Helen

## Out of town Coaching

For those members wanting to see the very best and be involved in a workshop it's all happening here!

MARTINI QUARTET Wellington 20-22 June Workshop cost \$180

There are some members going down. For more information see Jan.

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Some members know **Pam Hewitt** and will be interested in this update, sent to Barbi a couple of weeks ago.

Pam was diagnosed as having acute myeloid leukaemia (AML) in early November and spent most of the last 5 months in Dunedin hospital. She had 4 rounds of chemo and is pleased to say she is now in remission. As somebody said, "You can't kill a weed". Whilst in hospital they found a large mass in her tummy. A biopsy showed that it is benign fibroid growth but the chemo seemed to make it grow, so she was scheduled to have it removed recently. Brian had been working for the earthquake commission in Marlborough when they got the news about the AML, so returned home to look after the animals on their 30 acre property. Pam had been working 20 hours a week for Family Start but has retired from that. While Brian was up in Marlborough Pam was left the task of lambing 100 ewes. They got 150 lambs so we were pleased. She says she definitely won't be rugby tackling ewes or lifting them up onto trailers this year although they bought a proper lambing trailer at the end of the lambing so are better prepared this year plus reducing the stock a little. She is not going to convention this year but plans to sing next year as they will be competing.

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'til next time  
Evelyn C

*Mission Statement: Sounds of HB Chorus is focused on musical excellence and sharing the joy of four part harmony. Through education, opportunities for personal growth, dynamic performances and a nurturing environment, we harmonise our world.*