

Newsy Notes



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For input into Newsy Notes email Evelyn geoff.evelyn@xtra.co.nz **Deadline 9 a.m. THURSDAY.**

Each section should ensure that their members receive a copy of Newsy Notes. <http://www.soundsofhawkesbaychorus.co.nz>

Team Leader Tells

It was great to get a good bite at the new competition song "Tho sehze" this week and to have some of our new singers in the midst of us. Christmas Bells is also coming along nicely and it will be great to add to our Xmas singouts if we all get it passed.

Wasn't it great to take part in Kasey's warmups this week? I felt very loose and kinda "young" for 10 mins. I finally think I have that shoulder move sorted but not that hip move yet. Mary has kindly offered to have a go next week so please come up and have a go. It gives us variety and each person brings something new to warmups.

Thanks for Celia's warning to cover mouths and look after ourselves. The most effective strategy being hygiene. The management is looking into ways of keeping us warm but please dress warmly too. We must be in good health for our weekend's coaching with Ton on the 5th and 6th of August.

I head down for my first He Tangata weekend. It will be lovely to catch up with some of our past members. See you next week.

In harmony
Cheryll

Lana's Lines:

It was nice to see our 3 visitors from last week return to us again Katie, Michelle and Gillian and to also welcome 2 new visitors this week Penny and Cooge. Penny had attended the Open Night but was unwell the following week and Cooge has just moved to Hastings from the Far North and read about us on the Internet. Cooge is trialling Bass and Penny is playing with the Leads. Welcome ladies and we look forward to seeing you back with us over the coming weeks.

Thanks Casey for your amazing physicals this week - you were really getting it on up there - now for all of us to aspire to that!!
Fantastic vocals as usual Margot - you are a trooper - always onwards and upwards even when feeling unwell. Thanks too for your planning and teaching of the Week 2 Vocal Lessons.

In our practice and reflections at home and in your Sectionals please keep the **SYNCH** focus on top and work towards singing in unit at all times.

Tap the beat/rhythm of the songs gently on your leg or back of hand and feel the internal pulses. Ensure that you have an awareness of the full value of notes/beats per bar and if the song has 4 beats to the bar for example - then tap out the 4 beats as you are singing if you can. Your Section Leaders can guide you with this if needed - just ask them. It is really important to secure the breathing plan early on and STICK to the plan. Like pitch the breathing plan is not negotiable. It is SO important in helping to ensure unit singing / synchronisation. We must all breathe together to sing together.

Each week we will layer techniques to help the process.

Please look over the songs in the plan below during the week and try to attend regular Sectionals. Your Leaders give up their precious time to arrange these to support you in your learning and it is part of your responsibility as a Chorus member to attend as often as you can. We will only move forward if all of us "are on board the SHBC Express to Being Amazingville".

There are some new and exciting songs to be introduced in the very near future - watch this space!! Have a nice week.
Lanax

Diary Notes

24th July –
Chorus +Vocal lessons

30 July Summerset Singout

31st July - Chorus +Supper

5th & 6th August Coaching
with Toni Griffin

7, 14, 21, 28 - August -
Chorus nights Supper 28th

22nd September
Municipal sing out and social
event

4 - 5 Nov - Darlene Rogers,
Coaching

6th December H N Sing out.

2018

Art Deco Celebrations 14 to
18 Feb

23 - 25 Feb - Lynn Smith

2 - 5 March - Retreat

6 - 8 April - **Virge Coaching**

30 April -Virginia Humphrey
Taylor

Contest

Wgtn 3, 4, 5, May

DUTIES 2017

July - Basses

August - Leads

Sept. Tenors, Baris

BIRTHDAYS

July 21st Susan Smith

Next week's plan will look like this:

7.15 pm: Physicals

7.30 - 7.50: Vocals

7.50 - ????: Lana and visitors to AV Suite for Week 3 Vocal Lesson and voice-testing if needed. Chorus to run songs for Somerset sing, Ring Christmas Bells, On My Own - Shirley and Margot

8.30 - 8.50 pm: HMH with Lana

8.50 - 9.00 pm: Break and notices

9.00 - 9.20 pm: IIGMHTY with Lana

9.20 - 9.30 pm: Irish Blessing with Lana

9.30 - 9.45 pm: Taping requests/ Christmas Rep?

"SUMMERSET IN THE BAY" Singers plus Audition Panel. Sunday July 30th 1.30 – 2.30

Thank you to all for the work done so far toward this sing out. Your efforts to make this happen do not go un-noticed. **We will meet again this coming Monday at 6.45 sharp please** to build on our repertoire. This will also include an audition panel to critique.

Songs to cover at home this week will be: Aint we got Fun / Hooked / Family / Happy birthday

Costume: I am consulting the costume committee in this regard – more info on Monday

Shirley - coordinator

SYNCHRONISATION or "IN SYN Singing means

- Singing as a unit with your part and as a whole chorus
- Breathing together using the same breath space
- Internalising the song's rhythm
- Turning the diphthongs together
- Landing on the target vowel together



What can help?

- Sing to the director's hand always
- Be a human metronome -tap/clap or walk to tempo
- Know the breathing plan and breathe in tempo
- Sing to the end of phrases/clap beats to the end of phrases
- Sing with confidence -don't wait to hear what others are doing
- "don't be a slot singer"



- **WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING "TOGETHER"**

Our exciting Coaching Weekend with the Amazing Toni Griffin is coming fast. This is a critical weekend. Please make sure you all attend. You wouldn't want to miss it anyway!!

Saturday August 5th:

9.00 am - 12.30 pm: Full Chorus Coaching

10.45 - 11.00 am: Morning Tea

12.30 - 1.00 pm: Lunch. Please bring your own

1.00 - 3.30 pm: Full Chorus Coaching. There will be a 5 minute water break at 2.15 pm

3.30 - 4.30 pm: LEAD Sectional

4.30 - 5.30 pm: Leading Edge Quartet coaching

Sunday August 6th:

9.00 am - 1.00 pm: Full Chorus Coaching

10.45 - 11.00 am: Morning Tea

1.00 - 1.30 pm: Lunch break for Toni and others who are staying on

1.30 - 2.30 pm: Hot Property Quartet coaching

All sessions will be in the Clive School Hall

Bring lunch for one or both days as needed. Wear name tags

Be punctual. Be flexible and willing to learn

Toni will be hosted by Lesley and Gerry. Many thanks to you both.

CONVENTION 2018 - arrive Thursday 3rd – depart Sunday 6th MAY 2018 for your future planning.

I believe everyone will be finding their own way to and from Wellington for Convention next year. You can fly, carpool, bus, hire a car/mini bus etc. **Airfares for May are available NOW** for those who prefer to fly!!!

Accommodation has been booked at the **West Plaza Hotel** in Wakefield Street - right across from the *Michael Fowler Centre* where both the Quartet and Chorus Competitions will be held. The price of this accommodation is \$185 per twin room per night and includes a full breakfast for each of the three days - so this equates to \$277.50 per person for the three nights. A room at the hotel has also been booked for the Saturday for hair/makeup etc. (No doubt your fundraising efforts and any successful grant applications will assist with the cost of accommodation, registration fees etc, but that of course will be a Management Team decision.)

As in previous years, there should be an opportunity to take part in the Sound Check on the Thursday afternoon. However, the time etc will not be available until registration details come to hand later in the year. The Regional Management Team has also indicated that the Mass Sing will be held on the Friday evening

xxNancyJ

HAVELOCK NORTH COMMUNITY SING - December 6th - a Christmas singout. We anticipate plenty of support which we will gather closer to the time. Anticipated audience of 150 people. **MARK IT IN YOUR CALENDAR please.**

BE IN TO WIN !!!!!– who does read to the bottom? Name the three directors or past directors of women’s barbershop in the “synchronization section” and win a prize! First one to email me at Le@ths.school.nz

Leave of Absence - Audrene Samuel (June 2018), Leanne Gordon(15 Aug) ,Teresa Leathley (Dec 2017) Margaret Church – (Aug 2017) Jacqui Robb (17 July - 21 August)

CHORUS BANK ACCOUNT: Westpac 03 0631 0402401 00 – Remember to include details . **Our fees are now \$40 per month.**