



8 March 2018

For input into Newsy Notes email Sharon: elsworthsnz@gmail.com **Deadline 9 a.m. THURSDAY.**
Each section should ensure that their members receive a copy of Newsy Notes. <http://www.soundsofhawkesbaychorus.co.nz>

Lana's Lines

Wow what a full-on 3 weeks and weekends we have just had.

I want to say how much I appreciated you all making every effort to attend the 2 coaching sessions so close to the busy Art Deco weekend.

We have progressed so much as a chorus, not only from Lynne's and Virginia's input, but with commitment, hard work and dedication from all of you. I am so proud of every one of you and how we are moving forward.

Thank you so much for all being team players and stepping up for the good of the Chorus. Please remember, as things get a little more intense as we count down to Wellington, to be kind to ourselves and others.

The hard part now is to keep the momentum going and continue to work the songs smartly to make them even better.

We will have a review together next week to cement the main points.

I would also like to re-visit our goals for the coming Contest. It has been a long time since we discussed this and I think it is important that we spend some time identifying our goals.

Please give this some thought over this week and also please review the learning points for yourselves personally from both weekends.

- Remember let's all be our own personal coaches.
- Send your sound through me to the back wall.
- Paint all 4 walls with your sound.
- Sing with open throats at all times.
- Keep mouths open all the time.
- Alive faces and eyes.
- Commit to securing the pitches for both songs now.
- Keep sound coming forward and outwards, even on soft dynamics.
- Make your moves emotional and executed with meaning - theatrical in style - not clone-like. Match your body to the emotion of the word you are singing.
- Our level is set at the intro of first song - it has to be amazing. We want to be amazing!
- IF WE DON'T AIM HIGH, WE WON'T REACH THE STARS ★★ ★

Loving thoughts to Shirley. Lesley we hope that you will be all healed soon and Cherie hope you will be able to kick those crutches to the kerb soon too!!

Katie, we hope we may see you back with us sometime and that you are feeling better.

Lana x

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These last two coaching weekends have been full on. Like all learning, there is always more. Another layer to add and another vocal skill to enhance or refine.

The ability to be flexible and to commit to improving as an individual and a team were certainly messages I took away, as well as Lynne's instruction to be our own coaches.

We have 8 weeks to secure and deliver an energised, synchronised package as we keep our eyes on Lana's hands.

In harmony, **Cheryll**

## Diary Notes 2018

**12 Mar** - Chorus – supper  
**(Costumes to hall please)**

**14 Mar** - Music Team meeting

**19 Mar** - Chorus

**21 Mar** - Management Team meeting

**26 Mar** - Chorus

**29 Mar** - Cake stall outside Big Barrel, Taradale

**2 Apr** - Chorus as usual  
(3rd = Easter Tues)

**9 Apr** - Chorus

**16 Apr** - Friends 'n' Family night

**23 Apr** - Chorus

**30 Apr** - Virge (Coaching Contest Week)

**3-6 May Contest!**

**14 May** – De-brief and AGM Supper too

**21 May** - Chorus

**28 May** - Chorus

## Duties

March - Baritones  
April - Basses and Tenors  
May - Leads

## March Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Teresa Leathley  
12<sup>th</sup> Lyn Wiffin  
20<sup>th</sup> Annette Warren  
23<sup>rd</sup> Pippa Searle

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Costumes for Wellington – please bring them THIS MONDAY so that Kasey can check them over before Contest.



Fundraising – Spring Bulbs

Please keep promoting these wherever you can - \$\$ and completed order forms need to be brought on Monday 19th so make sure you collect up all money beforehand.

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Remember - the **Cake Stall** is coming up Easter Thursday – have you managed to whip up a slice or cake yet? ☺. Or jams, pickles, sauces, or sweets? Please save small jars with sealable lids and bring on Monday night.



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AGM and Convention De-Brief is 14th May and will be a **supper night**. Please consider this opportunity to be involved in the running of your chorus. For more info, please speak to Cheryll or any member of the management team.

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Please keep **Betty** informed of any contact detail changes and please check all details carefully.



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A REMINDER - That your Chorus fees must be up to date for the year ending 31st March 2018. Also the personal contribution and After Glow monies are due. Please contact Bianca if you have any queries.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS re: Convention 2018 | 3-6 May 2018

The following Chorus members have sent their arrangements:

- Flying from Napier at **12.55pm on Wednesday 2nd May** - Lana, Margot, Michelle, Pippa, Nancy J (5 on flight)
- Flying from Napier at **12.55 pm on Thursday 3rd May** - Betty, Lesley, Mary, Sandra, Shirley (5 on flight)
- Also flying on **Thursday returning Sunday** - but to confirm details - Eileen
- **Return flight departing Wellington at 7.25pm on Sunday 6th May** - Lana, Michelle, Pippa, Nancy J, Lesley, Mary, Sandra, Shirley, Sharon (Margot and Betty; own flight arrangements) - (9 on flight so need to book & share shuttle)
- Carpooling from Napier on **Wednesday 2nd May and returning Sunday 6th May** - Cheryll, Linda, Leanne, Kasey
- Carpooling on **Thursday 3rd May and returning on Sunday 6th May**
 - Driver **Sue**; Gillian, Anne, Rachel C
 - Driver **Cherie H**; (has room for 5 passengers)
 - Driver **Celia**; Sharon (one-way)
- **Own Individual Vehicle Arrangements**: Penny; Evelyn; Lynne M; Cherie C; Celia
- Can the following please confirm their details with me: Nancy H; Bianca; Linda Rollander-Smith; Annette; Sally; Jacqui; Vikki; Lyn W

Xx Nancy J

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**LEAVE OF ABSENCE** : Audrene Samuel (June 2018) Margaret Church (tba), Katie Barnby (tba), Teresa Leatherley (tba), Evelyn Clibborn (5 Mar-9 Apr)

**CHORUS BANK ACCOUNT**: Westpac 03 0631 0402401 00