

AWMC NEWS

Newsletter of the Australian Welsh Male Choir



Boort Memorial Hall - Historic Venue for a recent concert

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***** Featuring Members *****

Every member is important in the choir. We would like to feature three in this edition of AWMC News.



The photo at right features Craig Chambers who is wheel-chair bound. Craig is a baritone and sings in every concert possible. His disability does not stop him travelling with the choir and playing his part. Behind Craig is Harry Hamill, one of the many choristers who are eager to help Craig.

At left is Kristian Kupsch, our blind first tenor with a beautiful solo voice which thrills audiences.



* * * What a Busy Three Months! * * *

The Cardinia Centre



The quarter started with a concert at the Cardinia Concert Centre on April 17th.

On the Friday of the following week we sang at a special event for the Bendigo Community Bank at Dingley and then the very next day we headed to Cobram for a concert there. The Cobram community were thrilled to have us there and the acoustics in their hall were fantastic!

The next morning being April 25th some of our members were keen to take part in the Anzac Day service at Cobram before we headed off for Wangaratta where



we were one of the first choirs to perform in their new building in the afternoon before heading for home again.



Greg Pennicuik and Gerald Freestone

A really busy but rewarding weekend.

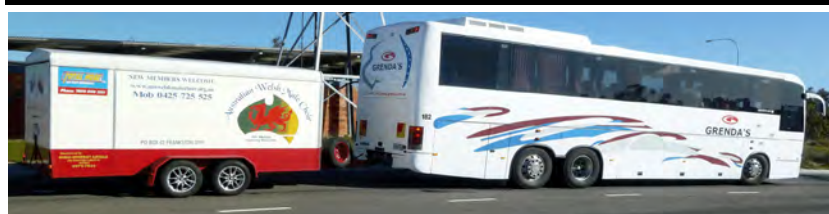
The very next weekend we performed at the annual music festival at Montsalvat, at Eltham. A number of choirs sang there through the day. The venue where we sang was absolutely packed. It was a terrific event which, as our Musical Director said “did our reputation no harm”.

* * * A Special Honour for Us * * *



It was a real honour to be chosen to sing in the Melbourne Convention Centre for the opening of the Older People’s Convention on May 3rd. There were delegates from around the world with the ceremony being planned by the Older People’s Commissioner for Wales. This lady came and spoke to us, giving each of us a button-hole daffodil, the national flower of Wales. We are shown here doing our “sound check” before the event started. A sound check is important before every performance.

* * * Back on the Road Again * * *



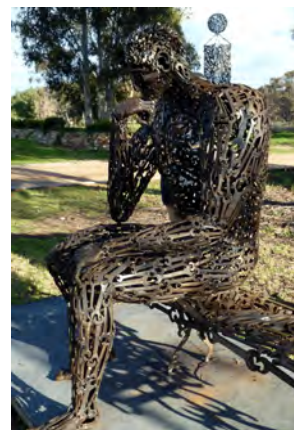
We have just returned from a fantastic weekend of fellowship and joyful music in Boort and Horsham.

Early on Saturday morning of June 26th we set off by bus - with our choir trailer attached - headed for Boort in the Wimmera, arriving in time to set up in the hall before lunch.



After lunch we made a visit to John Piccoli's amazing farm. John and his wife are seen at left talking to some of our group.

The farm has many beautiful birds and a number of incredible sculptures he has made from spanners, like the thinking man shown at left. He also has a comprehensive collection of old horse-drawn farming equipment. All very amazing.



A concert at Boort in the evening thrilled the locals.



In the morning most of us had breakfast in the ski lodge by the lake, while others had breakfast with their billet family hosts.

After breakfast it was off to Horsham. There a sumptuous lunch was provided by the Salvation Army before a concert to a large audience at the beautiful Uniting Church, before heading for home again.

It was a wonderful weekend for us to share together, to provide entertainment in the country and help them with their fund-raising, while also enabling many of the choir to visit a part of the country they had not seen before. An excellent example of the joy of being involved with The Australian Welsh Male Choir!



* * * **Heading Towards UK 2012** * * *

We recently held a successful "Bring a Friend" night with the aim of recruiting new members to join us in that venture. We are glad to report an increase in interest in the choir and some prospective new members. Tony Williams shown here is a new member who performed in his first concerts at Boort and Horsham last weekend. It is great to have him with us.





We are kept busy as we continue our preparations for our visit to the UK in March 2012 which will culminate with sharing in a 1,000 voice choir in Albert Hall.

As reported in our last AWMC News our Ladies Auxiliary have been very busy arranging activities including a number of successful sausage sizzles to raise funds.



Activities in this past quarter have included a garage sale, an Italian Night, with dinner and entertainment (including choristers Dominic Xuereb and David Outtrim shown here) and selling potatoes. All good fun and adding to the coffers, but we need to raise a lot more money yet.



We are also looking for new sponsors as we plan for the big trip.

* * * Concerts Coming Up * * *

Performances coming up in the next few months are listed below. There is quite a variety of activities as you will see.

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| July 11 th | Concert in a Mornington Retirement Village |
| August 15 th | Gymanfa Ganu (a Welsh style "hymn sing") at the Welsh Church in Melbourne where we have been invited to sing. |
| August 29 th | Sovereign Hill, Ballarat |
| September 19 th | We will sing at Cruden Farm, home of a patron, Dame Elisabeth Murdoch along with other performers. |
| October 2 nd & 10 th | Baxter Village, as a "thank you" to them for allowing us to rehearse there. One concert also raises funds for the "Pink Ladies" who volunteer their time at the Frankston Hospital. |
| October 24 th | Concert at Christ Church, Dingley |
| November 6 th | We perform at the annual Beechworth Celtic Festival |
| November 7 th | Concert in Euroa - on the way home from Beechworth! |
| December 3 rd | We will perform in a Christmas Concert along with 3 other choirs at the Hawthorn Town Hall |

For more information about any of these coming events, for tickets or to purchase CDs contact Tim Andrew on 0425 25 525 or write to PO Box 42, Frankston 3199. For more information check our web-site at www.auswelshmalechoir.org.au.

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