

23.06.25, Monday Mail

Good morning, all,

Our AGM will be held during the rehearsal on Tuesday July 1. We'll aim to keep it short, so we don't lose vital rehearsal time: please read the information sent to you all last week. If you didn't receive the AGM notification email and papers, please let us know at this address, or see a committee member on Tuesday.

CONCERT: Meditations, Sunday July 20, 3pm, St Andrew's, Cnr Creek and Ann Sts, City

- **Regular Tuesday rehearsals** on June 24 and July 1, 8, all at QAH
 - **PLUS final rehearsal with strings at St Andrew's on Tuesday July 15, 6.30**
- **Music playlist:**
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbRxzEmNIIGPSItF1fMazZQoQ9B9gPBFA&feature=shared>
- **Link to our website page for the concert:** <https://choirworks.au/meditations-2025/>
- **Tickets are now on sale through 4MBS.** Please spread the word to family, friends and anyone you can think of! <https://4mbs.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/150522>

Donations to ChoirWorks?

- A reminder that if you wish to help fund ChoirWorks via a tax-deductible donation, you have only eight days left in the current financial year.
- Last year our singers donated over \$8,000, of which \$5,000 was spent on professional accompaniment for our very successful and enjoyable Bach-Zelenka concert at The Old Museum. We all benefit from this wonderful generosity by our fellow members, and it is a tradition on which we hope to build. It can also help us keep a lid on membership fees. Any money donated this financial year will be spent either on the hire of professional orchestral backing and singer soloists, the purchase of music scores, or commissioning of new music.
- If you're interested in making a donation to choir funds, you would be helping to provide both security and encouragement to your choir. See <https://choirworks.au/donations/> -- and whether you donate financially or not, thank you very much for all your commitment and contributions!

Chris Kiver: Longer-standing members will be delighted to know that Chris is currently in Australia touring under the auspices of the Australian National Choral Association (ANCA, of which ChoirWorks is a member). Here's a link to Chris' official activities: <https://www.anca.org.au/dbpage.php?pg=drkiver>

Member fees: See Jan Hungerford if you have any questions.

YouTube Channel, @ChoirWorks.au: Ian is regularly posting new videos. Please like, subscribe and share!

CONCERT 3: Mass Appeal/Dvořák et al, Saturday, September 20, St Andrew's, Cnr Creek and Ann Sts.

- **Tuesday rehearsals, 6.30pm, QAH** begin on July 22; extras on **Sunday August 2**, 2-5pm, QAH, and **Friday September 19**, 6.30pm, with organist, St Andrew's.

This week:

Brrr! Brisbane isn't exactly shivering in the snow, but yes, even here it's relatively cold around the winter solstice. The third of Claude Debussy's *Trois Chansons* (1908), a cappella settings of three poems by medieval poet Charles, Duke of Orleans, is *Yver vous n'estes qu'un vilain* (*Winter, you are nothing but a rogue*): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EaUARVnPhDE>. Stockholm Chamber Choir injects the opening with a bitter European chill! Translation at <https://oxfordsong.org/song/yver-vous-nestes-quun-villain>.

Keep warm, and have a great rehearsal!

Janet