

Monday Mail, 2 February 2026

Good morning, everyone,

Great to see the choir back last week! Please check out Debra's email from last Wednesday about rehearsals going forward!

### **Authentically South African workshop on Sunday February 8**

Just a few more sleeps to go before our workshop with Michael Barrett at UQ. We kick off at 1.30pm. Please be there early to help set up and make sure we can welcome the participants coming from far and wide; so far we have nearly 130 guests on top of ChoirWorks members.

- Music links and ticket sales etc. as in last week's Monday Mail
- Watch out this week for an email with transport and parking details etc.!
- If you haven't already done so, please pay \$10 to the ChoirWorks account:
  - BSB 034-086, a/c 272941
  - Please use as reference: First initial, last name, workshop
- No choir uniform required
- Bring goodies to share if you can, and a cup for your tea/coffee!

### **Into the Light (featuring Lux by Dan Forrest), Saturday May 23, 6.30pm, St John's Cathedral**

This promises to be a real highlight for us! Please note the extra weekend rehearsal on **Sunday March 22, 2-5pm** at QAH.

### **2026 Weekend rehearsals**

Apologies for the error in last week's Monday Mail - these are the correct dates for the rehearsals for each concert:

- Sunday 22 March, 2-5                      Sunday 2 August, 2-5                      Sunday **25** October, 2-5

### **Fees for 2026**

Following extensive discussions by your committee, please note the following information from our treasurer Jan about fees for the year:

Hello all,

A message about fees for this year.

The annual fee is **\$470** paid in full before the end of February. There is an option to pay in two instalments of \$240, one in February and one at the end of June. Note there is a discount for paying the full amount in February. The annual fee for a Full-time Student is \$150.

Please pay to the choir account using your name and 'Fees'.

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If you are experiencing any financial constraints preventing you paying by the specified time, please do not hesitate to speak in confidence to either Sue or me at rehearsal.

This amount works out to about \$11.20 per rehearsal which, I'm sure you'll agree is very reasonable. These fees still do not cover our overheads and so it is very important that everyone works to bring in the audiences.

In order for our fees to cover our fixed overheads we would in fact have to charge \$540 per year which we are most reluctant to do. For those who can afford a little more, we would encourage you to consider making a tax deductible donation to the Gift Fund. We can use this fund for payments for soloists, orchestras, commissions, guest speakers and so on.

ChoirWorks Gift Account:

BSB: 034-055

Account: 415 460

Even a small amount can make a difference if several people can donate. Thank you to those generous members who have already made contributions to the Gift Fund.

**And finally ...**

A couple of minutes of bliss from Bach today, served with a side of amazement at the oboeist's breath control! [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Df7f\\_BLU8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5Df7f_BLU8)

See you tomorrow,

Janet