



Ostinato Wangaratta Inc.

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NEWSLETTER

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Joan Huggan, our President, says "WELCOME BACK TO ALL OUR MEMBERS FOR 2007.

- A year of new music and singing. It is hoped that everyone had a restful break. We look forward to another year of friendship and song."

A message from Ruth, our Director –

The end of 2006 saw Ostinato performing superbly. Thank you all for doing such a great job not only for ourselves but for our community. I think that we would all agree that our concert at St John's was an outstanding success. How fantastic that we ended up with standing room only!

Of course, we have now set the standard and can only get better from here on!

Finishing the year by singing around the nursing homes seemed to round out the whole year beautifully, and yet again the standard of singing was wonderful.

What clever possums we are.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Olive Lodge on 4 February before we settle down for the next bout of singing on the 6 February.

The program of music is already looking exciting. We should have a ball.

Ruth.

Sunday 4 February 2007 - SOCIAL LUNCHEON AT OLIVE LODGE (Ruth's Home).

12.00 midday - BYO everything. The BBQ will be operating if it is not a fire ban day. We hope everyone can come to a relaxing day to start our Choir's year.

Directions to Olive Lodge: From Wangaratta – drive along Murdoch Road. Cross the "Snow Road" (Glenrowan – Myrtleford Rd). Drive past the Oxley Primary School on your right. Turn left at the next road – Oxley – Greta West Rd. There's a cluster of letterboxes on the corner. The second driveway on your right is Olive Lodge – number 39 – both of which are on the gateway.

(Summary: Past Oxley Primary School on right. First turn on left. Second driveway on right.)

Tuesday 6 February 2007 – First choir rehearsal for the year at 7.30 pm at St John's Village Hall.

25 April 2007 – Anzac Day – Ostinato will perform with the brass band at the cenotaph in Wangaratta mid morning. We will be learning an Australian Hymn "Anzac Hymn" to sing. Hugh Morris has written an arrangement for us.

Before mid year concert – perform at Nursing Homes & Max Parkinson Lodge - dates to be decided.

Sunday 24 June 2007 – mid year concert – venue to be decided.

Sunday 9 December 2007 – Christmas Concert.

Sunday 16 December 2007 – Nursing Home performances.

3 July to 4 September, Ruth will be away. Bronwyn will wave the baton for 6 weeks and a 2 week holiday break will be taken by the choir in the school holidays.

WE HAVE A NEW LIBRARIAN - Introducing ANNE BITTNER – a brave warrior ready to meet the challenge! But we will be good with our music won't we? USE ONLY A 2B PENCIL TO MARK THE SHEETS OR BOOKLETS; AND HANDLE WITH CARE, LISTENING TO ALL INSTRUCTIONS.

A NOTE FROM ANNE:-

“Grateful thanks to those members who returned the Christmas concert music. If you still have that music, you can bring it to the lunch at Ruth’s home, or you can drop it off at 17 O’Leary Street, Wangaratta (runs between Phillipson and Appin Streets, next to the West Wangaratta Primary School), or take it to our first practice. Any problems please contact Anne Bittner 5721 4572.

Christmas music has been filed – many thanks to Nancy, Marj, Joan and Ruth for their help. June concert music is being prepared and will be handed out in a plastic pocket with name and number on the outside. Music will be in alphabetical order. We hope that it will be returned in that pocket with the music in alphabetical order because it will make filing so much easier.

Joan will have prepared 40 plastic folders loaded with core music to be handed out prior to special performances. These will be returned immediately after each occasion. *Thank you Joan”.*

NORTHER RIVER ACADEMY OF MUSIC WILL BE OFFERING FREE Gospel and Capella Choir lessons once per week according to Jennie Hammon. Enquire with Jennie at rehearsal or perhaps phone the Academy 5722 4899. Their address is 90 Appin Street, Wangaratta.

ANYBODY KNOW A CHILD OVER 8YRS WHO HAS A PASSION FOR SINGING? We would like them to join our choir. The child must be accompanied by an adult at rehearsals. They would go home at 9.00pm.

Funny Time:

“Bar Line”: a gathering of people usually among which may be found a musician or two.

“Vibrato”: used by singers to hide the fact that they are out of tune.

“Coloratura Soprano”: a singer who has great trouble finding the proper note, but who has a wild time hunting for it.

“Cadence”: when everybody hopes you’re going to stop, but you don’t.

“Upbeat”: a threat to singers that they sing or else.

“Metronome”: a city-dwelling dwarf.

“Lamentoso”: with handkerchiefs.