



From the Chairman

Dear friends

Some beautiful weather is a sign that the year is drawing to its end. Our final RSCM Event, 'Bread of Life', at All Saints' College Chapel on 5 November is our last one for the year, and I know that Ruth Styles and Gillian Burbidge have worked hard to put together a rich collection of music for that occasion. It was good to see many of you at the Festival of Great Hymns at St Patrick's, Mount Lawley.

Your Committee is already mapping out next year's program. We would love to have some input from our membership, whether suggesting something that we haven't done before or for a while, or recommending how to improve something we have done recently. Even better, how about considering what you could give our Branch through being part of our Committee. Nomination forms are in this issue of *WestNews*, so please consider coming on board.

Don't forget also that the national Summer School is on at the beginning of January, with the wonderful Malcolm Archer directing. At least four from our Branch will be there; it would be wonderful to have more. Details can be found on the RSCM Website.

Linda and I spent three weeks in Britain recently. Among the highlights were visiting Gordon Appleton in Ripon, going to a beautifully intimate weeknight Choral Evensong in St David's Cathedral, West Wales – Britain's smallest Cathedral City – and attending the Parish (rather than later Choral) Eucharist in Llandaff Cathedral near Cardiff and seeing the 50 or so children from Sunday School come in to join their families in what was simultaneously a traditional and lively offering of worship. It is reflective of the contemporary church that all the sermons I heard during that time were given by women clergy.

I'm looking forward to next year's Annual Meeting. Our membership remains steady, which is encouraging, but also reflects that the number of choirs coming together regularly continues to be small. It seems strange than in a culture which has so much more ability to connect through technology, one of the buzzwords is 'silo', reflecting that people seem to like staying in their own area rather than reaching out to find others like minded. Andrew Reid encouraged us last year to reach out, and our Branch continues to look for ways of doing that. There was productive discussion at last year's Annual Meeting, and I look forward to seeing the directions we are able to take in 2017.

John Beaverstock
CHAIRMAN

Diary Dates

Bread of Life, All Saints' College Chapel, Bullcreek, Saturday Nov 5th, 2 pm.

Other dates and events are listed throughout this issue, please have a look.

Summer School 2017

Director: Malcolm Archer; 4th - 11th January, Adelaide, South Australia

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FACEBOOK The RSCM Australia Facebook page is www.facebook.com/RSCMAustralia



Deadline for the next issue is December 16th 2016

Hello Readers.

If anyone out there would like co-ordinate the creation of WestNews, please get in touch with any of the committee members.

The wheel turns once again, and we approach the holiday season with the realisation that another busy year draws to a close. We still have many events occurring that will hopefully bring joy and meaning into that end-of-year festivities.

Committee nomination forms are included in this issue, and if you would like to be more involved in the RSCM, please feel free to complete a form and return it at the AGM in January next year.

A reminder to all Campers, Camp next year is July 4rd to July 9th, 2017, and will be in Geraldton. Putting aside \$15 a week from here on will make sure that you will have saved up for Camp. More details to follow.

Lucas

SS17 4th - 11th January, Adelaide, South Australia

Recitals @ St Mary's Cathedral

The **TALLIS SCHOLARS** are visiting Perth performing **1 concert only** at St Mary's Cathedral:
Tues 8th November 7:30pm
Tickets available at ticketek.com.au

From the Uniting Church in the City

Free Recitals at Wesley Church

cnr William & Hay Streets, Perth

1st & 3rd Fridays of the month at 1pm

Featuring pianist Hannah Th'ng

Nov 4th and 18th, Dec 2nd and 16th

Free Recitals at Ross Memorial Church

Thursdays at 12:30

Nov 3rd, Dec 1st

Featuring Sara Papadopoulos (violin), Eliza McCracken (violin), and Krista Low (Cello)

For more information, visit
<http://ucic.com.au/events>

St George's Cathedral Concerts at One

All concerts are at **1.00pm**, concluding at around 1.45pm. There is no need to book ahead.

Entry is free, with a retiring collection taken.

Bread of Life All Saints' College Chapel, Bullcreek

Saturday Nov 5th, 2 pm.

An afternoon of singing, music, readings, and prayer... A unique ecumenical celebration.

All are welcome to this free event.

Enquiries to: Gill Burbidge 9332 4994

Ruth Styles 9364 4013

St Edmund's, Wembley

St Edmund's will host a traditional Evensong for Remembrance Day.

**St Edmund's Anglican Church,
52 Pangbourne Street, Wembley**

Tuesday 11th November 5pm



Pipe Organ Plus 2016 Concert Series

Rememberance

The latest in this popular series, please check out the facebook page for "Pipe Organ Plus".

Sunday, November 11th, at St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle.

For tickets, go to: <https://events.ticketbooth.com.au/> and search for "Pipe Organ Plus".

Christmas at St Barnabas

Songs from the Sanctuary

St Barnabas Anglican Church welcomes all to an Australian premiere performance of "The Silence and the Sound" to celebrate the advent of our Saviour's birth.

St Barnabas Anglican Church
104 Woolwich St, West Leederville
18th December 2016 at 7 pm

Daniel Masmanian, organist at St. John's, Fremantle, is having a series of recitals:

Saturday 12th November, 1:30 pm.

Saturday 17th December, 1:30 pm.

Venue: St John's Anglican Church, Fremantle.

Entry fee is by donation, afternoon tea is to follow each recital.

Daniel will accompany a singer. We had a reasonable number at the first one on 24th September.

Summer School Adelaide 2017

Summer School Adelaide 2017 The theme of the Summer School: "Kindle the flame of Pentecost"

Start planning now to come to the RSCM Summer School in January 2017. Celebrate with us our life in the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Our theme is "Kindle the flame of Pentecost. Through music selected from medieval plainsong to compositions of the twenty-first century, in the words of the hymn Veni creator Spiritus, may we be inspired and lightened with heavenly fire.

Three major liturgical celebrations take place through the week. The first worship service is a sequence of music and readings related to the opening chapters of the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Second is the celebration of Vespers, with music for Pentecost. Third is a liturgy for the feast of Pentecost in St Peter's Cathedral on the last night of the Summer School.

FREMANTLE EISTEDDFORD 2017

Instrumental, Vocal and Choral sections.

Thursday 11th May - Sunday 21st May, 2017.

Venues: Fremantle Town Hall, and St. John's Anglican Church.

Closing dates for entries Friday 3rd March (early bird discount)

Friday 17th March. (Full fees)

Website: www.fremantleeisteddfod.org.au/

All enquiries: email: info@fremantleeisteddfod.org.au

Schedules, with entry forms, are available from Clef Music, Perth, Crescendo Music, Myaree, Tempest Music, Manning, Theo's Musical Instruments, West Leederville, and Zenith Music, Claremont.

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