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Royal School of Church Music, WA Branch

From the Chairman

A happy New Year to all our members. I trust you have had a joyful Christmas and some time for relaxation afterwards.

We start 2017 with our Annual General Meeting, notice of which is given in this edition of WestNews.

This will be an important meeting, as there are issues arising with regard to timing of Summer Schools that have come out of National Council. It would seem, contrary to our expectations over the last five years or so, that we are not hosting a Summer School in 2020. This is a matter which requires discussion at the AGM, and the outcomes of that discussion will be important in helping the Branch Committee to work out strategies for dealing with this issue.

As I write, Sheila Byfield and Jacinta Jacovcevic are in Adelaide at the Summer School. Although there have been some very hot days there, they have not had to endure an extended heatwave as they did at the 2010 Summer School. It will be good to hear how things went under the direction of Malcolm Archer; they will also have important news for us from the meeting of National Council which is scheduled to follow, particularly on the subject of timing future schools. I reiterate that feedback from members of the Branch will be a vital consideration as our Committee tries to find a way forward.

A comprehensive set of Branch events has been mapped out for 2017, and we look forward to sharing those with you.

One piece of good news that I can share with you is that our dear friend Carol Crass is making a strong recovery from some quite dangerous and delicate surgery last month. We sent out an urgent call for prayer, and there seems to have been a result from that, as well as from the superb skills of her surgical team and amazing advances in medical technology. I was also delighted very recently to see Sheena Prince at St George's Cathedral for the baptism of a grandson and looking very well.

I look forward to seeing a good number of our members next month.

John Beaverstock
Branch Chariman

Diary Dates

4th February — Annual General Meeting — St Joseph's, 3 Salvado Rd, Subiaco.

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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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.

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 New Year begins, and with it, a new cycle of events for singing. A list of proposed events is included in this issue.

A reminder to all Campers, Camp next year is July 4th to July 9th, 2017. If you are starting to save for Camp, putting aside \$20 a week from here on will make sure that you will have saved up for Camp. More details to follow.

Lucas

Annual General Meeting 4th February 2017, 10:30 am

St Joseph's Catholic Church, 3 Salvado Road, Subiaco.

The AGM begins with a musical recital at 10:30, followed at 11:00 am by the major reports from 2016's activities.

Nominations for committee members and offices will be accepted at the Meeting. Alternately, you may return your nomination forms to any present committee member prior to the Meeting.

The Committee hopes to see you there, and looks forward to working with you to present another great year of singing events.

Proposed calendar of events, 2017

- February 4th — Annual General Meeting, 10:30 am, see above for details.
- April 30th— "Choir Share" event at St Barnabas', West Leederville, including a gospel music workshop.
- May 6th— Cantor Workshop at St Mary's Cathedral, 2-4 pm.
- June 11th— Choristers' Camp Fundraising concert, St Patrick's, Mount Lawley.
- July 4th-9th— Choristers' Camp, venue TBC.
- August 2nd— Choral Festival, venue to be confirmed.
- October 1st— Hymnfest at St Michael and All Angels, North Beach.
- November 4th or 11th— An occasion to gather and sing, details to be confirmed.

St Patrick's Basilica 2017 Concert Series

For the details of concerts in this popular series, please check out the Facebook page "Pipe Organ Plus".

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

More details to come...

From St Mary's Cathedral in the City

The New Year brings with it a new line-up of performances.

More details to come...

From the Uniting Church in the City

Free Recitals at Wesley Church

(cnr William & Hay Streets, Perth)

Our free Wesley Music Recitals will begin again with our first recital of 2017 on April 21, 'An Easter Journey,' featuring Angela Currie on Organ.

The recital lasts for approximately 45 minutes and are followed by light refreshments, allowing time to chat over a cuppa and a cake. Feel free to eat your lunch while you enjoy the beautiful music.

For more info contact Music Director Angela Currie at angelac@ucic.org.au or the Church office on 6103 4222.

More details to come...

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.