

# Voices

## NEWSLETTER OF THE GOLD COAST CITY CHOIR INC.

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### President's Report .....

Dear Choristers and Friends of the choir,  
Welcome to the first newsletter of the year.  
You only have to check our Diary Dates to see that we have an interesting and varied programme lined up for 2009.

We've been in rehearsal since mid-January for our Easter presentation of Mozart's 'Requiem' with extra workshops on top of our usual Tuesday nights. Ruth and the soloists (all our very own choir members) have been doing lots of weekend rehearsals as well. It's always a huge effort to put together such a difficult piece particularly when we have many new members who have never sung it before. I'm sure that under Ruth's expert guidance we will get it together and you, both choristers and friends, will enjoy it immensely. See the Diary Dates for performance details.

2009 marks Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. Until June 6 1859, Queensland was part of the colony of New South Wales. To celebrate this milestone, the Queensland Government allocated money for a variety of community based projects celebrating Queensland's heritage. We came up with the idea of producing a CD of traditional Queensland songs eg 'Brisbane Ladies', 'The Overlander', 'Waltzing Matilda', 'When Jacarandas Bloom' etc.

Ruth, with some help from an advisor from Councillor Suzie Douglas's office spent many hours putting together a grant proposal that included a song competition as well as the CD. We got the grant!

Details of the song competition will be available from our website shortly.

Ruth has spent many more hours going through the collection of the Old Conservatorium of Music, selecting suitable songs and doing special arrangements for the choir. Over the years we have acquired quite a collection of arrangements Ruth has made exclusively for the choir. They are an important part of what gives our choir its unique edge.

Hopefully we will see all of our supporters sometime during the year at one or more of our performances.

I would also like to welcome all the new members of the choir and all those who have returned to join us in singing this beautiful music and helping us in our continuing Pursuit of Choral Excellence.

Di Buckland.

### from our Director of Music .....

The Choir has grown over the weeks – a clear sign singers still enjoy the challenge of great music. The Mozart 'Requiem' is sounding wonderful so let's all support the performances over the Easter season with a big turn-out of family and friends.

The Q150 project is shaping up well – I've completed five massive arrangements with more to come, so the choir will have fun learning and recording these for our Q150 CD of Queensland heritage songs.

Ruth Gurner

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## Diary Dates

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Friday 20th</b>	<b>Workshop 6.30pm Uniting Church Short Street Southport</b>
	Tuesday 24th	AGM and Rehearsal Ashmore
<b>APRIL</b>	Sunday 5th	Palm Sunday - St George's Church Eagle Heights 2pm
	Friday 10th	Good Friday - Trinity Anglican Mission Robina 2pm
	Sunday 19th	Sacred Heart Church, Fairways Drive Clear Island Waters 2pm
	Saturday 25th	Anzac Day Service Robina Community Centre 8.30am Anzac Day Service Surfers Paradise RSL 11am
<b>MAY</b>		Rehearsing and recording through to CD launch end of October
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Saturday 5th	Open air concert Varsity Lakes
<b>OCTOBER</b>		Stand by for date of CD launch!!
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		Sing-along Messiah
<b>DECEMBER</b>		Advent Concert, Uniting Church Southport
	Friday 18th	Christmas Service, Church of the Good Shepherd, Ashmore Binna Burra Christmas carols/choir dinner

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Mozart

*The Choir is dedicating the performances to those who perished in February's tragic bushfires in Victoria and the Choir's net cash proceeds from the performances will be donated to the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.*

*The Choir invites you to join us this Easter as we present beautiful choral music that embodies all of our faith and hopes for those who suffered in the fires.*

*In addition to the Requiem the Choir will perform other Easter classics including :  
O Rejoice that the Lord has Arisen! The Easter Hymn from "Cavalleria Rusticana" by Mascagni and  
My God, My Father. Adapted to the celebrated Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana"*

*The Choir is directed by Ruth Gurner and accompanied by Marie Nicholson with the "Tuba Mirum" trombone solo played by Robert Andreas. Our soloists include Lorelle Brown and Miriam Minarova who are always much appreciated by our audiences.*

### PERFORMANCES

Palm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 2 pm  
St George's Church Eagle Heights  
Tickets \$15 afternoon tea included

Good Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April  
Trinity Anglican Mission Robina –  
2 pm  
Tickets at the door - \$5.00

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
Sacred Heart Church  
Fairway Drive Clear Island  
Waters – 2 PM  
Tickets at the door - \$5.00

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