



# The Singers Notes

Hi Friends and fellow Singers,

What a great first rehearsal back! You all did amazing considering the not so pleasant heat on Monday night, but it was fantastic to see you all again and get back to some wonderful singing. I'm excited about the next programme and the wonderful learning opportunities it will bring for the choir to sing some truly colourful and stunning pieces. The bonus is, with them all being fairly old, there are plenty of recordings and we will endeavour to find parts as well to help you learn them and the languages that go with them.

A big welcome to our new members who braved the heat and the challenge of new music to join us, we loved having you there and hope you enjoyed the evening! Let's make 2018 an awesome year for singing!

~ Joanne

## 2018 Calendar Dates - so far!

Mon 29th January	Rehearsals start back (yay!) 7.10pm at the Pettit Centre
Sat 24th February	Performance at the Just So Festival, Kaitoke—details below
Sat 24th March	Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser at Mitre 10
Sun 20th May	Concert #1 at St Patricks College Chapel, Silverstream
Sat 30th June (TBC)	Mid Winter Christmas Pot luck dinner
August (TBC)	Joint Concert with the Wairarapa Singers
Sun 25th November	Joint Concert with The Major Minors Children's Choir
December	9 Lessons and Carols, Wainuiomata
December	Silverstream Carols in the Park

Do you know? Our Newsletters are posted on our website once they've been sent out—if you ever lose one, forget a date, what to wear or a vitally important piece of information—then you'll find a copy on our website:

[www.huttvalleysingers.org.nz](http://www.huttvalleysingers.org.nz)





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## **YouTube Playlist—First Concert**

In the email that this newsletter came attached to is a YouTube playlist for our first concert, so many wonderful pieces worth listening too!

## **Just So Festival—Saturday 24th February 2018**

This is a wonderful opportunity for us to sing at a huge event in our community early in the year—what a great way to advertise the choir!

**Wear:** It may be too hot for blacks, so a light casual outfit is fine. Please remember sunscreen/hats.

**Time:** Be there no later than 11.30am, performance 12pm—12.30pm

**Location:** Kaitoke Regional Park

- When you enter the only entrance to the park (turn left off SH2 off Waterworks Road) you will go up a long road - when you get to the entrance, tell the steward you are part of the programme and they will direct you to an access road on your left that will take you to Back Of House where you will be able to park.
- Please drive at 5mph down the access road to the car-park and artist camping field - lots of you are bringing children and I want everyone to be safe.
- Once parked up, you will be shown the way around to Wristband Exchange to get your artists wristbands, a choir member will already be there to hand them out for you.

Afterwards you are welcome to have a look around the festival and see what other wonderful things are going on.

Please sign up on the sheet at choir rehearsal so we know you're attending, or email [joanne.roelofs@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.roelofs@gmail.com)

## **Sausage Sizzle**

We are running a sausage sizzle on Saturday 24th March at Mitre 10 in Upper Hutt. We would love some volunteers to man the BBQ for an hour (or whatever time you can) on the day. Please see the sign up sheet at the back of choir. Thank you!

## **Rest Home Mini Groups**

We would like to get out and about in the community a little more and are looking at taking 'mini' choirs to some of the rest homes in the region. Mini groups are easier than trying to organise a whole choir and also allow for any smaller spaces that the venues may have for us to sing. If you are interested please sign up, we'll then email those who have signed up dates/locations and we can form groups from there. Lets get singing!

## **Sing with Friends!**

We are always thinking of new ways to attract people to the choir, if you have friends who may like to join do we have a little offer for you.....

Invite a friend to choir, once they have stayed for three consecutive concerts then we'll give you both two free adult tickets to a future Hutt Valley Singers concert of your choice. Please let Paul know if you have bought a friend to choir!



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## Supper Roster

5th Feb Wilma and Sharlene  
 12th Feb Philippa and Robert  
 19th Feb Jan and Lindy  
 26th Feb Jillian and Lance  
 5th Mar Clare and Sue

If you are unable to fill your slot and know in advance, it would help us immensely if you could please swap or arrange a replacement in advance.  
*Thank you!*

## How long is a Choir Term?

We base our 'terms' on the three main concerts we have in a year. Our term goes from our first rehearsal to the 1st concert, then starts at the next rehearsal to the 2nd concert.....and so on!

## Choir Membership Fees

The membership cost for choir this year is \$150, same as it has been for many years and is still cheaper than many other similar groups around the region.

But we are making a change this year - the full amount is now due by the end of February. If you haven't paid by then, the cost will increase to \$60 payable at the start of each term, which totals to \$180. We have significant expenses (each rehearsal now costs more than \$100), we don't make a profit, and we do appreciate your contribution. Please feel free to talk to me if you have any queries.

The choirs bank account details for direct payments is:  
 Hutt Valley Singers—ANZ Upper Hutt  
 01-0771-0018882-00

Thank you!  
 Paul Marshall—Treasurer

## Life Members

This is a little section to acknowledge our current life members.

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