



## QWIRE NOTES

– April 2016

### Welcome to the April issue of Qwire Notes!

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### Sponsors

Qwire is always happy to receive financial and in-kind support from sponsors. If you know of any organisations or businesses that may be interested in sponsoring Qwire, please let our Treasurer know so that we can contact them.

### Qwire T-Shirts

A reminder that our Qwire T-Shirts are available for sale at rehearsals each Thursday night. Please see Julia Byford to purchase yours or to place an order if we do not have your size in stock

### Membership fees

Big thank you! from our Treasurer for all those who have settled their fees for semester 1. There are only a handful of members who have not paid and it would be appreciated if those members could make the necessary arrangements to pay their fees.

### Upcoming Events

#### [Day of Silence – 15 April](#)

The Day of Silence (DOS) is a student-led day of action on which those who support making anti-LGBT bullying and harassment unacceptable in schools participate in events to recognize and protest the discrimination and harassment – in effect, the silencing – experienced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students and their allies. Students who participate in DOS often take a vow of silence during the school day, handing out “speaking cards”, which explain the reason for their silence

#### [Performance: Book launch for Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture – 28 April](#)

This is Qwire's first paid gig for the year and we will be performing two songs commencing at 6:00pm – click the link above for further information.

It would be appreciated if our singing members could advise their availability (or not) as soon as possible so that our Events Manager and Music Group can finalise our plans.



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### [AIDS Memorial - Candlelight Vigil – 15 May](#)

The Qwire will be performing as part of the proceedings during the annual Candlelight Vigil for the AIDS Memorial, hosted by the AIDS Action Council. Click the link above for further information.

It would be appreciated if our singing members could advise their availability (or not) as soon as possible so that our Events Manager and Music Group can finalise our plans.

### *Committee Meeting – 29 April*

### **Qwire camping it up 17-19 June**

Qwire Camp allows for some great bonding, social and entertaining time as well as having the equivalent of 9 rehearsals wrapped up in an intensive weekend.

Qwire currently has 87 singing members and there are only 44 beds left, so if you are a financial singing member and you have not yet lodged your camp registration form, you are encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Forms are available on the desk at Qwire rehearsal or on our [webpage](#). You will need to log into the members area to download the form from the webpage.

Of course, you don't have to sleep over and you can certainly come as a day visitor, but a registration form must still be completed.

### ***Pacific Pride Choir***

Founded by Sarah & Melanie Penicka-Smith, with the help of KIconcerts, the Pacific Pride Choir (PPC) is an occasional touring choir created to contribute to the visibility and acceptance of LGBTQI people in countries where homosexuality is legalised, but not fully recognised. PPC will travel to areas without their own queer choir, and/or where LGBTQI people are still working towards acceptance. We will work in partnership with local LGBTQI organisations and people to create visibility, solidarity, and recognition.

Pacific Pride Choir is open to any member of the LGBTQI community, and to their straight friends. Experience singing in a choir is preferable but not essential. Partners, family members and friends who do not wish to sing but would still like to participate are welcome to travel. It is anticipated most choir members will come from Australia, but choristers from all over the world including Asia and the USA have also been invited.

Pacific Pride Qwire will run from 10-21 July 2017 and will be performing in Berlin, Krakow and Warsaw. The cost for the full packaged starts from A\$5,895 pp



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If you are interested in further information, please send an email to [enquiries@canberraqwire.org.au](mailto:enquiries@canberraqwire.org.au)

Please note, Qwire is assisting in spreading the word about this worthwhile choir but this is not a Qwire event.

### **Various Voices – Munich 9-13 May 2018**

Various Voices is a pan-European choral festival aimed at gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender choirs and choruses. Qwire attended Various Voices in Dublin in 2014 and the Committee has agreed that if there is sufficient interest, we will perform in Munich in 2018.

If any Qwire member is interested in becoming the coordinator for this event, please send an email to [Convenor@canberraqwire.org.au](mailto:Convenor@canberraqwire.org.au)

### **Call out for Wave and Wavers**

As some of you may have heard, [Speak Percussion](#) are going to be directing a performance of *A wave and waves* next month for the Canberra International Music Festival. Unfortunately the Festival has just had a major setback and they have lost a large group of performers, so they are hoping we can help by spreading the word to find some great players to join them!

They are looking for volunteer performers (aged 12 and up) who can be in Canberra from May 4-8 for rehearsals and a performance in the National Gallery of Australia. All instruments will be provided, only a basic musical background is required, and of course they'll get the wonderful *Waves* community experience. If you have friends, family members, contacts in Canberra they would love for you to let them know about this project.

Full details and rehearsal schedule can be found [here](#), and the event listing for the Festival can be found [here](#). If you have questions or would like more information on how to sign up, please email Kaylie:

[kaylie@speakpercussion.com](mailto:kaylie@speakpercussion.com).

Please note, Qwire is assisting in spreading the word about this, but this is not a Qwire event

### **Save the Date**

Don't forget our one and only Qwire Concert will be held at 'The Q' – Queanbeyan Performing Arts Centre on Sunday 23 October at 2pm and 7pm

Until next month,

Mikey Pettit

Convenor