

Welcome to the November issue of Qwire Notes!

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October 2015

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 22 October 2015 and sadly some long serving committee members decided not to stand for nomination.

I would particularly like to thank Jen our Secretary,



Bridget our Treasurer,



Catherine our Music Librarian



Sarah our Publicity Officer



and Dave our Bookings Officer



These people have given so much of their valuable time in a voluntary capacity and their “corporate knowledge” will be sorely missed.

I take this opportunity to welcome in the new guard who will take office with the committee from January: Anni our Secretary, David our Treasurer, Vicki Marsh and June Boyle as our Music Librarians, Davey as our Public and Social Media Officer (and webmaster) and Ann-Marie Bortoli and Julia Byford as our joint Booking Officers. So fresh faces, new ideas and fun times ahead.

I would also like to thank Yvonne Korn and Ian Scott who return as our Event Managers – where would we be without them! Although not committee positions, a big thank you to Philip Habel for continuing as our Public Officer and Pam and Stein who will lead our social committee for the next 12 months.

During October, we had a very successful day with our stall at Fair Day – thanks to those involved but particularly Davey and Pete who managed to break records with the revenue made through the sale of merchandise on the day. We had a prime location which obviously assisted. A big thank you to those who performed as well. It was a great day in a new location and we were loved by all!

A special thank you to Jess and Jen for accompanying Qwire with their keyboard and guitar and of course Karen who stepped up at the last moment to direct Qwire for our performance.



2 days later, Qwire fronted again for a performance at the ACT Australian of the Year Awards ceremony at the National Gallery of Australia. It was a privilege to be invited and a small ensemble did us proud as we watched our Music Director, Leonard Weiss receive his nomination for the Young Australian of the Year. Unfortunately Leonard did not win the coveted prize but just to be nominated is no small achievement, beating some 8,000 other nominations! What better way to celebrate his birthday!

4 days later and another ensemble gathered in the Tuggeranong Arts Centre as we performed with In Full Swing as part of the Tuggeranong Silver Linings 25 year anniversary and a SpringOUT Pride Festival event. Those that participated had an absolute ball as we performed some of our hits from our mid-year concert.



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This is the time of the year when we wrap up our semester with just two more performances to go: We are delighted to have been invited once again by the National Gallery of Australia to perform at their members shopping night on the 19th.

Of course, the big finale is our end of year concert, *We Are* on the 21st November at the Lyneham Performing Arts Centre. This will be a tough gig as we are competing with other musical events on that night, but I am sure we will get the numbers needed with the help and assistance of our members and friends. Details are available by clicking on the picture below. Our Music Director will also announce the themes for our 2016 semesters at the conclusion of the concert, which I know will be loved by Qwire and our supporters!



On the 24th we have the joint sitting of our current committee and the new committee as the position batons are handed over. It is also the last committee meeting for the year.

2016

For those attending Out & Loud in Auckland, rehearsals will be on 4th and 11th February 2016.

For those not attending Auckland, our first and open rehearsal for 2016 will be held on 25 February 2016.

This is also the final Qwire Notes for the year and on behalf of the committee, I wish you all a safe and wonderful Christmas and New Year. Thank you again to those members who have provided support, words of wisdom and the weekly hugs at rehearsal. It is the members who make the Qwire and I am so proud to be associated with such an amazing group of talented and loveable people.

Mikey Pettit

Convenor