



**Welcome to the Central Coast Philharmonia**

We are a community choir that strives for excellence. We have been going for 54 years and over those years members have had at least one thing in common - we love to sing together.

**Musical Director**

We are fortunate to have an incredibly talented Musical Director in Philip Rees OAM. He will take you on an amazing musical journey through familiar and unfamiliar territory.

**Repertoire**

Our repertoire ranges from classical (Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Vivaldi) to popular (folk, pop, spirituals, Broadway) to current composers at the forefront contemporary choral music (Whitacre, Leek)

**Concerts**

Singing with others is an exceptionally pleasurable and healthy activity but singing at a concert in front of 100-250 paying customers brings the added benefit of adrenalin. The Philharmonia is quite unique in the amount and variety of performance opportunities it provides for its singers. Each term ends with a major concert: Autumn, Winter and Spring. In addition to these, we have the Gala Concert, usually (but not this year) in Term 2. Also, we perform 4 concerts for our sponsor, Evergreen Life Care.

Philharmonia singers often have the opportunity to sing in other settings: ANZAC Services, Collaborations with Central Coast Opera, Christmas concerts and Charity concerts.

<b>Central Coast Philharmonia 2017 Dates</b>	
Saturday 25th March	Workshop @ Evergreen 10am
Saturday 8th April	<b>Miniatures</b> Walter Baker Room, Blackwall Road Woy Woy, 7.30pm
Sunday 23rd April	Evergreen Concert 1 @ 3pm
Monday 24th April	Evergreen ANZAC Service 10am (12 singers required)
Sunday 18th June	Evergreen Concert 2 @ 3pm
Saturday 29th July	Workshop (Calling All Dawns) @ Evergreen 10am
Sunday 13th August	<b>Calling All Dawns</b> @ The Art House 2.30pm
Sunday 20th August	Evergreen Concert 3 @ 3pm
Saturday 28th October	Workshop (Mozart's Requiem) @ Evergreen 10am
Saturday 18th November	<b>Mozart's Requiem</b> @ St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy 7.30pm
Sunday 10th December	Evergreen Concert 4 (Christmas) 3pm (Carolers from 1.30pm)

## Committee Members

President: Duncan Waight  
Vice president: Trevor Moore  
Librarian: Paul Degeling  
Treasurer: Quentin Reynolds  
Secretaries: Maria Collins & Lilliane Driberg  
Pastoral Care: Monica Bray  
General: Lyn Dwyer & Dawn Torrens

We also have Lil Bennetts as stage manager.

## Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held on Monday nights 7.30-9.30 at Evergreen Life Care Auditorium, Yallambee Ave, West Gosford. Usually, we have a 5 minute break at about 8.30pm. Singers are encouraged to wear a name badge.

If you are unable to attend a rehearsal, please advise your section leader (text or email is OK).

Currently section leaders are:

Karen Brand - Sopranos  
Monica Bray - Altos  
Trevor Moore - Tenors and Basses

## Sheet Music

You will be provided with sheet music (vocal scores) at the beginning of each term. This music has been purchased or borrowed by the Philharmonia for you to use. In most cases, it must be returned to the Librarian (Paul) after the concert. You are allowed (indeed, encouraged) to notate your scores using a soft pencil (2B or 4B) only.

Do NOT use pens or highlighters unless given the OK to do so.

Before handing back music, erase all pencil markings.

## Midi Files

Midi files are sound files that are usually provided for you to do individual practice at home. Usually, they are very time-consuming for Paul Degeling and Ian Wood to produce, but they are an incredibly valuable learning tool. They are usually emailed to singers by one of our secretaries (Maria or Lilliane)

## Communications

Most of the important information is provided to singers via email. **Make sure Lilliane has your current correct email address.** Alternatively, you can message Duncan via our active Facebook page or phone him on the number below.

Phil is our webpage (ccphilharmonia.com.au) administrator and Duncan is the Facebook administrator. "Like" our Facebook page and follow what we're up to.

## Fees

Fees are \$75 per term. There are 3 terms each year. Roughly they are as follows:

Term 1 February- April (Autumn concert)

Term 2 May- August (Gala & Winter concerts)

Term 3 September-December (Spring [& sometimes Christmas] concerts)

Payment should be made within the first month of each term to our Treasurer, Quentin.

If you prefer to pay annually, you can pay the discounted fee of \$205.

Fees can be paid by cash, cheque or direct deposit: BSB 062544 A/C 10267517 (put your name as a reference)

### **Sponsorship**

We enjoy the generous support of Evergreen Life Care. Evergreen provide sponsorship in the form of a cash donation to the Philharmonia as well as the use of their excellent auditorium for rehearsals and workshops. We are proud to be associated with this wonderful organisation.

### **Central Coast Conservatorium**

The Philharmonia has a long-standing and highly-valued relationship with the Central Coast Conservatorium. Many of the musicians and soloists we engage are staff members or have been trained at the Conservatorium. The Conservatorium can provide high quality training for anyone (of any age) seeking to improve their singing ability.

Duncan Waight

President, Central Coast Philharmonia

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