

Chorale's Christmas gift for Katie Rose JIM FAGAN

Christmas came early for Katie Rose Cottage in December with \$3700 being raised for the hospice from the raffle proceeds at Noosa Chorale's Christmas Cheer 'Wassail'.

LOVE was the theme and The J Theatre was transformed into a fairyland of illuminated hearts and festive decorations for the 13th of these annual well-loved Wassails.

It was two nights of mince pies, Christmas carols, cheese platters and loads of singing fun and the theme was reflected with carols like "Love Came Down at Christmas."

Even The Beatles were remembered with their all-time classic "All You Need Is Love" with members of the audience coming on stage, holding the letters of the song title, and joining the choir.

Said Chorale president Gai Ramsay, "Many of those who are regular Wassailers say that for them the Wassail is really the start of celebrating Christmas.



Wassail audience members join Adrian King and the Chorale on stage for the finale rendition of the Beatles classic 'All You Need is Love'

"Each year it's a sell-out. Noosa people love sitting at 'cabaret-style' tables, having a few drinks and a Christmassy supper, and joining in singing well-loved carols with the choir.

"This year we wanted to help a charity and Katie Rose has such a special place in Noosa hearts. Our community is blessed to have such a unique hospice here."

Our 25th year in review... ANGIE OAKLEY



Noosa Chorale singers with Music Director Adrian King at Noosa Beach in May 2019

At the first ever performance of Noosa Chorale in December 1994, the inspiring notes of the famous aria from Handel's Messiah "*I know that my Redeemer liveth*" was sung by soprano Hettie van Wyk.

Fast-forward 25 years to 2019 and we were treated to another beautiful solo from Hettie singing the Roger Emerson arrangement of "*Love Came Down at Christmas*" at our last concert of the year—the Christmas Cheer Wassail.



Sopranos Joan Murray and Hettie van Wyk (right)

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Verdi Requiem, at the Noosa Leisure Centre, in May 2019



The Shimmy Sisters (from left) Margaret Haffenden, Jenny Jackson and Linda Bishop



Cabaret and All That Jazz, at The J, in August 2019

And therein lies the essence of what was celebrated in our silver anniversary year of 2019: loyal, long-serving singers like foundation members Hettie and Joan Murray, a shared devotion to beautiful music, a massively expanded repertoire, and more than double the number of singers than in that first year 25 years ago.

Our first concert of 2019 was in May when we performed at the Leisure Centre with the Sunshine Coast Choral Society plus a fifty-piece orchestra, and four soloists for our first and arguably most ambitious performance of the year—the Verdi ‘Requiem’.

It was without question a triumph, the memory of which will endure for both the sell-out audience and performers. And that audience was expanded far outside the concert hall (a transformed

basketball arena!) by the first ever world-wide broadcast of the concert on Noosa FM101.3.

By August we had switched to cabaret mode as we joined with our statuesque songstress Juliarna Clark and the Australian Jazz Ensemble for two sell-out performances of ‘Cabaret and All That Jazz’ at the beginning of the 2019 Noosa Jazz Party.

Needless to say, our very own Shimmy Sisters boogied with the best of them, and The J Theatre rocked with our sound. We rounded off a stellar year with our traditional Christmas Wassail—another ‘House Full’ occasion.

In addition to these major events, the Chorale continued its longstanding community commitments, offering our *Australian Medley* as part of the Noosa Council’s Australia Day Citizenship

Ceremonies at the J Theatre, and at a second ceremony in October.

Dawn at Verrierdale saw us joining the Anzac Remembrance Ceremony, followed by the traditional community breakfast, with the famous ‘Moreton Bay porridge’ (rum and milk), which no doubt fortified us for the Eumundi Anzac March that followed.

Parts of the Verdi ‘Requiem’ were performed on Palm Sunday at the Sunshine Beach Anglican Church, and Christmas joy was spread around in a number of community events.

We sang a selection of Christmas carols to residents of Noosa Care Carramar nursing home in Tewantin, and at Aveo Peregrin Springs Country Club, as well as at the Yandina Ginger Factory’s special Christmas event.

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In addition, many of the Chorale members answered the call to accompany the remarkable Michaela Burger in her performance of 'A Migrant's Son' as part of the Noosa Alive Festival of the Arts in July.



Noosa Chorale singers with Michaela Burger in her cabaret performance of 'A Migrant's Son'.

As a result of the generosity of our Wassail audiences and choir members, and some forty local business and organisations who contributed prizes for the raffles, the sum of \$3700 raised by raffle ticket sales was donated to the Katie Rose Cottage Hospice in Doonan.

And with a view to fostering a love of music in the next generation, a donation of \$1200 for a new piano keyboard was given to Tewantin State Primary School.



Grade 6 pupils at Tewantin State Primary School cheer the arrival of their new piano.

None of this remarkable work has been possible without the energies and devotion of the people of our Chorale, all of whom get in and do their part. But we all must acknowledge the work of a key group whose leadership, dedication, and diverse talents ensured such a successful and rewarding year.

At the centre is our inspirational leader Adrian King, whose energy, discipline and musical accomplishment are legion. With the accompaniment of the wonderful musician Janet Brewer—a concert performer in her own right—rehearsals are a joy, and concerts a triumph.

Another multi talented musician, our President Gai Ramsay has been nothing short of heroic in her unrelenting devotion to organising, planning, communicating and promoting the continuing excellence of the Chorale.

And all is done with such a lovely manner, and cheerful smile, most evident in her generous hosting of a wonderful 25th birthday party for the Chorale in her garden at Tewantin.

Her sidekick, Secretary Cal Webb is just always there – scanning, planning, promoting, directing, persuading with her wry smile and quiet charm. Her journalistic and design skills are what drives this publication and along with our resident journo and historian Jim Fagan, keeps the record of our choir alive, with help on photographic input from soprano Ann Milland.

The sterling work of Pam Sage with the tenors and bases has given our choir depth and musical heft. And where would we be without Rose Brown, who so ably arranges our seating and marshalls us on and off the stage?

Also, Anne Kropman who keeps the books with forensic accuracy and our tea and coffee providore Wilma Barnes, who chases the raffle donations with tenacity and charm.

...and while we're on the subject, Fran Wilson who coordinates our marketing team and manages the choir's facebook and Instagram accounts. And Marilyn Benson who unfailingly delivers warm greetings to singers at the door each week. And Pamela Turnbull who so willingly stepped in to accompany the choir on piano when asked. And so many members past and present who pick up front-of-house duties at our concerts. The list just keeps on going...



Janet Brewer



The king, Adrian King



Noosa Chorale members enjoy a splendid 25th birthday garden party at President Gai Ramsay's home in September.

And who could forget the truly magnificent Christmas decorations that appear every year from the creative hands of Jenny Jackson, with the help of Bronwyn Innes and so many others.

On a sadder note, Bronwyn's father Alastair—a veteran member of the choir—was farewelled this year as were tenor Daryl Gray, soprano Beryl Perham, and singer John Abel, much loved husband of soprano Marilyn.

The theme for this year's Wassail, so beautifully evoked by Jenny's splendid light show, was LOVE—an appropriate emblem for our year: love of music, love for our community, and love shown in our care and shared efforts for one another. What a wonderful foundation for the new decade.



Linda Williams (centre), Manager of Bendigo Bank Tewantin, joins in singing carols with Chorale singers after announcing their award of a special donation of \$1500 recognising Noosa Chorale's community contribution.





Elaine Young and Maggie Watson

Wassail 2019

Society pics

Ann Milland (photos)
Linda Bishop (captions)



Valerie Williams and Lesley Black



Betty Holton and Jill Rodgers



Christian Cameron and Elizabeth Cameron



Carol Blake, Lesley Wilkin, Ben Smith,
and Jana Smith



Bob Ramsay and Helen Smith



Jeanette Yates and Josie Yates



Helen Robson, Jen Lewis, Kay Slee, Jeff
Robson, Graeme Lewis, Mike Slee



Sibyl Lloyd, Mavis Saunders, Lynne
Saunders, Linda Bishop, Sue Parker, Marty
Tackill and David Merny



Rosie Smith



Ron, Wendy, and Russell Heffernan



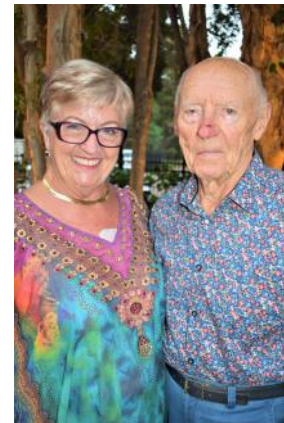
Elly Richards



Bruce and Janet McCleary



Carol and John Raye



Jutta and Gunter Buczynski



Debra Schneider and Debbie Coughlin



Tia and Edward Hooper



Rebecca and Cassidy Ward



John Hooper, Bill and Carol Rooke and



Carol Rooke and Judy Wrigley



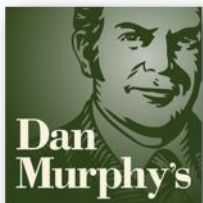
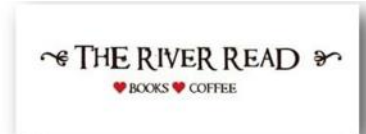
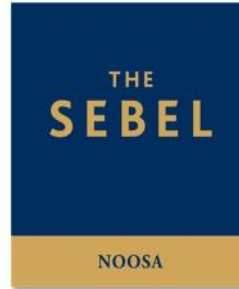
Rhys, Kendal, Tio and Aurora Barrowcliffe

Noosa Chorale says *a big thank you* to local businesses and organisations for their generous donations of prizes to this year's Wassail raffle.

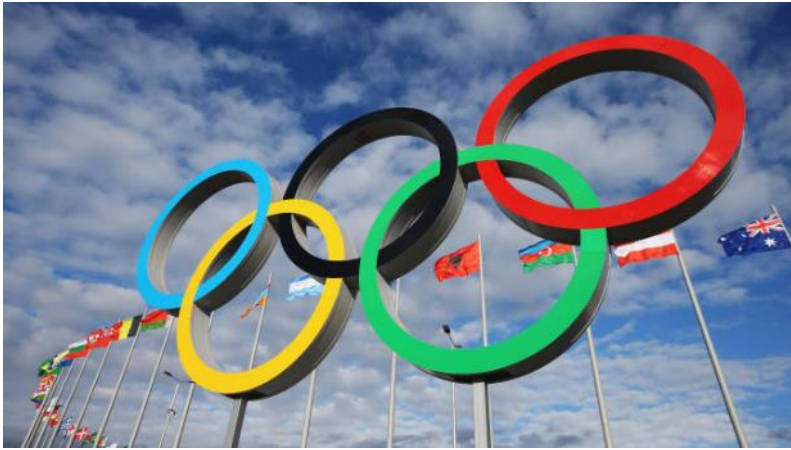
Raffle proceeds totalling \$3,700 were donated to Katie Rose Cottage Hospice in Doonan.



KATIE ROSE COTTAGE HOSPICE
HOSPICE CARE ... WHEN EVERY MOMENT MATTERS



Your 2020 Noosa Chorale Concert Calendar



Friday 22 & Saturday 23 May 'Spirit of Olympia' Music of the Olympic Games

A celebration of the Olympic spirit through a century of music played at the Olympic Games.... with massed choral voices, soloists and orchestra, and musical selections from Handel to Andrew Lloyd Webber, from Sibelius to Leonard Cohen...



Supported by a Noosa Council Community Project grant



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Friday 25 & Saturday 26 September 'The Seasons in Sound and Colour'

Haydn's oratorio 'The Seasons' glorifying nature in all its magnificent seasonal moods...with massed choral voices, soloists and orchestra... and illustrated on screen by original paintings created for the concert by artists of the

Noosa Arts and Crafts Association



Concert proceeds will be donated to Katie Rose Cottage Hospice



Friday 18 & Saturday 19 December 'Wassail' Christmas Cheer Concert

Noosa's favourite end-of-year concert of carol singing and good cheer in a genial Christmas atmosphere, with drinks and festive supper fare, rousing singalong of well-loved carols with the choir, and super raffle prizes to be won



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