

CONCERT AT THE MADELEY RETIREMENT VILLAGE
Wednesday 27th, 2008

The Perth Male Voice Choir was again invited to perform at the Madeley Retirement Village last night, and performed a program which had been selected by Madeley resident and fellow Choir Member, Fred Jackson.

To be consistent with previous years, many choir members became lost on their annual pilgrimage to the northern suburbs but they made good use of their "*visas to cross the River*" and we ended up with a 28 member strength choir.

We were met in the large village meeting room by approx 90 village members all ready for a great night's entertainment. Several of our members checked out the excellent facilities of Complex, with a view to moving in.

Conductor, Don was in party mode and really worked the audience at times leaving the choir to their own devices, much to the amusement of our audience.

This was particularly evident during the rendition of the so called War Songs, *It's a long way to Tipperary, Kiss me Goodnight Sergeant Major, Pack up your troubles and Roses of Picardy*. The Tenors were to sing one song and the basses sing another (*still not sure what the combination was and think I was part of it.*) The audience was broken into sections and were asked to join in supporting either the Bass or Tenors. Total confusion reigned for some time and much laughter, interjections resulted.

As it was the first time the writer had participated in this section of the program, I am unsure whether it was a very clever act or was truly confusion.

The item was certainly a hit with audience and choir members.

Soloist Jock, although supposedly unprepared managed to put together two well received numbers and had the audience and choir, well involved with joining him in the chorus of Loch Lomond.

It was great to see long time choir member, Glynn back in the audience after a spell, of feeling unwell. His scowls were noted and even more pleasing was his applause.

Our M.C in training, Glanmor, did us proud, particularly when advising of the forth coming SOS concert and that he could sympathise with the homeless people who form part of the SOS choir, as *he too had been homeless ----- until he apologised to his wife !!!!!!!*

Glanmor gave full credit to fellow Choir Member, Ken Steele, who has been the motivator and main drive wheel in getting the "Spirit of the Streets Choir" up and running.

Quite an incredible feat," for an elderly bloke".

The program appeared to be very well received and only one person was noted to briefly "*rest their eyes for a time*".

We received a very gracious thank you, from, Valerie Dyson who had been in the role of Vice President of the Village Committee for one day. Following the closing, the choir members were rewarded with refreshments by the Village members which were very well received.

A good night in front of a very appreciative, happy and receptive audience.

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