

# SOS CHOIR UPDATE

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The past few weeks since the last update have been hectic for both the ***"Spirit of the Streets"*** and the, ***"Perth Male Voice Choirs"***.

The ***"Spirit of the Streets"*** had several engagements including three in National Homeless Week one of which was in Forrest Place in the Centre of the City and which received a rapturous response from the general public.

The ***"Perth Male Voice Choir"*** performed at their, August, annual fund raising concert at the Fremantle Town Hall which is always a significant event for them.

In addition to the above activities, we have passed several other important milestones in the process of putting together the concert details for our major concert on October 14 at the Perth Concert Hall.

The Musical Directors of both choirs, Bernard Carney and Don Gollagher, visited the Perth Concert Hall together with the producer, Rachel Moorhead to get the feel of the venue and the facilities.

***I accompanied them in the role of project manager and for me; stepping out onto such a huge stage was an experience on its own. Standing on the stage and looking out at row after row and tier after tier of empty seats brought home the magnitude of the task ahead filling the venue for our concert.***

Another significant appointment has been that of Sue Scrutton to assist us with the task of publicizing the event.

Sue is a successful Media Consultant and Events Coordinator amongst her many other talents and we welcome her offer to be of assistance but only wish we could give her a budget worthy of her talents.

Sue can be assured we will all pitch in and assist with the task of getting the message across to the general public to attract the audience for the night.

We hope to have our graphic artist on board this week and the task of designing fliers and the program can commence in earnest.

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> August, we had a joint rehearsal with a difference.

Previous joint rehearsals have involved both choirs singing to each other from their individual repertoire. For this rehearsal we moved into the area of singing together and working on items which we believe will form a part of the final program.

New faces constantly appear at the ***"Spirit of the Streets Choir"*** rehearsals and they are all most welcome be they singers or people just wishing to help with the event.

Finally, we are welcoming another choir ***"Working Voices"*** to join us. This choir is also directed by Bernard Carney and will appear with us on the night to add to the program.

Much hard work still lies ahead and a great deal of rehearsal needs to be fitted into the existing performance schedules for all choirs prior to the big night.

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