

# Dunedin RSA Choir

A NEWSLETTER FOR CHOIR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

Our website: [www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz](http://www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz)

## Upcoming Events:

1. **Matariki Concert** - Friday 14th July 2023, 2pm, at the St. Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.
2. **Scholar Concert** - Saturday 9th September 2023, 2pm, at the St. Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.
3. **Peace Sunday Service** - Sunday 6th August, 7 pm, at Knox Church. The choir will sing with the Knox Church Choir.
4. **Armistice Day Concert** - Saturday 11th November - may be out of town.

## News Items:



### Karen Knudson receives the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for services to music.

The choir is delighted to be able to congratulate our Musical Director Karen Knudson who was honoured in the recent King's Birthday Honours List with the Queen's Service Medal. The choir was also delighted to be able to support her nomination. Quoting some items from our support for her nomination:

*The choir considers itself to be very fortunate in having Karen lead us in our musical endeavours as we support civic, religious and military events in the Dunedin area.*

*While many may have musical ability, few have the ability that Karen has with a natural empathy that promotes singing and enjoyment in the way she leads our choir.*

*Karen not only conducts our choir but has composed music for us, a recent example being a piece for our centenary. She also makes complicated musical arrangements for solo voice and instruments. Karen is accomplished on any musical keyboard and has, when necessary, both accompanied the choir while conducting it!*

*There is no doubt, it having been observed by many independent observers, that our choir has been hugely enhanced with Karen as our Musical Director.*



### Farewell to Mark

Our accompanist for the last 2 years, Mark Wigglesworth, will be leaving us in August as he moves to Glasgow to further study music.

We have greatly enjoyed his musical talent, willingness to help wherever he can, undertaking musical arrangements and putting music onto our Sibelius software.

We wish Mark well in his future study and musical career. We are currently seeking Mark's replacement.

# Chairman's Message

We hope this newsletter finds you well.

Its another full year for the choir having already completed a number of public events on ANZAC Day.

We were delighted when Karen received her Queen's Service Medal for services to music. The choir, and Dunedin, are very fortunate to have someone with her talents with us.

We have reintroduced our Subscribers' Programme and have renamed it to Friends of the RSA Choir. We do hope that you, and others, will become our friend. This sort of support encourages the choir and helps us financially. It's a challenge to keep a choir like ours performing, so if you'd like to support live music and see talented guest, all at a reasonable cost, we'd love you to become a Friend of the RSA Choir.

We hope to see many of you at our Matariki Concert in a couple of weeks. The venue of St Patrick's Church in South Dunedin is an ideal venue being, warm, with comfortable seats, level access and excellent acoustics. The guests performers are outstanding.

In the meantime, stay warm.

Kind regards Kevin



## Will You Be Our Friend?

As many will know, we suspended our Subscribers' programme during the necessary Covid lockdowns as we were unable to guarantee that we could offer concerts!

Now that we are back in surer times, we are now relaunching and rebranding this programme as

*Friends of the RSA Choir*  
and asking  
*Will you be our friend?*

By becoming a **Friend of the RSA Choir** you are:

- Showing your support for live music in Dunedin
- Helping the choir sing in front of a live audience
- Supporting the choir financially.



Choir members singing at a concert.

Being a **Friend of the RSA Choir** entitles you TWO tickets to any one of our public concerts for \$50/year. Of course, you can always gift a **Friend** to a friend! We can never have too many friends.

To become a Friend, just contact Neville Carr:

- Email him [nevcarr@gmail.com](mailto:nevcarr@gmail.com), OR
- phone him on 03 477 9131, OR
- write to him at 6 Bruce St, Roslyn OR
- direct credit into our bank account 03-0903-0385394-00 (please add your name and the word **Friend**). As always tax receipts will be issued on request.

We hope that you can support the choir in this way.

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Our **Friends** at a Knox Church Concert!

# DUNEDIN RSA CHOIR



## Matariki Concert

2:00 pm Friday 14th July

St Patricks Basilica

40 Mcandrew Rd South Dunedin

Tickets for sale at the door—\$20 Cash Only

### Featuring

Dominic Edmond—RSA scholar

Boudewijn Keenan—Cello

Cameron Monteith—Piano

Conductor—Karen Knudson QSM

Accompanist - Mark Wigglesworth

## Matariki Concert, Friday 14th July 2023, 2 pm

The Concert is being held in the St. Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.

The theme for this concert is Matariki. The choir will sing some new songs and some familiar ones. This will be the first concert our new scholar Dom Edmond will be singing for us. We also will have Boudewijn Keenan who was the overall winner in this year's Dunedin Concerto competition playing his Cello and Cameron Monteith, also a finalist in the same competition, playing the piano.

Please note, **all tickets are \$20**, purchased on the day, at the door. **Cash sale only!**

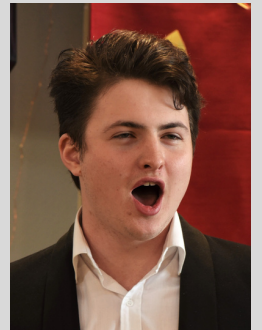
We are looking forward to seeing you there.

## Scholar Concert, Saturday 9th September 2023, 2 pm

The Concert is being held in the St. Patrick's Basilica, Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.



The choir's three current Scholars, Kieran Kelly, Rosie Auchinvole and Dominic Edmond will all be singing a selection of songs of their choice, and the choir singing a few songs from their collection. A great opportunity to hear the scholars great voices, trained at the Otago University.



## We are looking for New Singers!

Join our team of happy singers!

There are many benefits from being in a choir, including great socialising and improved health! As one of our mature guys said ' my doctor is amazed how good my lungs are and said, whatever you are doing, keep doing it'. You don't need to have a singing background or be ex service to join.

Just contact any choir member or come along to any of our weekly Monday practices (7 to 9 pm) in the Salvation Army Hall, Princes St, to see if it suits you. Visitors are always welcome.

For more Information about our choir, go to our Website [www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz](http://www.dunedinrsachoir.co.nz)

