

# Dunedin RSA Choir

A NEWSLETTER FOR CHOIR MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS

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

## Upcoming Events:

1. **Vocal Scholars' Concert**, Saturday 9th September. 2pm at the St. Patrick's Basilica, 40 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.
2. **Passchendaele Memorial Service**, Thursday 12th October in the Railway Station Foyer.
3. **Armistice Day Concert**. Saturday 11th November 1pm in Gore, at the Gore District Memorial RSA Inc. Facility in Bowler Avenue.
4. **End of Year Dinner/concert**. Date to be confirmed, early December. Possibly Orokonui Café
5. **Neptune Memorial Service**. Around 17 Dec. (if it is being held this year.)
6. **Montecillo Christmas Morning tea and Carols**. Usually a week before Christmas.
7. **Presbyterian Support Club Enliven Carol Singing**. End of November or early December. Small group only.



## Chairman's Message

It's been a wonderfully busy year so far with the choir singing at a number of events. As you can see from this Newsletter, the rest of the year has us singing widely around Otepoti and we are planning to be in Gore for our Armistice Day Concert.

Our next major concert is our Vocal Scholars' Concert as we showcase our 22nd, 23rd and 24th Vocal Scholars. All are studying at the University of Otago and this concert provides an excellent opportunity for them to display some of their year's work. We know the Scholars greatly appreciate these opportunities of performing in front of an appreciative audience. It's at St Patrick's Basilica which is an excellent venue for this concert.

We invite you to consider becoming a Friend of the Choir. Further details are later in this Newsletter. Your ongoing support helps us to stage concerts like our Vocal Scholars' Concert.

In the meantime, enjoy the early signs of spring and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards

Kevin



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Friend?

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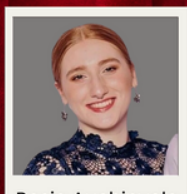
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## VOCAL SCHOLARS CONCERT

SONGS BY THE VOCAL SCHOLARS AND THE CHOIR.



Kieran Kelly



Rosie Auchinvole



Dom Edmond

**SATURDAY, 9TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

**2PM**

**ST PATRICK'S BASILICA  
40 MACANDREW RD SOUTH DUNEDIN**

**TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE DOOR  
CASH ONLY**

More information at  
[www.dunedinrsa choir.co.nz](http://www.dunedinrsa choir.co.nz)

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## Vocal Scholar Concert

**Saturday 9th September 2023**

**2pm at the St. Patrick's Basilica**

**40 Macandrew Road, South Dunedin.**

The choir organises this concert to give all our current choir scholars the opportunity to perform a selection of songs of their liking in front of a bigger audience and sing some items with the choir.

For you, the audience, it is an excellent opportunity to come and listen to these excellent singers, listen to great music, and enjoy seeing how their voices get better and better over the years they are studying at the Otago University.

Please come and enjoy listening to these emerging stars.

The choir will also sing a small selection of songs from their repertoire.

## The Choir sings for Erica Paterson's Farewell Fundraiser.

Erica held an outstanding Farewell Fundraising concert in the evening of the Saturday 5th August, in the Marama Hall, Otago University. Featuring favourites from opera, musical theatre, and beyond with the Dunedin RSA Choir; Emma McClean, soprano; Claire Barton, mezzo-soprano; Ridge Ponini, tenor; and Tom McGrath and Terence Dennis on the piano.

The choir sang two songs at the start of the concert and then went back onto the stage to sing "You'll never walk alone" together with Erica and all the soloists. A very fitting finish to an outstanding concert.



# Choir Member David Coulter has his 90th Birthday.

David joined the choir in 1978, being now an incredible 45 years in the choir. He is still a strong singer and also is still serving on the committee as Deputy Chairman. Incredible achievements! The choir was very happy to be able to gate crash his birthday party and sing two songs for David!



David at a concert in the Town Hall, in the early 1990's



David at the Scholar Concert in 2022.

## 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.

Being a **Friend of the RSA Choir** entitles you to 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.

Kevin Tansley  
Chair, Dunedin RSA Choir

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Boudewijn Keenan playing the Cello with our pianist at the Matariki Concert



Choir members singing at the Matariki concert July 2023.

If we do not already have your email address, please email it to  
Neville Carr:  
[nevcarr@gmail.com](mailto:nevcarr@gmail.com), OR phone him  
on 03 477 9131

# Our Sponsors and Donors:

Financing the running of the choir and the various concerts the choir organises, is becoming increasingly costly and we are relying more and more on donations from various sources.

## Our Sponsors are:

Audiology South	Dunedin Harbour Rotary Club
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Mitchells Tavern	Edinburgh Realty

## Our Donors are:

Bendigo Valley Sports and  
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Grant Scheme  
Otago Community Trust  
Southern Trust

If you wish to assist the choir and make a donation you can give online to our bank account:

**Westpac 03-0903-0385394-000**, Dunedin RSA Choir. Your donation will be greatly appreciated!



Choir members singing with the Knox Church Choir for the Peace Service in Knox Church.

# Short Bio's for the Choir's current Vocal Scholars, who will be singing at the Vocal Scholar Concert:



## Kieran Kelly - Baritone

Kieran is a Baritone in his third year of study, majoring in Classical Voice at the Otago University under the tutelage of Dr Tessa Romano. In 2020 he completed his NZMEB Diploma. He is a previous member of the NZ Secondary Students Choir as well as the Southern Youth Choir. In 2019 he sang as guest soloist at the National Big Sing Finale.



## Rosie Auchinvole - Soprano

Rosie Auchinvole is a singer from Dunedin, studying second year for a Bachelor of Science with majors in Geography and Geology and a minor in classical singing at the University of Otago. She sang in the New Zealand Secondary Students' Choir from 2019-2022 acting as a choir leader for 2022 and is a current member of the New Zealand Youth Choir and the Southern Youth Choir as a Soprano.



## Dominic Edmond - Tenor

Coming from a musical family, he has grown to appreciate and perform music of many different genres and settings. His training was more classical in style, and he has been part of multiple "Big Sing" award-winning choirs throughout his high school education at Christ's Collage. At the University of Otago, he is undertaking classical voice studies.

# 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)

