



# LOBETHAL HARMONY CLUB

## NEWSLETTER

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DON WILLIAMS

#### **Don has a story to tell on his "mercy dash" to WA last year.**

*I invited Don to reflect over his experience that he and Christine shared soon after the Covid shut down. He writes: Firstly, Christine and I live on Beasley Road, Oakbank, where we have been for a little over 3 years. I am a retired Tech Studies teacher and Christine is a retired Microbiologist. We have a daughter, Sally, who lives in WA, and is the reason for our trip last year. She had been diagnosed with a meningioma, a tumor growing on top of her brain. Benign but growing steadily. The decision was made to surgically remove it, so naturally we wanted to be there to support and care for her.*

*We needed to travel during covid restrictions, then had to isolate for 14 days on arrival. Luckily there was an empty farmhouse next to their property!*

*This meant leaving straight after Easter, but WA changed the rules, giving us only four days going into Easter to seek special permission to travel. We had heard nothing by the Thursday, so Christine enlisted the help of our local member, Rebekha Sharkie, who pulled some strings and got our approval by 5pm that day!*

*The trip across the Nullarbor was eerie, with virtually no cars and many caravan parks and service stations closed, meaning we had to do some bush camping, which was fine, as our caravan has provision for going off-grid. At StokesInlet we had the whole camping ground to ourselves, with views across the water. We arrived safely and were in isolation in time for Sally's operation. We looked after the property while she was in Perth having the procedure, then went and stayed with her afterwards in Subiaco until the doctor was happy for her to return home, some 350km south east. The operation was a success, and Sally has been given a clean bill of health. She is back at work, riding her horses and driving again. While the whole episode was quite frightening, the bonus was that we got to spend several months with Sally and Dale for the first time in many years. Having now taken the caravan to WA and back twice, we are anxious to go again, and hope to do so in April! Thanks Don, and we wish you a safe trip when you leave, and we will enjoy hearing from you again especially if you can send us some photos.*

#### **Concert Planning.....**

*At the last Exec meeting we discussed planning for concerts for 2021. At this stage, Sat April 17th at Laratinga Mt Barker, Friday May 7th at Birdwood Lutheran church hall, note the change this was decided at the Fund raising committee meeting last Tuesday, for farewell to Ross, Barry, and new Life members, Wednesday June 16th CWA at Vermont. Further information will be shared soon. Renmark Lutheran church would like us to provide a concert later this year possibly in August, and Mypolonga have shown interest to hold a concert in July, follow up information still needs to be done.*

*Club photo on Tuesday April 6th 6:45pm.*



Sally as she is now

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Welcome again

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Pub Lunches have begun.....

From now on this year, the

Pub Lunches will be held

on the fourth Thursday of the

month. The next Pub Lunch will be

held on 25th March at 12:30pm.

Jeff Gerrard is the contact person

for you to notify if you are

planning to come.

**Sound test.....**

Members of the Club have met

to discuss the possibility of

trying out a new PA system, that is easier to

manage, and use. A trial is planned soon. You

will be able to give your opinion.



### SUPPER & SOUP

Graham has prepared a list for us to nominate when we can assist with providing for a supper or soup night during the year. We would appreciate if you can assist by adding your name to the list to help. **Please add your name if you can help tonight.**

### Scholarships....

For 2021 are to be held on Aug 3rd Clara Serena singing auditions, Aug 10th Instrumental Pfeiffer Family Memorial Scholarships

### Invitations to the Dinner on May 7th.....

The invitations have been prepared and will be sent to you via email. If you would prefer a copy this can be arranged for you. Please let us know if you require a printed, folded, copy.

**Ross Schubert.....**Ross has spent some time in the Mt Barker Hospital having various tests. They cannot diagnose at the present what is wrong. He will have further tests. He is now at home.



Lyn Dickason author *The Estate*

◆ **The Estate is her first murder mystery novel. You can order a copy of Lyn's book through Moonglow Publishing. Phone 0414 249 842 or**

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**The concept for the change from Solo competition to Solo Vocal Performance.**

This is put forward for discussion at a later date. By printing it provides you with the information that you can read and give your opinion.

1. Change the name from "Solo Competition" to Solo Vocal Performance". The stigma of "competition" is thus removed, possibly creating more interest among Club members.
2. Remove the term "Winner" as per ipso facto there must be "losers" and replace the term with "highest total score" from the adjudicators. More important than either "winner" or "highest score" are the adjudicators' comments which should be arranged as constructive to help develop individual singing style. The vocalist with the highest score will be acknowledged by their name being engraved on the Perpetual Shield.
3. Dispense with the monetary prizes, and replace with "Solo Vocal Performance" certificates and parcel of dried fruit & nuts for ALL participants.
4. Change the Day/Time of the "Solo Vocal Performance" event to a Sunday afternoon, rather than take up valuable rehearsal time on a Tuesday evening. This could then become a "Mini Concert" with audience at a "gold coin donation" entry, including a simple afternoon tea to help offset the cost of hall hire.

Obviously, these suggestions will need to be ratified and endorsed by the Executive Committee, but I need for all members to be aware of the proposals and give their feedback ASAP, rather than wait for a Committee meeting. I therefore request that these items 1-4 be placed on the Agenda for the next Executive meeting.



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