



# LOBETHAL HARMONY CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## CHOR FARMER - FROM THE PRESIDENT

Many of our members may be wondering if we are likely to receive another visit from our Japanese partner choir, Chor Farmer. Their last visit was in September, 2018, with COVID-19 preventing visits since then.

Over the weekend, I was in contact with Bob Griffiths, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Cowra Japanese Gardens and chief organiser of Chor Farmer visits to Cowra over a period of more than 40 years. Cowra was the site of the Japanese POW Camp during World War 2. On August 5th, 1944, 234 Japanese prisoners and 3 Australian soldiers were killed in a major breakout from the Camp. Cowra has become the iconic Australian site for Australian-Japanese reconciliation since World War 2. This past weekend, the Japanese Ambassador was in Cowra for the Cherry Blossom Festival and a Service at the War Cemetery.

Bob Griffiths is in close contact with Chor Farmer about the way in which COVID has affected their activities. They have not been able to meet for rehearsals because of vaccination requirements in Japan not being met by all members.

At present there are no plans for a concert tour in 2023, although it may be possible.

## ***DON'T FORGET ...HELP FOR ALEX***

I'm holding a fundraising concert. I'm bringing together a choir of some of Adelaide's finest choral singers to perform Brahms Requiem, with soloists Rosalind Martin and James Scott. In the first part of the concert I'll be performing some Brahms Lieder. **It would be wonderful to see you there.**

If you aren't able to make it to the concert, but would like to make a donation, this can also be done through the ticketing link. Pilgrim Church, Flinders St, Adelaide Saturday 5th November, 7pm.

Tickets \$50/\$40 ***Ticketing link for the Concert is <https://www.trybooking.com/CCIYG>***

***If you need help to log on, contact J Wittwer for help. Please help Alex as you can. Thank you.***

***Can we help....Maybe we could raise some extra funds at our End of Year Dinner? Or as a part of the End of Year Concert? Donations can be given at the End of Year Dinner.***

***Soup & Supper roster Thank you for the Soups over this year. We raised \$38 last Tuesday. Total raised this year is \$550.75 Thank you FOR SUPPORTING the SOUP NIGHTS and now Supper and Biscuits. The next night of Coffee and Biscuits will be NEXT WEEK 4th October. The hosts will be Graham Simmons and Chris Browning. Can we reach \$600. this year? Thank you.***

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### Welcome again

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**Pub lunches.....No Pub lunch in September, the 3rd Sunday is on 16th October a week before the End of Year Concert at St Mark's Lutheran Church and our End of Year Dinner. We will discuss this at a suitable time.**



**Next Concert.... Was to be held on Sunday 9th October at the Birdwood United Church. Eliza Loechel contacted me last night saying...**

**CANCELLED**

**One of their members passed away and on the Sunday of the concert a Memorial Service is planned making it difficult to hold the concert at Birdwood United Church this year.**

**End of Year Concert... Is to be held on 23rd October at St Mark's Lutheran church 2pm with Sound check at 1pm. \$15 a ticket.**

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I recommend that the Lobethal Harmony Club awaits advice and action from the Cowra organisers and that we do not take any action ourselves at this stage. There are also four communities in New Zealand involved in Chor Farmer tours, so it is not really up to the Lobethal Harmony Club to set up a tour alone.

In the meantime, we should give consideration to whether or not we still have the capacity to host a Chor Farmer visit through home billeting, or whether a facility such as the Hahndorf Resort might be a possibility for some visitors (paid for by Chor Farmer).

Any decision about our involvement in a future Chor Farmer concert tour could be made early next year. As a Club, we face the challenge of rebuilding our numbers and seeing Alex through his major medical issues. John Minchin - President

**Tonight... We need to decide on the type of Meal for the End of Year Dinner, the numbers coming and the cost. There has been a suggestion that the club subsidizes members for \$10 the meal. We would still require \$5 per member for the Pre Dinner drinks.**

#### IN THE AUDIENCE AT MURRAY BRIDGE



**BARRY & WENDY LAUBSCH**



**TOM WEIR & JOHN PATERSON**

**GOOD TO SEE OUR MEMBERS STILL SMILING**



**BRUCE KELLY & FRED-MAIOLO**

**Concerts for 2023 Contact has been made with Helping Hand, Echunga Kadina, Kingston Victor Harbor, Pasadena, Port Pirie still waiting**

**on replies. We will keep you informed.**





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