



Teddy Tahu Rhodes with the Choir

Singer of the Year 2015

As usual the audiences at our annual Singer of the Year auditions and the final competition (which is run as part of the concert with the Choir at the Karralyka Theatre), were treated to a feast of operatic and musical theatre performances, which bodes well for the future of vocal music in this State and indeed Australia wide. Our adjudicator David Ashton-Smith had a very difficult task in separating the finalists such was the quality of their performances.

A special Sunday afternoon concert with



Teddy
& The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir

Sunday 15th November 2015 3pm
Elisabeth Murdoch Hall
Melbourne Recital Centre

Tickets \$60/\$55 Concession
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Our winner, the bearded Michael Lampard has a lot in common with our friend Teddy in having a shaved head and great music ability, (but not the same physical stature). We look forward to using his musical talents as a well as those of the beautiful runners up, Kimberly Colman and Michelle McCarthy as guests of the choir in future concerts. Congratulations to all those who contributed to a wonderful evening of music and song.

What do think of our publicity photo of Teddy with some of our choir members at the “Forward Surge” wave-like sculpture outside the Victorian Arts Centre?
Teddy flew in specially for this photo-shoot to promote our concert on Sunday 15th of this month. There are still seats available but you need to be quick!
Teddy is just as engaging in the flesh as he appears in the photographs and our members Enjoyed meeting him in person. It will be great singing with him in such a wonderful venue as the Recital Centre. Do come and see (and hear) us.



Seniors Week Concert at St Mary's Basilica Geelong

One of the Choir's favourite venues is St Mary's Basilica, Geelong where we perform at the Annual Seniors Week concert sponsored by Tuckers Funeral and Bereavement Services and hosted by their Director of Community Relations - Michele Van Liessum.

Our usual Friday date had to be changed to Thursday this year, because of the introduction, by the State Government, of a holiday to celebrate the AFL Grand Final. We were concerned that this might have led to a smaller attendance at the concert

We need not have worried, as usual the church was filled to overflowing and the response to the Choir's rousing choruses and evocative quieter pieces drew rapt applause.

Our guest artist for this event was a local Geelong resident - Roger Howell.

Welsh born, but Australian trained and educated, Roger's big baritone voice produced a beautiful rendition of "When the Sergeant Major's on parade", and "the Road to Mandalay" and provided a perfect introduction to the Choir's medley of war songs "Till the Boys come home" ending with the moving "In Flanders Fields".

The audience joined in the competitive "singalong" section with great gusto and everyone appeared to love it.

When the final strains of "I still call Australia home" died away the Choir received a prolonged standing ovation.

We look forward to returning next year for a 14th consecutive concert for what has become one of our favourite engagements.

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The Melbourne Welsh Male Choir practices this therapy at 7.00 p.m. every Wednesday evening at Maroondah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood.

We are currently recruiting new members, especially tenors.

We invite you to come along to a rehearsal and hear for yourself, or join in if you want and enjoy the friendly atmosphere.

Either way, be entertained, you'll find it's quite therapeutic.

See what happens behind the scenes at one of Australia's most acclaimed and popular Male choirs... you may be surprised.



New Member Profile
Tenor:
Peter Russell



We became “*Ten pound poms*” and immigrated to Melbourne in 1968 and I continued my banking career with the ANZ Bank until retirement in 1992.

I became a Freemason in 1971, passed through all offices and served as Worshipful Master in 1976.

Musically, I have been a member of the Victorian Freemasons Choir for 25 years, serving as Choir Secretary for 10 years.

My other interests include membership of the Port Phillip Bay Branch, Royal Naval Association; Keysborough Lodge 912: Mulgrave Country Club lawn bowls section and I am the current President of the Wheelers Hill Men’s Probus Club.

I was born a Cockney in Islington, London on 18 September 1936.

As an only child, I went through the London Blitz with my mother, as my father was serving overseas with the army.

I attended Church Hill Primary School in Barnet Hertfordshire and went on to Secondary Education at the Ashmole School.

On leaving school, I started work as a clerk with a firm of London stockbrokers. I was called up for National Service in the Royal Navy in 1955 and served with the Home Fleet.

On demobilization, I joined the Bank of London & South America.

My military service continued with Royal Naval Reserve specializing in minesweeping and under water weapons.

I married my wife Sonia in 1959 and we had three daughters (sadly losing one in 2013) and now have five grandchildren (three boys and two girls).



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Sunday, Nov 15, 2015 at 3:00 pm**

*“Teddy Tahu Rhodes sings with
the Melbourne Welsh”*

Melbourne Recital Centre,
31 Sturt Street,
Southbank
VIC 3006,

Tickets from Recital Centre 9699 3333

- **Fri, Dec 4th, 10:30 am and 1:30 pm**

*“Spirit of Christmas Concert”
- Morning Melodies*

Frankston Arts Centre,
Cnr Davey St & Young St,
Frankston VIC 3199,

Tickets: 9874 1060 or www.thefac.com.au

- **Saturday, Dec 12, 2015, at 7:30 pm**

- **Sunday, Dec 13, 2015 at 1:30 pm**

*“Melbourne Welsh Choir Christmas
Concerts at Mooroolbark”:*

Mooroolbark Community Centre,
125 Brice Ave, Mooroolbark,
VIC 3138

*Tickets: from the Community Centre
9726 5488*

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