

A Kappella Munda

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↓ *Seasons greetings to you and yours.* ↓
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Upcoming Events

CHRISTMAS

ZIG ZAG FESTIVAL

Report by Jan Woodley

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The Zig Zag Festival seems to get better each year, and this year's festival was a great success, with perfect weather, interesting and high quality stalls, plenty of community involvement showing their skills and talents and a choice of good food and beverages.

For A Kappella Munda the weekend was a very busy one, with Spring Song in Subiaco occurring at the same time. Members were coming and going from one venue to the other, and combined with the commencement of daylight saving on the day, a few, including a certain musical director, only just made it prior to our performance. As usual we put our best foot forward and the energy and enthusiasm of the choir members was great.

Feedback from the audience however, was that it was difficult to hear all the parts, and some choir members expressed the desire to bring back the "singing tent". There is certainly a large open space between performers and the audience, and for next year (if we are invited) perhaps either this idea could be investigated or perhaps a better sound system for the open air stage.

Combined Birthdays Party at Marcia's

Report by Julie Ellery

November was a month of birthday celebrations for A Kappella Munda. Kate Diamantopoulo was the first of 3 ladies in the choir to turn 60 in the month, but did she let on? Not a word! It wasn't until Marcie's birthday approached and a date was set for the celebrations that unawares choir members (such as myself) realised that Kate, Marcie, and the gracious lady of the altos, Helen, were all to celebrate in the one month! And so the scene was set for what was to be a major celebration of friendship and song.



On Saturday evening 15th November, Marcie and Ian opened the doors of their wonderful party house and young and old (no reflection on the 'ladies of the night'!) gathered for a singing and drinking extravaganza. Many of Marcie's family and friends - particularly her brother and nephew from Queensland, her 'other family' from Orange Grove, and a few members of her other choir The Real Sing - joined us to celebrate Marcie's coming of age...it's about time she grew up! Many splendid words were said by her lovely husband Ian (although at times they didn't string together all that well and had listeners confounded with glee!), then we heard from their sons: the smooth tones of Stuart extolling the virtues of our Marcie (who would have thought a lawyer he'd be?) and Andrew's more succinct declaration of the Mum he loves.

The singing began with one of Marcie's favourite tunes Do Do Run Run with words written by Shirley and Beni and sung by A Kappella Munda and all those who could still read the words on the page thrust under their nose! Next came a very exciting and clever performance by the OGC (Orange Grove Crowd) praising our Marcie (s'pose they think she's THEIR Marcie too!!!) and the big part she's played in their lives to date. The floodgates were opened then and various renditions came forth of songs sung by either choir (who could forget "Heard it Through the Grapevine" by the Real Sing with the dreamy tones of John?) joined by those who love to sing and interspersed with various specialty acts such as the 4 woman team of Marcie and Helen with 'Sisters' and Maxine and Jan with 'Yo, Sisters'! Food and wine was savoured and then as cake and dessert were served we were privileged to be audience to Stuart playing jazz piano ... a distinct honour and pleasure. His fingers tripped the ivories to the delight of all - a man of many talents! And so the night of friendship, fun and frivolity was enjoyed by one and all

Thanks girls for a wonderful excuse for a party; yours was a 60th to be remembered!

Gosnells Anglican Church Dinner

Report by Jan Rogers

The Dinner performance went well. Most of the stage (behind the backdrop curtain) was taken up by donations for the coming jumble sale. Well, they had to put it somewhere! I wondered what category they'd put it in.

A very small space was left at the front and this forced us to huddle into a tight group. The result was a good sound, becoming better as the night wore on. Digby overcame an echo effect he was getting out front and managed to keep a serene expression on his face.

The audience seemed happy and the organisers thanked us for making the night a success.

A Kappella Munda would like to acknowledge the support of The Shire of Kalamunda.

Wind-up for 2008

by Jan Rogers

We have had a very busy year in 2008 and space here does not allow me room to comment on the Haynes Street Karnivale - what weather we had that day!! It didn't stop us singing though. It was rather cosy in the tent.

Still to come is Araluen as well as Christmas carols at the airport. Then we will be able to have a rest from singing over Christmas and New Year. By that time we'll be ready to start it all over again in 2009 - starting day for choir is JANUARY 31.

I've decided to concentrate more on singing and less on organising for 2009, and to achieve that, will be stepping down as President of the choir. It's been my pleasure to do it for 2 years as you're such a great group of people. Let's keep it going! Happy Christmas to you all.