

Sing Australia National Gathering
6th – 8th October 2017
Hobart

Friday night 6th October.

Hobart Function and Conference Centre 1 Elizabeth St Pier.

This will be a special function to enjoy the famous precinct of Constitution Dock. Drinks and canapés and 'box and bowl' small entre size food will be served. We have an excellent function room that opens out onto the boardwalk where we can enjoy our food and drinks alongside exquisite yachts in the Dock. Adequate seating will be provided. There will be lots of singing of course. We will inform you of these details closer to the event. The dress will be 'sailing outfits – navy, red and white'. E.g. sneakers, white pants, navy or red top or in any other combination. Striped tops or pants. Sailor caps.

To create some further fun we are requesting each group to make one cardboard representation of something relating to the ocean e.g. fish, coral, boats, anchors, fisher people, shells, buoys, lighthouse, whales, birds. So that we do not finish up with 70 seagulls we will allocate one of these representations to each group. They will need to be of a size that would fit in approximately A3 size. These will then be hung on netting on the back wall of the venue. They can be slight 3D if you like but flat will be fine. Each item will need to have some kind of hook on the back so that it can be easily and quickly placed on the netting. The items need to be in blue, red, yellow with some items also having white such as a seagull.

Saturday 7th October

9am to 11.30am

Parliamentary Gardens.

We will assemble on the lawns at parliamentary Gardens (adjacent to Salamanca Place) where we will sing a compilation by Gian Slater, prepared especially for the event.

Saturday Afternoon – Conductor's Course. 2pm to 4pm

A separate registration form and instruction will be sent to Leaders on this shortly. The Course will be held from 2pm to 4pm. The course will cost \$30. It is open only to existing Conductors and Assistant Conductors of Sing Australia. We need to have the expressions of interest before we can appoint an experienced Conductor instructor. The previous conductor workshops have been very successful.

Gala Dinner

6.30pm for 7.00pm to 11.00pm

Macquarie Wharf No. 2 (Cruise Terminal)

Dress: Creative dress. (formal/informal combination; fancy dress; musical themes; techno; Star Trek; Star Wars. In other words come as you like. The more colourful and imaginative the better.

This venue is a wonderful space and easy to access.

This will be a 3-course dinner with complimentary wines on the table. There will also be a cash bar. The words to our songs will be on the screen. It will be a big night of dancing and singing. We will have a great band to help us kick up our heels. Various conductors and accompanists in the network will also have the opportunity to lead the singing.

Sunday morning 8th October.

Macquarie Wharf No. 2 (Cruise Terminal)

9am We sing for 30 minutes outside the venue using our SATP 4

9.45am Morning tea and merchandise

10.30 to 12.30 the 'big sing' with a quintet conducted by Hans Kooij. This event is always a highlight of our Gathering. The singing is amazing - inspirational and memorable.

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National Director