

## **National Gathering Perth**

### **31 August, 1 & 2 September**

Margaret and I had a most successful tour to WA a couple of weeks ago. Apart from attending and conducting two wonderful Regional Gatherings we had the great fortune of identifying and booking fabulous venues for our National Gathering. We have now also locked in some great entertainment and we have found a tour operator for our Post Gathering Tour. It's all very exciting. The really great thing about this Gathering is that we have been able to modify the program to create a different kind of Gathering with a big emphasis on lots of singing. This has enabled us to offer a great program at a much reduced price. \$320. This is \$90 less than the Hobart National Gathering last year. However, there will be a limit of 300. Thank you to the groups that got back to us with estimated numbers planning to attend, this enabled us to do the planning. The Registration Form will be available for downloading from the Website. The full payment for the National Gathering will need to be made by 8 June please, this is to enable us to totally lock in the venues.

A song list will be out soon.

#### **Friday 31 August**

##### **A Big Night of Singing - 7.30pm to 9.30pm**

This will be a fun workout with dynamic Conductor, James Mustafa. We will run through the songs that we will sing over the weekend, in particular we can use the opportunity to prepare for our singing on Saturday morning in various locations in Kings Park. There will also be a session with Gian Slater to run through her 2018 composition for Sing Australia. Those of you who went to Hobart will fondly remember the fun of her composition 'When we sing together'. The 2018 composition will explore Rhythm. We will finish the evening with supper. The venue is the fabulous and historic Trinity Uniting Church, 72 St Georges Terrace, Perth. Our singing will sound outstanding in that space.

#### **Saturday 1 September**

##### **A Morning in the Park - 9am to 11am**

This will be a gorgeous time singing at various locations in the exquisitely beautiful Kings Park. We have identified 4 very beautiful places in Kings Park.

1. A group photo and sing with the city of Perth in the background
2. A group photo and sing around the eternal flame

3. A group photo and sing behind the Australia Botanic Garden sign
4. A sing in the new amphitheatre set in the beautiful surrounds. This is where we will showcase Gian's composition.

### **Saturday 1 September**

#### **6.30pm for 7pm to 11pm**

**Evening Gala Dinner** – Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

This is a very impressive and beautiful venue and so the theme for the occasion, suggested by Valmai Richards – Co Leader of Sorrento Duncraig, will be '**Dress to impress**'. Thanks Valmai. So 'guys and dolls' – no holding back – feathers, sequins, dress suits, smart jackets, suits, long gowns, long gloves, top hats and canes boys – **impress – impress.**

We have a 3 course dinner & complimentary wine and soft drink/juice to start the evening. There will be a cash bar.

We have a 6 piece band led by Greg Schultz who incidentally is also the brilliant accompanist for the Sorrento Duncraig group. We will have the words of songs projected on the screens. There will be dancing and an all round fun night in the true tradition of Sing Australia. We must fill a full weekend program of 270 people before we can open to partners for single Sat night event

### **Sunday morning – 2 September**

#### **8.30am to 12noon**

**A 10/20 celebration of Sing Australia .**

**10+ years Sing Australia Western Australia**

**20+ years of Sing Australia Majura (first group)**

**Perth Town Hall.** This is an exquisite venue. Maximum seating 300.

The morning will start with a morning tea.

This will be an event to remember. The acoustics and atmosphere of our singing of 4 part songs with a 7 piece String Ensemble conducted by James Mustafa will be amazing. Gian will run both her compositions as the formation of a trilogy that will be completed at the National Gathering in Toowoomba next year.