

Running Sheet for the National Gathering

Friday night 18 October - St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann Street,
Brisbane

DRESS: Casual

Summary of the event: Singing favourites, learning some parts, having helpful vocal tuition, listening to the beautiful organ being played and singing with it. The cathedral's four manual pipe organ is the largest cathedral organ in Australia, which hosts many recitalists from across the world: Pearson's design (and stone-vaulting) creates a five-second reverberation making organ-music particularly resonant. How good will it be to sing with it. Once we have rehearsed it will be such an amazing experience. They will need to reinforce the roof! We have never done this at a National Gathering. We will make sure it is recorded.

The program

1900 Welcome to country and welcome from Colin

1903 A few songs

Songbook 5

Love is in the Air

Summer Holiday

1911 A few songs

Songbook 6

Come alive with music

Can you feel the love tonight

1920 Work on parts to prepare for our big performance with the Organ.

Songbook 3

How Great Thou Art

Panis Angelicus

Songs around the Piano Book 2

Amazing Grace

Ave Verum

Songs around the Piano Book 3

Cwm Rhonda

2000 **Organist item.**

2010 Songs with the organ accompaniment

Songbook 3

How great thou art

Panis Angelicus

SATP 3

Cwm Rhondda

Ave Verum

Anzac Book

Amazing Grace

2035 A few songs

Songs around the Piano Book 4 or alternatively we will sing through our three new Celtic Thunder songs in our new Songbook 1. They are A Place in the Choir, Caledonia and Home from the Sea.

2057 Sing "Take Me Home"

2100 Supper – Grazing Barrel

Chef's selection of 3 premium farmhouse and international Cheeses, Muscatels, dried figs, grapes & quince paste, Lavosh, oat crackers, water crackers & roasted nuts, Antipasto board – selection of cured meats with assorted breads and crackers. Seasonal fruit platter – sliced (vg/gf/df)

The real quiche family – spinach & feta (v)/Bacon & Lorraine/mushroom & cheddar (v)

House Beverage package - Cool woods Sparkling Brut NV

Tatachilla Sauvignon Blanc Semillon NV, Tatachilla Shiraz Cabernet

Corona with Lime , Asahi Souki , The Pacer, Coca Cola,

Lemonade, Diet Coke , Waddi Springs sparkling mineral water , Orange Juice

2200 Finish evening

Saturday morning 19 October - The Wheel of Brisbane, Russell Street, South Brisbane

DRESS: Sing Australia Uniform please required plus SATP 1 & 4

Summary of the event: To have some fun together and to get a feel for Brisbane. The Brisbane Wheel provides an excellent vista of Brisbane while listening to a very good commentary of the city. We will have to split our group into two groups – A & B. When one group is on the 'Wheel' the other group will be singing to the passers by. We will advertise to the community that we are doing this. After both groups have experienced this we will move to another area nearby to sing as a large group. We will finish the morning by taking the official National Gathering group photo.

0900 (Group A)(those wishing to go) on the Brisbane Wheel

The remaining group **(Group B)** assembles nearby to sing.

SATP 1 (Consider yourself; G'day G'day; I am Australian; Lookin Forward Lookin Back; Oh what a beautiful morning; Sweet Caroline; Walk a Country Mile.

0930 (Group B) (those wishing to go) on the wheel Brisbane Wheel.

(Group A) then gathers nearby to sing a few more songs

SATP 1 Any dream will do; Carnival is over; We've done us proud; What a wonderful world; A world of our own; I'd like to teach the world to sing; Sweet Caroline.

1030 Both groups join up to sing for and with the public.

SATP 4 –Return to sender; Streets of London; Annies Song; Flight; My Land; Take me Home,

1100 Official Gathering Group Photo with Brisbane Skyline in the background

1120 Free time until evening program

**Saturday evening 19 October - Gala Dinner, Grand Ballroom,
Hilton, Brisbane, 190 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane**

Theme/Dress: 'The best of the best'. We have had different themes for all our National Gatherings and we decided that it would be fun to feature them all. So this is the opportunity for you to select your favourite theme and costume. For those who have not been to a Gathering here are some of our themes: Roaring 20's, 1960's and 70's, Movies, Opera, Arabian, Hawaiian, Masks, Hats, Dressed to impress, Maritime etc. You could introduce one we haven't done. If dressing up is not your thing could we suggest formal dress. We do want the evening to look very smart. We are in a wonderful room that will be beautifully decorated.

The program

1830 to 1900 **Canapés Reception in the level 5 Foyer area.** A chef selection of 3 x small bite canapés. 1 complimentary welcome beverage on arrival (choice of house wine, house beer or soft drink)

1900 **Gala Dinner:** Guests will be invited to seated in the Grand Ballroom. 3 bottles of house wine per table – 1 red, 1 white to be pre set. 1 bottle to be replaced as needed. 2 jugs of soft drink pre set.

1915 Welcome

1916 Sing a couple of songs – words on the screen.

Love is in the Air

Save the last Dance for me

1923 A few words from the Chef

1924 **Entre will be served**

Sing: Drink to me only

1940 Sing a few songs

Come back again

I'll be gone

On the Road Again

2000 **Main Course** – alternate serving

2030 Introduce the special entertainment for the evening '**The Retronomes**'. They will play classic 60's 70's for you to dance to and sing to.

2045 Dessert – Freshly brewed Tea and Coffee

2300 – Night finishes

**Sunday morning 20 October – Our big sing with the String
Ensemble. Hilton Brisbane, 190 Elizabeth Street**

0800 - 0915 **Continental Breakfast** selection as follows

Danish Pastries; Pain au chocolate; Greek yoghurt pots layered with seasonal fruit compote and granola; Leg ham; gruyere cheese and tomato croissants; Vegetable quiche with short crust pastry; Seasonal fresh fruit platter with berries; Buttermilk scones served with whipped cream and strawberry preserve; Fresh chilled juices – apple, orange and pineapple; Freshly brewed coffee and selection of gourmet teas. Barista coffee cart for coffee enthusiasts

0930 We are proposing something very different for this morning's program. We have mentioned previously a String Ensemble but we are now intending to release our next songbook at the Gathering and we propose to sing through a portion of this book. The songs will be well known and they are great fun. We will be forming a band of 5 or 6 professional musicians (Gian Slater(vocalist and instrumentalist) and her partner Chris Hale (Bass player) and Nathan Slater (Guitarist and Vocalist) will be a part of the line up with drums and maybe a violin and but we are encouraging those who play guitars or other instruments to bring them along so that you can jam with them. We have sent the list of songs to all groups for their comment. We want to show that all groups can start to explore applying this approach to their practice nights. It will be a super fun morning. A new direction for Sing Australia

1200 National Gathering Ends.