

To: Leaders and Members

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Hi Everyone

We hope all is well with you.

Time seems to have a new perspective now. Every day just about feels the same. Weekends don't seem much different to any other day unless of course you are working but even then working from home becomes a sort of 24/7 activity. Anyway as long as we are keeping the connections with each other that's the main thing. I am sure you have taken the opportunity to catch up with friends.

Group catchups – no go zone in the name of Sing Australia but OK privately.

In terms of catching up I am sure you are all feeling very tempted to meet up as a group within the agreed meeting numbers under the Covid management guidelines. However, I would ask that you do this as a private arrangement. We can't meet in the name of Sing Australia at present even to just socialise because we have suspended our Public Liability Insurance cover for meetings and practices. Obviously when we return to singing we will reinstate this cover for each group. That is why we must all come back together on the same date when that time comes. By all means though catch up with friends but not in large numbers and observe all the distancing rules.

Nothing is emerging that enables me to think that we are safe to return to singing yet. As I have said lets reassess the situation at the end of June.

An Idea for your singing

Have you ever thought of recording your voice? Some people think that they are not good enough for that but seriously it really is worth a try. It is a lot of fun and please don't be too quick to criticize yourself. Every voice is very special. Every voice is different. We can't really say one is better than the other. On what basis would you judge your voice other than to appreciate that it is your unique sound. The beauty of this is that your voice is the language of your heart and soul. Regardless of how that sound compares to other voices your voice must be honoured for what it is. Once you do that you will enjoy it even more. You will want to sing more, you will want to share it more and you will want to blend it with other voices. So please have a crack at recording your voice. A big benefit in doing this is that you will be able to experiment with ways to improve your voice by trying different sounds, by comparing volume and different expressions. You may even be able to find the ways to give it more expression and colour. Now if you do get onto this and you would like to share your recording please let me know and we can look at doing that on our Group Facebook page.

Sing Australia Members Only Facebook page.

Our Group page is going along very well. We have now completed 13 Tuesday night sessions with Gian and they have been fantastic. We have now sung 127 songs. All of these are still up on the page. The Tuesday night are starting to take on a new dimension now with Chris Hale and Nathan Slater adding their great guitar skills to the accompaniment. We are now getting from 1.7K views to 2.4K views and ranging from 780 comments to 874 which was last Tuesday (the second highest since we started.) Thank you so much to all those on the group page for your support. It means a real lot to know that you are loving the Tuesday nights so much.

I have posted 32 songs and 10 singing lessons. Our virtual National Gathering is starting to take shape. As mentioned previously we are going to run three consecutive nights of singing (10,11, 12 July). The first night will be a Christmas in July. Both Nathan and Chris will join Gian for the second night and the last night will be run on a theme decided by a Poll of the Group members.

Progress on Direct Debit. We now have in around 1,835 members signed to Direct Debit. Thank you so much everyone for your continued membership. It is enabling us to keep the office going and to expand the Facebook page activities.

We hope that you are all feeling connected and supported. If not please do not hesitate to be in touch. Promise. 03 8838 8995

Lots of love everyone from all of us at Head Office. Take care – stay safe.

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