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Newsletter for Members and Friends of New Voice Choir

December, 2020

Dear New Voice Choir family,

Well, here we are at the end 2020! Despite the worst that Covid could do (and yes, several sea-faring members did contract the virus), our choir has weathered the storm, largely thanks to our intrepid captain.

So, read on about the 2020 voyage of the Good Ship, N.V.C!

JULY 17 Oxley Common Social Event



Yep...Linda, Julie and Chris can still throw a Frisbee!

THE RECORDING SAGA

Quote from Newsletter, Dec 2018: *The success of our first, full-on concert has set a good platform for reaching Linda's goal of professionally recording our music in the future.*

So, after our initial recording and videoing session in November 2019, post production stalled due to the Covid complications... When requirements lifted enough in September, Linda whipped a small group of singers into practice mode, socially distanced across her verandah, and serenaded her neighbours.



Kylie Kookaburra thought it good for a laugh -



but Doug and George took it much more seriously ...

Overdubbing in the studio



Final Production

Linda has invested countless hours working with technicians mixing the voice recordings, editing and stitching the visuals and sound together and the last technological hurdle, uploading the completed video in the right form to be accessed by anyone on the internet. The result is a stunning credit to her dedication!

THANK YOU Linda, from the bottom of our hearts 💜💜💜

For those reading this on the Net, click on the link below to view (and share too!)

<https://vimeo.com/490306607>

Goodbye Zoom!

Barring poor internet connections, illness, and thunder storms, many members endured three terms of Zoom-ed choir rehearsals. For the 'captain of our ship', it meant over three hours on deck every Tuesday afternoon as she catered for each section separately.

Unfortunately, on-line rehearsing cut out some regular singers and was not particularly satisfying for others. But, on a positive note (pun intended), it attracted visitors from up-country and interstate as well as at least four strong contacts in Brisbane.

Special shout out to Jill in Melbourne and Amy in Bundaberg! Amy writes: *When all activities shut down and not using the singing voice, it was a joy to join your group.. I do not have Parkinson's but the memory has to be kept activated and the world of music is a blessing. Special thanks to Linda who goes the extra mile to keeps us motivated*

We look forward to formally welcoming a number of new Brisbane members in person, come 2021.

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Great to see you, for Real !!



On Tuesday, 1/12/2020 the choir family celebrated Christmas at Moorooka Community Hall. It was especially good to catch up with friends like Debbie, Barbara and Gloria not seen on-line for almost eight months.



Linda, Elaine and Margaret received Thankyou gifts from the choir

DECEMBER 8 First and last live rehearsal with Linda for the year

And like all of 2020, there were more surprises

We were honoured to have a visit from Miguel Diaz and Cally Zammit from Parkinson's Queensland Inc. And, wow ... can they sing!

But first, the choir had a little surprise for Linda. Elaine (on her ukulele) lead a fun rendition of new verse set to the tune of *Mary had a little Lamb*.

Then, Linda taught Miguel, Cally, several newbies (and those who still groan when this action song is mentioned) the *Swiss Hiking Song*.

It's believed it has now gone viral in the PQI office!

A terrific way to end such a difficult year



And just some more THANK YOU's

Many members have expressed appreciation for the dedication and work this year's Management Committee has put in to keep NVC going through these extraordinary times.

Special mention for Mick and Sandy Dobbyn - They have big travel plans mapped out for 2021 and beyond. Thank you both for your wise and considered contribution on the ManCom and Safe Travelling.

Finally, Always Keep a Song in Your Heart

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