

## Spirit of the Streets Newsletter Spring 2023



We have had a very active past few months between various gigs and well-attended rehearsals. This newsletter will give you some of the flavour of what we have been up to.

Over the next two weeks we will be practising for our own concert on Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup>, here's a reminder of the details:

### **Spirit of the Streets Annual Fundraising Concert**

WHEN: Saturday 21st October, 3pm

AT: Mouny Church, 98 Hobart Street, Mount Hawthorn

COST: \$25.00 each

There will be raffles on the day.

Tickets available from Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CLYDV>  
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**Spirit of the Streets Choir at the Born to Sing Choral Festival – Concert Hall**

Spirit of the Streets Choir was chosen to feature, along with three other Choirs, in the first half of the Born to Sing Choral Festival at the Perth Concert Hall on Sunday 11 June 2023. A huge thankyou to Martin Meader and Born to Sing for inviting us to take part and for managing the logistics for the day. The second part of the concert saw

the coming together and performance of a 1000-person choir!

We – the SOS Choir - had so much fun together, it was a long day but with lots of highlights. We rehearsed in the underground car park (great acoustics!), enjoyed being in the green room, and then the thrill of performing on the Concert Hall stage. Everybody worked together so brilliantly and we sang from memory for the first time!!! Special thanks to Bernard Carney our choir director, to Devo on the bass guitar and to our soloists for Academic Studies and song announcers, CJ and Grace, who were amazing.

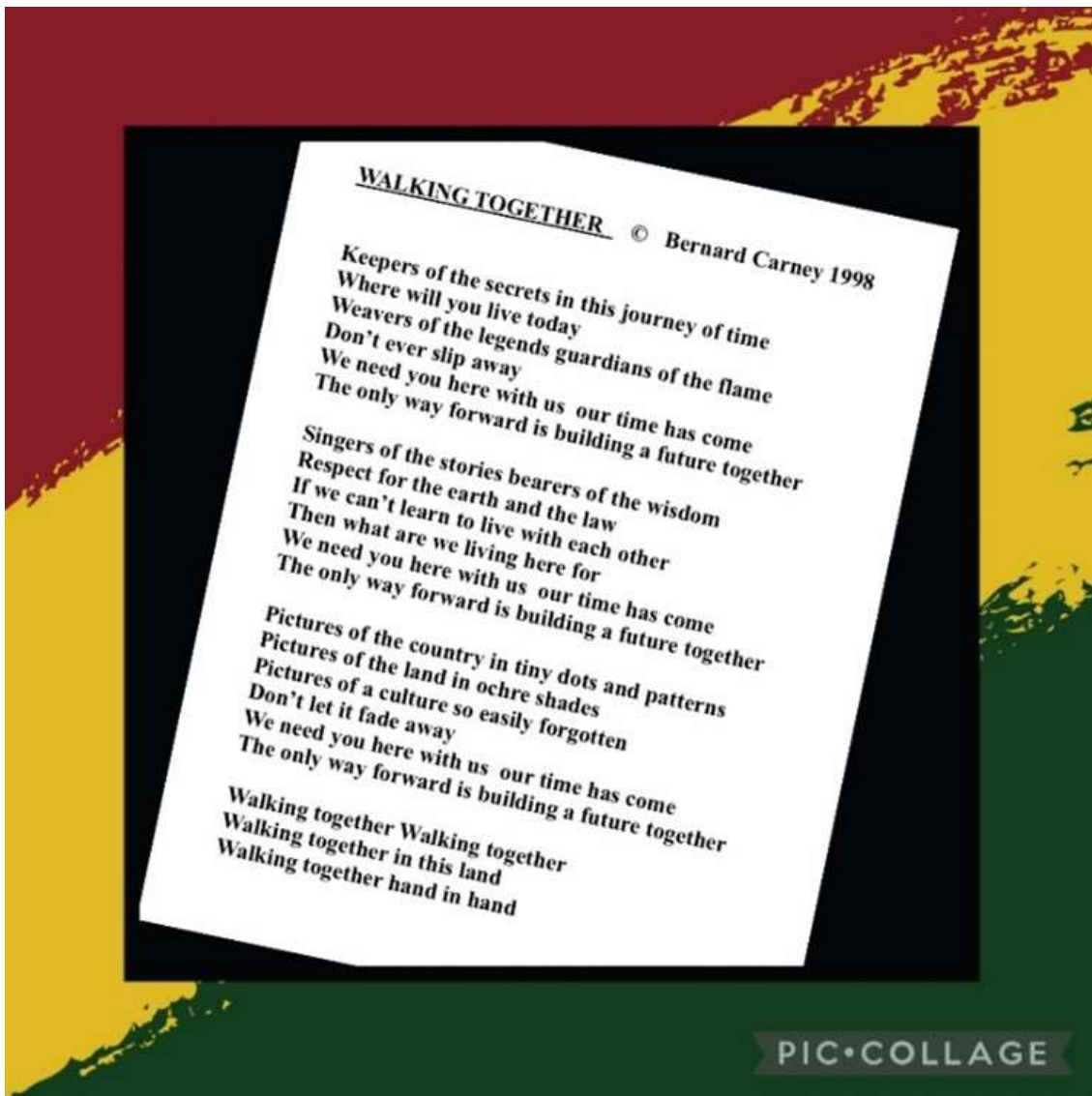


Rehearsing in the carpark below the concert hall prior to the concert





NAIDOC Week

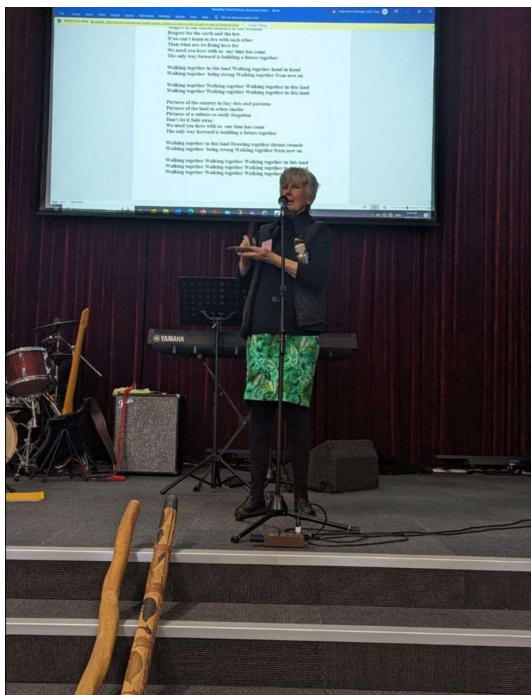


Bernard introduced us to a song he wrote in 2000, 'Walking Together', to commemorate the Reconciliation bridge walk and still so relevant today.

## NAIDOC Week

Eleanor told us the story of Sadie Canning, a member of the Stolen Generation, who was WA's first Aboriginal nurse and became Matron at Leonora District Hospital where she worked to break down the barriers of racial discrimination. Her inspirational work and advocacy resulted in her being awarded an MBE, ironically before she was entitled to claim Australian citizenship. Interestingly there was a connection within the choir to Sadie as Dave Scott during his work out from Kalgoorlie and in Laverton had encountered Sadie's work.





Annette shared her stories of friendship with Aboriginal people throughout her life and particularly while travelling in the circus. Other members shared information on NAIDOC week activities, as well as films and books about inspirational people before we concluded by all singing Gina Williams 'Wanjoo' and 'The Arnhem Land Lullaby'



SOS Choir sings at Little Sisters of the Poor





Long time member, Zac, enjoying a cup of tea with one of the residents.

As part of our Outreach program, the choir performed at the Little Sisters of the Poor residential aged care home in Glendalough in late July. We were made to feel very welcome and loved seeing people smiling, alert, singing along and moving with the

music. We also shared some afternoon tea. Members of the choir particularly enjoyed the opportunity to mingle with residents before and after singing; one resident sang a solo with Bernard on guitar, so special for us to hear.



### GUILDFORD SONGFEST 9-10 September

What a wonderful time the choir had at Guildford Songfest. We opened the festival with a rousing rendition of Put A Little Love in Your Heart and soon had the audience singing along. Our set included the favourites Fix You, Born to Be Wild and Survivors, written by our choir member Trish. We also sang The Red Kalyna, a Ukrainian folk song that has special significance to the people of Ukraine in their quest for independence. It was lovely to then hear the Ukrainian choir sing this song later in the day. As well as singing at the festival we were grateful to receive a pass for the weekend. This gave choir members the chance to see a range of choirs perform and to participate in a singing workshop with Kavisha Mazzella. We came away from the weekend inspired and motivated





Grace and Janet rehearsing quietly prior to the concert while the lads (Mark, Steve P., Steve D., John and Harry) gather strength to take on the sopranos!





### **CATCHING UP WITH FORMER MEMBERS**

Those of you who have been associated with the choir for a number of years will remember Sally who was our percussionist for many years. Christine and Diana caught up with Sally recently to celebrate her birthday.

### **A Member's Story**





**And finally a note to encourage anyone contemplating joining the choir but worried about the quality of their singing.....**

#### **HOW I FOUND MY SINGING VOICE**

I grew up in a musical family and have 2 sisters with beautiful voices but have always felt I missed out on the singing gene. As much as I love music I thought singing publicly was not something for me. Since joining the choir I have found my singing voice. Bernard has an amazing way to get us all singing with joy and enthusiasm. It starts with warm ups that include a good stretch and lots of silly sound making and before you know it we are all singing in a 3 part round. I look forward to Tuesday afternoon where after a good sing I go home feeling buoyant and refreshed. I was once told by a doctor that we should all sing and dance every week to maintain good mental health. The singing is on track now for the dancing!

Sue Scott



Vale Kevin Palmer

Known as "Cowboy Kev" this lovable character inspired us singing "Knock, Knock, Knockin' on Kevin's Door". He loved to sing, always wore his cowboy hat, joined the



Vale Shan Rose Brown

Shan Rose you were my dear friend  
You made me welcome  
You had a seat for me

choir in 2008 and was with us for a  
number of years.”

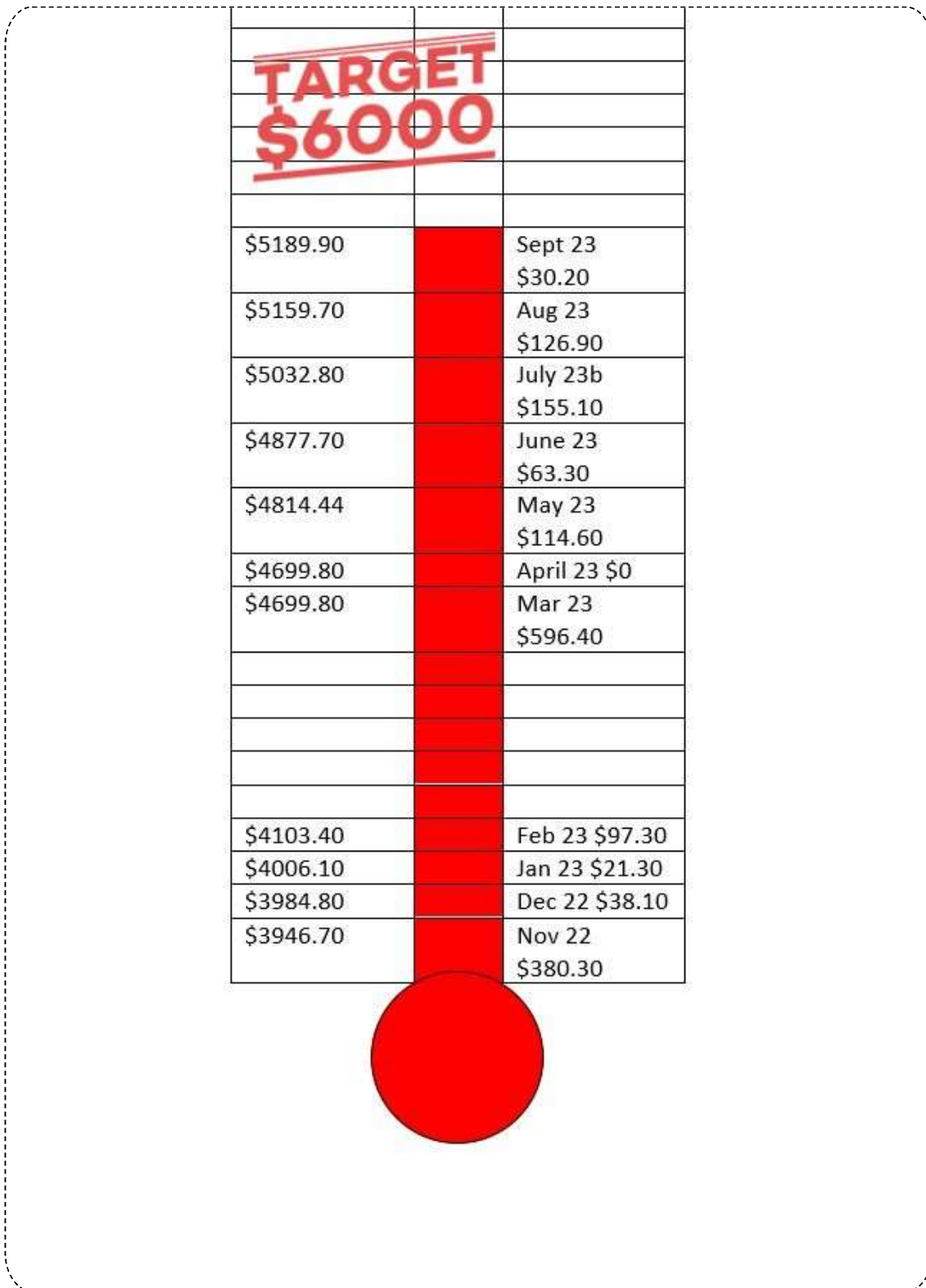
You showed me how to get to gigs  
You had my back

You were a rose  
You were colourful  
You were honest  
You were forthright  
You were a passionate singer  
You were strong

You are at peace  
Sing with the angels  
Shan Rose

Val Dragon





The above graph shows how we are tracking with our Containers for Change Program since the introduction of our Containers for Change fundraising in October 2020 starting from November 2022.

Your Containers lodged under our scheme number help us reach over our targets and

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Scheme Number C10337043

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Stipend for Choir Director

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# **Come Sing and join the fun**

## **at the Spirit of the Streets Choir**

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Each Tuesday from Mid-February to Mid-December

at Mouny - (Mt Hawthorn Baptist Church)

98 Hobart Street, Mt Hawthorn

1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

Contact :0409100868 Dot or 0420926929 Trish or  
[info.soschoir@gmail.com](mailto:info.soschoir@gmail.com)

Would you like to be in our next newsletter ?

Next quarter we are doing a new THEN and NOW segment.

This will feature a choir member's photo in a past period of their life and them now.

If you had an interesting past, let us know .....

send your photo and article to [volunteering.soschoir@gmail.com](mailto:volunteering.soschoir@gmail.com)

Don't forget to book

To make sure you don't miss out for your function our 2023 Booking Calendar is now open.  
Call Eleanor on 0424019574 or press the Bookings button underneath to be directed to our booking information sheet and form.

**Click here to make Bookings**



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Your support enables the Choir to make a real difference and to share the joy of friendship and family, singing and music!

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Thanks to Trish for putting together the photos and content of this newsletter and a huge thanks to her for taking over my duties during the last 16 weeks while I was away enjoying an extended trip in the Northern Territory. Her dedication to the Choir is phenomenal and she is a priceless asset for the Choir. Alongside her the Operations Committee worked to organise everything right up to the end of the year. Thank you all so much. I salute you all !

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