



His inamorata adjusted her garter.....

Hippos run wild at Fundraising Concert

It was a rare treat for Choir fans to hear the Choir Director Bernard Carney OAM displaying a unique, versatile sample of his repertoire, from a hilarious ditty about colds and flu to a heart-wrenching story of loneliness and despair. He then lead the choir onto the stage with a rehearsal warm-up number "Keep your eyes on the prize". Or should that have been "Surprise"?

Who could have guessed that hippopotami would take to the stage at our recent fundraising concert at Mount Hawthorn Baptist Church? The sell out crowd was rolling with laughter as Stevo and Beth hammed it up for the "Hippopotamus Song". Special soloists Rick Steele and Julia Parks wowed the crowd with their fabulous voices and Choir member introductions left patrons swinging between tears and laughter.

Grateful raffle prize winners collected a Garden Hamper donated by Bunnings Belmont, a Pamper Hamper donated by MYO Health and a Goodies Hamper donated by some of the SOS Committee members.



[Listen to one of our performances](#)

Events and Gigs July to December

July started with a new concept for the Choir, an Open Mike Day instead of a Choir Director run program. Members of the Choir nominated if they wanted to perform a number and it was great to see so many first time performers up at the microphone. Our motto was "Don't be shy have a try!". It was a great day full of great entertainment. Check out the video of cuts from those performances below.

Bernard and Eleanor's return from overseas and his OAM award was a source of great excitement. We celebrated by decking out the hall, presenting Eleanor with a medal and Bernard receiving some very interesting gifts, including an old 1980's vinyl record with a dashing cover photo of a very young Bernard Carney.

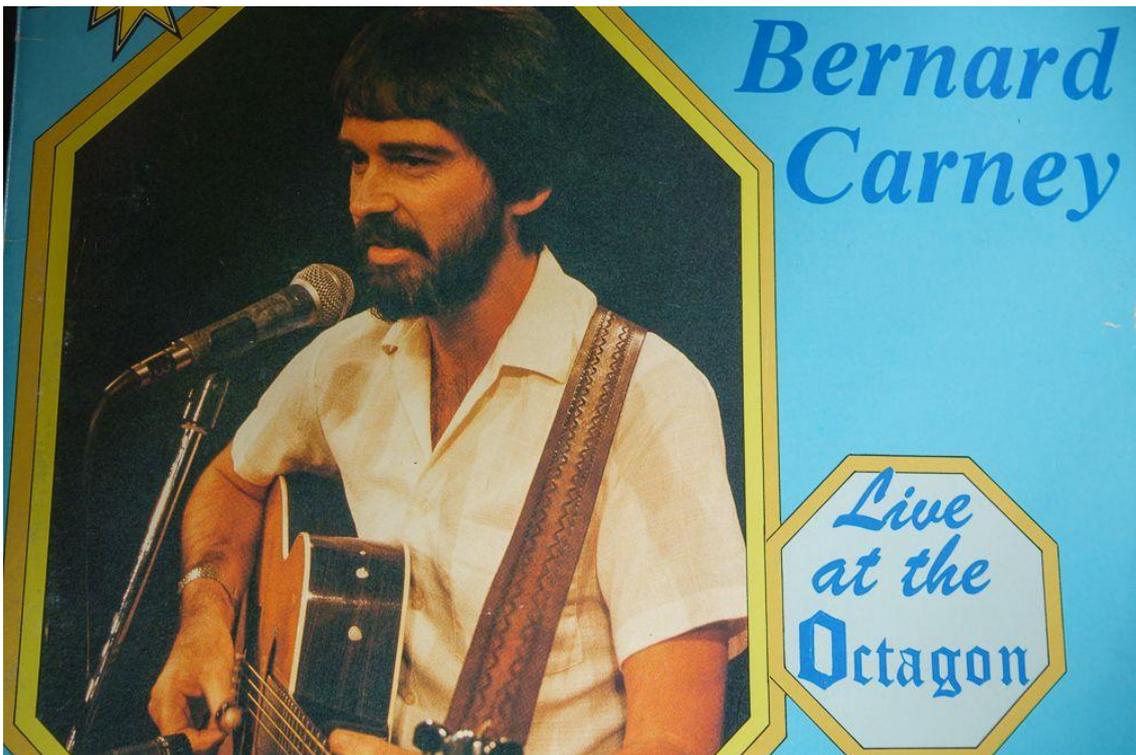
Before Bernard's feet had barely hit the ground we had a gig at the CWA Conference, shortly followed in August with gigs at Hillview Lifestyle Village, Homelessness Awareness Week Launch, Perth Clinic and our hugely successful fundraising concert, which raised over \$7000 towards our \$40,000 yearly costs. September and October kept us busy with opening the Guildford Songfest, traveling to perform in Wongan Hills and performing at Bentley Hospital and Eudoria Street Outpatient clinic for Mental Health Week.

It is always an honour to be performers at the Homeless Connect each November and this year was no different. The Echo community gig was a lot of fun and the Perth Town Hall, Tuesday morning Holly Wood Show let us collaborate with the Holly Wood dancers to put on a fine show.

UWA Concert on December 6 supported lifeline and was a great cause to be involved with.

Our last gig will be the Rowethorpe Christmas show.







Our **Act-Belong-Commit Spirit of the Streets Outreach Program** continued with a bus trip to Wongan Hills Community Centre, where over 150 people, including the Cadoux Primary School, gathered to listen to an hour long concert. They all agreed it was an

inspiring performance with the "Quokka Song" having them hopping in the aisles. The wonderful folk for the Wongan Hills Hospital Auxiliary were not short on country hospitality and Choir members were treated to some home cooking before and after the show. The towns of Wongan Hills, Dowerin and Cadoux were very appreciative of the **Act-Belong-Commit Spirit of the Streets Outreach Program** funding the show giving them an opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Wongan Hills Hospital.

As quite a few of our members are current or past clients of the Eudoria Street Outpatient Mental Health Centre in Gosnells, it was great to give back to the place that had given them so much. Mental Health Week was the perfect opportunity to do this, and it was appreciated by the clients and staff on the day. The sausage sizzle following the performance was a great opportunity for the Choir to share the **Act-Belong-Commit** message to the clients, there to enjoy the show.

The last **Act-Belong-Commit Spirit of the Streets Outreach Program** is at the Christmas gathering for the Big Issue Vendors. These homeless and unemployed vendors try to make a living selling magazines on our city streets.

Thanks to **Healthway** and **Act-Belong-Commit** for funding these outings as part of the **Act-Belong-Commit Spirit of the Streets Outreach Program**.







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Our New Website

Check out our new website created for us by "Sites 4 Good" part of the UWA initiative where students supervised by Corporations create,enhance and revitalise websites for charity organisations. We give our thanks to Alya and Yuming for their wonderful work and hope you enjoy our new fun and friendly website.

The Choir is very happy with the results and we even got lessons on how to manage it ourselves thrown in with the deal. Onya "Sites 4 Good" what a great initiative!

[Click here to reveal the new website](#)

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Spirit of the Streets Choir





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