

Samford Community Choir



Love to sing? Looking for a fun group of people to sing some great songs with on a regular basis?

Samford Community Choir, based out of the Farmers Hall in Samford, is a vibrant community choir of people who just love to sing. It welcomes all comers of any ability, from complete novices to those who have sung in a choir before. Its 24 members (6 men and 18 women) comprise people from all walks of life, including teachers, lawyers, child carers, young parents, retired people and many others.

The choir is led by experienced musician and conductor, Rhonda Coady. Its repertoire is varied and ranges from old favourites like 'Sounds of Silence', 'California Dreamin' and 'What a Wonderful World' to music from Korea and Arnhem Land. At this time of year, the choir rehearses a number of new songs.

In the past, members of the choir have taken great joy in singing for the Samford community at fetes, nursing homes and other community groups. It is looking forward to a few performances including a mid-year concert at the Farmers Hall.

But it is the sheer enjoyment of creating a wonderful sound with others, week after week, that sees its members return, year after year.

So if this sounds like you, or you would like to learn more about Samford Community Choir, please contact Yolanda on (07) 3351 8782 or 0413 024 692.

Alternatively, if you would like to see in person what the choir is all about, rehearsals take place at 7pm on Monday, at the Samford Farmers Hall. All welcome!



Rotary Notes

YASI and Tully Rotary Club

Samford Valley Rotary Club made contact with Kevin Gray the President of Tully Rotary Club the morning after Yasi.

Most members of the Tully Club had suffered some storm damage and in several instances homes and crops were completely devastated.

Initially Samford Rotary sent \$500 to Tully and is now in discussion as to how Samford can further help.

Sausage Sizzle at Carseldine Bunnings

In blistering heat and humidity Ian Spiller, Mike Campbell, Eric Lease, Brian Hansford, John Broadbent and Warren Hampton plied the Bunnings' customers with drinks, sausages and onions.

We knew it was hot when the staff at Bunnings starting bringing ice blocks out to us. However, when Ian Spiller went to sleep on the footpath and Warren Hampton was placed in a wheelbarrow we decided to go home early. Still we did make a few hundred dollars for Tully.

Current Polio Situation

The 18 year campaign by Rotary and partners to rid the world of polio goes on. By the end of 2010 there had been 950 cases of polio in the world.

This is a massive improvement on a few years ago when there were thousands of cases each week.

The polio cycle has been broken in all but four countries of the world and these countries are India, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria. "Breaking the cycle" of polio means that a country must have three consecutive years in which there are no cases of polio reported.

With Nigeria and Afghanistan each reporting under 30 cases in 2010 we know the breakthrough in these countries is not far away. However, the problem with polio is the

ease with which an infected person can 'transport' the disease to a country that has not had polio for some years. This happened in 2010 when 458 cases occurred in previously polio clear Tajikistan. Costly mass vaccination took place and Tajikistan has not had a case in the last six months.

With UK doubling its donation for polio this year and USA and the Russian Federation signing an agreement to cooperate and collaborate in the polio fight things are looking up.

Terrible Story

I recently spoke to a one-time Rotarian from another state and she explained how on a crowded beach her husband covered his towel with sand so it would not be stolen. He never found his towel again.




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