

# Friends of the Melbourne Welsh Newsletter July 2010

We started the year off with a great St David's Day concert at Yarra Valley Grammar School in Ringwood. Guest artists included the very talented Alannah Guthrie-Jones on Harp, and a 5 piece all male a'capella group called Suade.

Suade was very popular and brought vitality, youthfulness and humour to our concert, which was probably a surprise to most of the audience. We are hopeful of having them as guest artists again for our St David's Day concert in 2011 on Sunday 6th March so watch this space. We were especially delighted that, at our request, they had learnt a Welsh song called *Ar Lan y Môr*, and they did a fantastic job of it too. They also rounded off the concert by singing their very own 5 part harmony version of *Advance Australia Fair*. If you want to see or hear more of Suade visit their website at [www.suade.net/](http://www.suade.net/).

On the Sunday after our concert we joined the other Welsh choirs of Melbourne and Geelong for a Gymanfa Ganu (a traditional Welsh community singing event) organised by the Welsh Church at St Michael's Church in Collins Street. This was very well attended and is a great opportunity to sing many old favourites.

In mid March we spent a weekend at a recording studio in St Kilda which resulted in our new CD '*You Raise Me Up*'. The CD is available now at our concerts and can be ordered online from the choir (see web address at bottom of page). We invited cellist Imogen Manins to accompany the choir again for the title song *You Raise Me Up*, and we were so impressed with Suade's rendition of the Welsh folk song *Ar Lan y Môr*, we invited them to add it as a bonus track on our new recording.

Our first ever sing-along concert was held at the Karralyka Theatre in Ringwood on Sunday 18th April, and was a great success. We had almost a full house and the audience really enjoyed singing most of the programme with the choir. The following are two responses we received following the concert.

*Just to let you know how much we enjoyed the concert at Karralyka yesterday. The choir was in fine voice, and it was a privilege to be allowed to sing with them. It was great fun, and we hope it becomes an annual event. K & A W Ringwood N*  
*Last Sunday afternoon we were privileged to be at your Sing Along programme in Ringwood. 'Thank You' is so inadequate for the joy we shared with so many others. I trust that you were all pleased with the audience response. I'd really love to hear that you can make it an annual event. M & E L Lilydale*

We are very happy to make this an annual event since it proved so popular, so we look forward to seeing you all again on Sunday 1st May at Karralyka. This is just after Anzac Day so we will include some nostalgic war songs again, and as it's a week before Mother's Day, we can choose songs that will appeal to families.

We had two very successful Morning Melodies concerts at Hamer Hall on Monday 7th June with very enthusiastic audiences of 1,511 at 11am, and a just as responsive 1,121 at 1.30 pm. The programme of songs was based around the contents of our new CD which was released that day, and consequently sales were very rewarding. If you were not at that concert, do come along to our Annual Concert on 4th September where you will be able to purchase a copy of the new CD.

Each time we send out a newsletter, we receive many returns 'not at this address', and requests to be taken off the mailing list for various reasons. We like to keep in touch with our supporters, but it is becoming more and more expensive to do major mail-outs. The trend these days is to do everything by email - which we understand may not sit well with many of our generation who do not own computers.. However, if you do have any family members, relatives, or neighbours with an email address, we would really appreciate putting you on our email list, which will keep you better informed of our activities. Please send an email to:

[secretary@melbournewelshchoir.com.au](mailto:secretary@melbournewelshchoir.com.au)

with **your name** and address and we will confirm receipt, remove you from our normal mailing list and add you to our email list.

## Concerts

Sunday 2:00 pm 11th July *Tickets/Enq. Ph: 9556 4440*  
Kingston Arts Centre (Moorabbin Town Hall)

Saturday 7:30 pm 4th September  
Annual Night of Song and finals of the Singer of the Year  
Robert Blackwood Hall - Monash University

Friday 2:00 pm 22nd October *Tickets/Enq. Ph: 5221 4788*  
Tuckers' Concert St Mary's Cathedral Geelong

Saturday 7:30 pm 9th October *Tickets/Enq. Ph: 5254 2982*  
Barwon Heads Fine Music Society

Sunday 2:00 pm 14th November *Tickets/Enq. Ph: 5192 4441*  
Toongabbie

Sunday 2:00 pm 28th November *Tickets/Enq. Ph: 9890 8322*  
St. Aiden's Music Society Balwyn

Sunday 2.00 pm 5th December *Tickets/Enq. Ph: 5966 6038*  
Warburton

## 2011

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Sunday 2 pm 6th March  
St David's Day Concert

Sunday 2 pm 1st May  
Sing Along With The Melbourne Welsh

## Annual Night Of Song Saturday 4th September

Regrettably, the choir will not have any tickets to sell direct to patrons this year - all booking must be done directly with Monash.

The cheapest and most convenient way of booking tickets is by internet, and printing your own tickets at home. If you don't have a computer and email address, but have family members, friends or neighbours who are able to do this for you, we would suggest you do your booking on the internet, where you can select the actual seat(s) you want.

Phone bookings are up and running to take care of your requests, with the option of print-at-home tickets, or pick-up tickets from the box office on the day, to avoid the posting fee of \$5.

If you prefer to order tickets by mail, Monash have provided a mail-order form for you on the back page.

If you normally get your tickets from choir members, or they have recommended the concert to you, please quote their name when you order online, on the phone or by mail order, and they will receive credit for sale of the tickets in the form of subsidy on their annual membership fee.

We're looking forward to seeing you all for another great night of entertainment and we are working on some exciting new repertoire pieces to present to you, and of course we can promise you some marvellous new singers in the final of the competition.

Heats for the Singer of the Year competition this year are being held on Sunday evening 29th August from 6pm and Monday evening 30th August, in a new venue this year, at Southwood Boys Grammar School in Ringwood. Situated next to Cadbury's on Canterbury Road, the entry is from Maidstone Street. (Melway 63 G1) There is no cost to come and listen to the many great young singers preparing for the final on the Saturday night. Do come and join us for a wonderful evening of singing, as its good experience for the contestants to sing to an audience. No need to book, just come along - plenty of parking, and we can even offer you a cup of tea or coffee. You can experience first hand the difficulty the adjudicator has in choosing the three finalists for the concert from so much talent.

We are about to do another 1 hour *Morning Melodies* type concert at Kingston Arts Centre in Moorabbin Town Hall. This concert is put on by Kingston Council and is a very reasonable \$10.00.

We have included in this Newsletter a complete list of all our upcoming concerts with phone numbers. As mentioned previously, if you are on our email list we will notify you of impending concerts.

We are very keen to recruit new tenors so if you or someone you know might be interested, please ask them to call our President Phil Tomlinson on 9800 3889. You do not need to be able to read music but it helps of course, and you do not need to be Welsh as we already have several nationalities in our ranks. We help you learn the songs and pronunciation so why not come along to a rehearsal on a Wednesday night between 7 pm and 10 pm at Maroondah Federation Estate, Greenwood Ave, Ringwood and see if it's for you?

We value and appreciate the support of all our loyal audience members and we hope you are continuing to enjoy what we present to you.



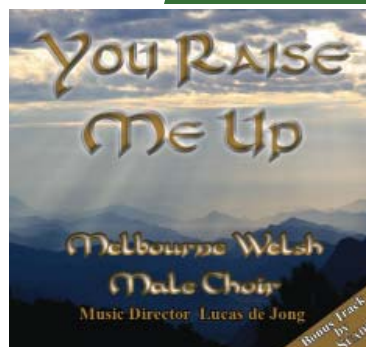
# Annual Night Of Song

## Including Finals of Singer Of The Year 2010

**7.30 pm Saturday 4th September**  
**Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University**  
**Wellington Road, Clayton**



**Tickets Adult \$30**  
**Children Under 12 years \$12**  
**Monash University Box Office**  
**Ph: 9905 1111**  
Monday to Friday 10.30 am to 6 pm  
**online booking [www.monash.edu.au/monart](http://www.monash.edu.au/monart)**  
**Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Ph: 9870 8891**  
**P.O. Box 1034 Mountain Gate 3156**  
**secretary@melbournewelshchoir.com.au**



1. He Ain't Heavy
2. You Raise Me Up
3. When I Fall In Love
4. Shenandoah
5. Stars
6. Anthem
7. Va Pensiero
8. O Hear Us (O Isis)
9. Divine Brahma
10. Nessun Dorma
11. Prayer
12. Ys Bryd y Nos
13. Ai Am Fod Haul Yn Machlud
14. When She Loved Me
15. You Raise Me Up (reprise w/- cello)
16. Ar Lan y Môr (Suade)



Monash Box Office Mail Booking Form for

# Melbourne Welsh Male Choir Annual Night of Song

Robert Blackwood Hall 4th Sept 2010 @ 7:30pm

Please supply me the following tickets:

Type of ticket	No. of Tickets Required	Price	Total Price
Adult		@ \$30.00	\$
Child (Under 12 years)		@ \$12.00	\$
<b>Subtotal:</b>			\$
<b>Please tick your preferred Delivery Method:</b> (Please note that postage is the only delivery method which incurs a fee)			
		Print at Home Tickets <i>(Delivered via email*)</i>	\$ No Charge
		Box Office Collect	\$ No Charge
		Post <i>(Please add \$5)</i>	\$
		<b>Total Payment Enclosed</b>	\$

Do you have any special seating requirements (eg wheelchair accessible seating, aisle seats etc)?

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Please note that, while all attempts will be made to meet requests made above, complex seating requests are often best made over the phone. Please contact the box office directly on 03 9905 1111

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Day Telephone:.....Evening Telephone:.....

Email address\* (Required if you have requested Print at Home tickets)

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If the concert was recommended to you by a choir member, please add their name here.....

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 OR ONLINE AT [www.monash.edu.au/monart](http://www.monash.edu.au/monart)**



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