

Magical Music Moments

Alchemy Chorus COVID Newsletter # 16

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BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS

Let's get singing & bring on the sunshine



Not quite Alchemy, but close...thanks Lola

Welcome to our sixteenth edition of Magical Musical Moments – our ‘virtual’ weekly get together. We won’t be virtual much longer.

Yes, we’re nearly there. Let’s get singing...outdoors, socially distanced etc. etc. etc.

**Venue TBA
Date TBA**

It Will Happen by Mid-November!!!

Brian is giving us another week or so to brush up on our parts.

Plan is to sing for an hour, then do what we do so well over that cuppa.

Watch your mailbox for an email with precise details.

And here's the latest from ACT Govt...click the blue hyperlink:

'Advice for attending public events and [public gatherings](#)

When attending an event or gathering, you still need to maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres where possible and practise good hygiene.

If you choose to use open public spaces, it is your responsibility to maintain physical distancing measures.

Use your judgement and leave a site or event if it is too crowded and the distancing requirements cannot be followed.

Do not attend an event or gathering if you are feeling unwell.

Some people are at more risk of serious illness from COVID-19 than others and should take extra precautions to stay safe.

The Protect yourself page has more information about staying safe if you are at risk.'

For more information about Covid advice & regulations, click on the blue hyperlink: [public gatherings](#)

Two Magical Music Moments guaranteed here:

1. To read more, click on the red photo below:



2. **ANCA & Beethoven's Ode To Joy Virtual choir...if you'd like to be part of this virtual choir experience or buy tickets for the performance (it's a fundraiser), click on the blue hyperlink below for more information:**

[Beethoven Sing Out Virtual Choir](#)



**Celebration Sing Out!
Virtual Choir and Orchestra**

Laughs in the time of Covid
1.

This is Buddy , I bought him as a surprise present for my husband but it turns out he's allergic to dogs . So unfortunately I'm going to have to find a new home for him , and I'm just wondering if anyone out there can help ? . His name is Alan, he's 61, great at DIY, drives a nice car and plans wonderful holidays.



Lola

2. The boss wondered why one of his most valued employees was absent but had not phoned in sick. So, he dialed the employee's home phone number and was greeted with a **child's whisper**.

'Hello?'

'Is your daddy home?'

'Yes, he's out in the garden,' whispered the small voice.

'May I talk with him?'

The child whispered, *'No.'*

So, the boss asked, 'Well, is your Mommy there?'

'Yes, but she's out in the garden, too'

And the boss asked, 'May I talk with her?'

Again, the small voice whispered, *'No.'*

Hoping there was somebody with whom he could leave a message, the boss asked,

'Is anybody else there?'

'Yes,' whispered the child, *'a policeman.'*

Wondering what a cop would be doing at his employee's home, the boss asked, 'May I speak with the policeman?'

'No, he's busy,' whispered the child.

'Busy doing what?'

'Talking to Mommy and Daddy and the Police Dog Man.'

Growing more worried as he heard a loud noise in the background, the boss asked, 'What is that noise?'

'It's a helicopter,' answered the whispering voice.

'What is going on there?' demanded the boss, now truly apprehensive.

'The search team just landed in a helicopter.'

'A search team?' said the boss. 'What are they searching for?'

Still whispering, the young voice replied with a muffled giggle....

'Me.'

Daphne Hillery

3.TWELVE COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS PLUS ONE

#1 - Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice

#2 - "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.

#3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.

#4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.

#5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."

#6 - "On time" is when you get there.

#7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid -- but it sure does muffle the sound.

#8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?

#9 - Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

#10 - Growing old should have taken longer.

#11 - Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.

#12 - You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will. And one more:

"One for the road" means peeing before you leave the house.

A dementia-friendly radio station!!!



Music for Dementia is a wonderful online radio station that allows you to choose the era of music you want to listen to. Great for reminiscing and a good old sing-a-long.

Click on this hyperlink:
<https://m4dradio.com/>

Memories are made of this



'School train Through Currabubula' by Phillip R Pomroy

Werris Creek, the first railway town in New South Wales was created specifically by NSW Government in 1877 as a major rail depot and junction on the Great Northern Railway, connecting the Northern line to Queensland via Wallangarra, the North Western line to Walgett, Inverell, Mungindi and Boggabilla on the Queensland border, and the Western line to Dubbo and through to the Victorian border.

'How did you get to school in the good old days? In Primary school I walked. Some children rode their ponies, we had a horse paddock enclosure for them. (the ponies - -- not the kids!)

In the small railway town of Werris Creek the "iron horse" ruled for some, especially those who wanted to obtain their Leaving Certificate. Werris Ck. Central school only went to 3rd year for the Intermediate Certificate. Luckily for me, we had a school train so we could attend Tamworth High School – mornings were a rush – pack your lunch and leave home by 7.15 am – walk past four hotels in the main street, they'd be hosing out and across the pavement, all the slush from the previous night's 6 o'clock swill. The train left promptly at 7.30am. Steam engine all fired up and ready to go – there were two dog box carriages behind the engine for

the boys and then two passenger carriages, followed by two dog box carriages for the girls – couldn't have mixed carriages for boys and girls, oh! And I forgot – the Guard's Van was in the middle after the passenger carriages.

First station was a siding called Warrigundi. Occasionally a student, sometimes a farmer with produce would use it. Second stop was Currabubula, which had a big platform and a station master. Here quite a few children climbed into their appropriate dog boxes. After Currabubula, we stopped at Duri, another small town, where we were often shunted off to another line if the "Flyer" was running late or another train needed to get through. The boys loved this and would climb down to race across the tracks to the main store – they gave our poor guard hell, because they would leave it to the last second to get on board again and would be actually running beside the moving train.

Our local "Talkies" was an open-air Picture Theatre with the canvas chairs under the pepper corn trees and we'd see many a black and white cowboy movie with the Durango Kid or Hopalong Cassidy etc. and were copying the train scenes – this behaviour of course would have the School Assembly often end with "would the children from Werris Creek school train, please report to the Headmaster's office. Next siding was Worrall – not often used but Goonoo Goonoo Station was nearby and it was a sheep station! Then we pulled up in the middle of a wheat paddock – Donaldson's Farm – and down the fence line with their long blonde plaits swinging would be Estelle and Margaret. They wore gumboots and had to be pulled up into the Guards van from the ground, they always had their school shoes in a brown paper bag. Second last stop was West Tamworth, past the sale

yards (where someone's hat was thrown out), and we could see the outer suburbs growth and industrial areas.

Tamworth was called the City of Lights, as it was the first city to have electric street lighting (9-11-1888). Over the Feel River on the long viaduct and we finally arrived at approximately 9.00am to walk four blocks to school. The return trip left at 4.00pm and we usually arrived at 5.10pm.

To prepare for music exams, twice a week I would walk up the hill to the local St. Joseph's Convent for my piano lesson from 5.30 to 6.00pm, and get home by 6.15pm.

DAYS IN TAMWORTH AND NIGHTS IN WERRIS CREEK!

Lyn Greenfield



Werris Creek Railway Station

Quiz Time

VAGARIES OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

Why does the word 'Funeral' start with FUN?

Why isn't a fireman called a waterman?

How come lipstick doesn't do what it says?

If money doesn't grow on trees, how come banks have branches?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

How do you get off a non-stop flight?

Why are goods sent by ship called CARGO and those sent by truck SHIPMENT?

Why do we put cups in the dishwasher and the dishes in the cupboard?

Why is it called 'Rush Hour' when traffic moves at its slowest then?

How come noses run and feet smell?

Why do they call it a TV 'set' when there is only one?

What are you vacating when you go on a vacation?

TO ALL MY INTELLIGENT FRIENDS

Keep that brain working; try to figure this one out....See if you can figure out what these seven words all have in common?

- 1 Banana
- 2 Dresser
- 3 Grammar
- 4 Potato
- 5 Revive
- 6 Uneven
- 7 Assess

Give it another try....Look at each word carefully. Answer is below but no peeking yet. **REMEMBER I ONLY SENT THIS TO MY SMART FRIENDS, NOW DON'T LET ME DOWN.**

Answer: In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. How cool is that?

Jill

Lucky Last Laugh

After Corona is over. We have to wear mask like this for 2 months to get our ears back in place!



Lola

Members in the Spotlight...Stan & Barbara Lemmey



What can I say about Stan and me? Long-time married, over 55 years, six children and now nine grandchildren. While this Covid time has certainly brought its challenges there has been lots of joy too. Our newest granddaughter was born just last week. We came to Canberra from Adelaide soon after we married, planned to stay for one year but are still here. We love Canberra and it has been good to us. Stan ran his own electrical business until he retired. I worked as a Family Support Worker for Marymead. Four of our six children are adopted. They were born in Sri Lanka and The Philippines. We are fortunate to have them all living in Canberra and they and their children are our greatest joy. Stan misses the choir and is looking forward to it starting again. I

was a little nervous about attending the choir. I do not have a good voice but the friendliness was wonderful.

Barbara

October Birthdays



Val Boulton 2nd October



Rosaline Welch 4th October



Therese De Dassel 6th October



Brian Taylor 24th October

Alchemy Chorus Committee is so looking forward to seeing everyone again...keep smiling and warm-up those vocals

Brian, Trish, Mick, Kerrie, Jill