

President's Report 2018

My sincere thanks to all for the opportunity to be president of the Gippsland Acoustic Music Club this past year. It has again been a pleasure to hold this position in a club that provides great entertainment, musical opportunities, and friendship to many.

We have attracted some great acts to club nights. This year we have again had the Cafe Culture Series Concerts. These nights often attract new audience members, and it would be great to see numbers increase regularly.

The May Club Night saw us celebrate the 400th edition of Club Newsletter. Founding Club Members were invited to the night, with seven attending. They enjoyed the night, and were pleased to see the club continuing to this day. It was our way of saying thank you to them for their vision and commitment.

Vocal Nosh continues each Club Night, with a great variety of singing leaders, leading the group in song.

Summer and Winter Camps were again well supported, bringing together members from near and far, for a weekend of music, fun and friendship.

Again the Acapella Festival was a success, with approximately 60 attending a great workshop led by Soundswell (Wendy Sellings and Sue Cullen) A delicious meal was provided by Andy and Ann Marie. The evening concert saw seven choirs plus the workshop choir provide some great entertainment.

Gippsapella reformed under the leadership of Jenny Wolswinkel. The group very much enjoyed working with Jenny.

Ukulele lessons remain successful with three lesson groups continuing this year. I ask you all to please read Barry Stuckey's very detailed Ukulele Report. Our Ukulele programs have provided some wonderful opportunities to so many people. As Barry steps aside from the position of Ukulele coordinator, and on behalf of the committee, I wish to thank him for his vision, hard work and commitment to ensuring this very worthwhile program continued. I have every confidence that the future is bright for all things Ukulele.

The October Club Night saw us visited by the crew from Live At Spectrum. Several committee members were interviewed. It was a good opportunity to promote the club, as the interviews were shown at the Live At Spectrum final show for the year at The Wedge Theatre at Sale.

A very enjoyable Christmas Dinner was held as our last get together for 2017.

I sincerely thank all committee members for their support, and congratulate them for the generous work they do. You are a great crew who cheerily get on with what needs to be done.

Sincerely,

Joan Griffiths.