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at 7.45pm to 9.45 pm in the
Hall at the rear of the Church of
Christ, 100 Grote St, Adelaide

Phew!

Yes, the year has finished with a crescendo. It has been very hectic over the last two months or so and it has been both exciting and tiring for the choir.

MILANG

Our first concert after the last newsletter in September was at Milang, a concert we always enjoy and where we are made to feel most welcome.

A CELEBRATION THANK-YOU

Sunday, 10th October, was a great success for the choir and truly celebrated the 120th Anniversary of the Choir's foundation.

Our thanks are due to Her Excellency, Marjorie Jackson-Nelson, AC CVO, MBE, for kindly accepting the Choir's invitation to attend the concert and for cutting the celebration cake in the concert interval.

And we are very grateful to the Band of the South Australia Police, Catherine Lambert and Tasso Bouyessis and to all who contributed to the afternoon's success.

Thanks also to the audience, particularly the Friends of the Choir, who support us so faithfully. There are over 200 Friends of the Choir now and the list is growing constantly.

OPERA DINNER

Another successful Opera Dinner was held at Regency Park Catering College and we are indebted to Fernando Delgado and his team for organising this at the restaurant.



Deborah Caddy and Tasso Bouyessis performed their solo parts to the usual high standard and we look forward to hearing more from them next year.

Thanks to all those who helped in any way to the success of the evening.

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Robert Benjamin Cooter,

MBBS, FRACP, FAMA, AM

1st Tenor

Bob was educated at Adelaide Boys' High School. He graduated at the University of Adelaide in 1951. Practised as a GP at Woodville, Nuriootpa, Port Augusta and Sefton Park from 1953-1992.

In 1966, while practising at Port Augusta, he discovered for the first time in Australia, living amoeba in the spinal fluid of a 10-year-old boy with amoebic meningitis. He directed researchers to the source of infection in the pipeline water supply to the northern towns of SA, based on local GP research of environmental factors and case histories of several victims.

During his practice at Port Augusta he found the work most interesting as it was a diverse rural practice. He and his three colleagues performed major surgery, including caesarean sections, bowel resections, gastrectomies which these days GPs are not allowed to perform. The practice performed over 1000 major and minor operations and about 400 confinements per year.

Bob is highly regarded by his profession because of his involvement in many aspects of rural practice, in the South Australian Post Graduate Medical Foundation Association. He worked with this organisation for 20 years, organising and participating in medical conferences and tours of rural areas by intensive care, obstetrics and other specialist teams, education rural GPs in emergency medicine, severe trauma, obstetrics and neonatology. He was Chairman of the Board of this Association in 1995-96.

His present commitments and appointments include 11 years involvement in locum work, relieving country doctors and also urban colleagues.

He is a member of the Locum Panel of Rural Doctors Workforce Agency of SA and Past Chairman and current adviser to the Central Committee for

Delineation of Clinical Privileges for Rural Hospitals in SA.

He has a long history of service to the Royal Flying Doctor organisation as medical officer for the service at Port Augusta, member of the Council of the Central Section for 22 years and President of Central Section, 1985-88. Awarded life membership after 32 years service.

He was in-training and recruiting country doctors as Chairman of Rural Health Committee of AMA (SA Branch), and was involved in

creating the Royal College of GPs Training Programme of Rural Practice and instigated the National Programme.

He was awarded a Fellowship of the AMA for work in Rural Medicine and created a Rural Locum service in AMA in 1976. He is a Life Member of the Rural Doctors' Association of SA.

Bob has had 20 years involvement in medical education, organising medical conferences and tours of rural areas by specialist teams.

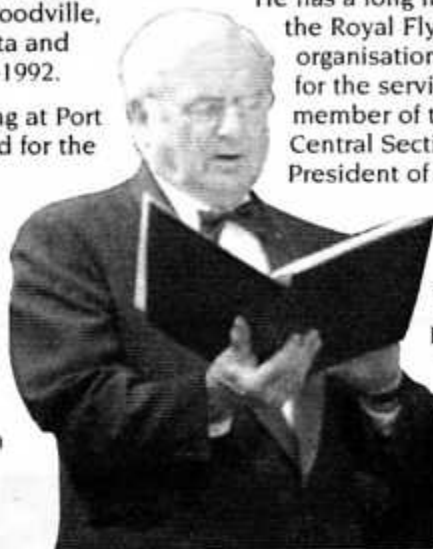
He was Chairman of the Post-Graduate Medical Board, 1995-96.

He has been a member of Lions International since 1966, encouraging medical screenings for glaucoma, diabetes and hypertension and mammography for detection of breast cancer in rural women.

Bob was chairman of a Presidential Task Force in Aboriginal Health for the Royal Australian College of GPs nationally. He is a councillor of the Cratio Facial Foundation, a past board member of MedicAlert and Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee.

He was awarded the Order of Australian in 1995 for services to medicine in rural area, to the RFDS and for community service through Lions International.

He found his work in Port Augusta



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GOOLWA

As my wife and I moved to Goolwa earlier this year, we were delighted that the choir could perform there in November in aid of the local St. John Auxiliary.

Both Tasso Bouyessis and Edward Kriek performed solos and the audience were enthusiastically responsive and many have expressed to me since how much they enjoyed the afternoon. They are looking forward to hearing from the choir again next year.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The choir really looks forward to this event each year and it is now the third year that we have held the dinner at Glenelg Golf Club.

NEW ZEALAND

A separate sheet is enclosed showing what will be happening on the trip as arranged by the travel agent (side 1) Melody Music.

On side 2 is an email sent by Stu Milne of Nelson (NZ), who is very involved with choirs there. He will be accompanying our group and arranging all the concerts.

As the first payment isn't due until the end of January (10%), choir members and friends can still apply to join the group.

CAROLS CONCERT

As mentioned in the last newsletter the choir has been invited by the Band of the South Australia Police to sing at their **Annual Carols Concert** at the Police Academy, Largs North, on **Friday, 17th December at 7.30 pm.**

both satisfying professionally and socially. Belonging to the Port Augusta Music and Arts Club was an exciting experience. With five conservatorium-trained singers and a large mixed choir of 70 singers, his prowess as a singer evolved. He was a tenor soloist in such items as The Mikado, Lilac Time and Naughty Marietta and in the oratorios Messiah, Crucifixion and Olivet to Calvary.

Bob is married to Marie, has five daughters and 11 grandchildren.



120th Anniversary Concert



The choir's celebration of its 120th anniversary on 10th October was a wonderful success with plenty to remember.

Her Excellency the Governor of South Australia kindly accepted our invitation to attend.

The Honourable Stephanie Key, MP, kindly attended on behalf of the Premier, John Bannon.

The concert started with the Band of the South Australia Police playing the fanfare and salute and straight into four items.

The choir then performed six items with solos by Catherine Lambert and Tasso Bouyessis. The choir's assistant conductor, Johnathan Bligh, guided it through *Aura Lee* without a problem. Bill Shaw guided it through the rest.

This section was followed by some wonderful solos by Catherine and Tasso.

The Adelaide Light (a small group formed from members of the main choir) then performed four numbers which brought the programme to the interval.

At the end of the interval the Governor cut the anniversary cake (picture, front page) and the audience joined in singing "Happy Birthday" to the choir.

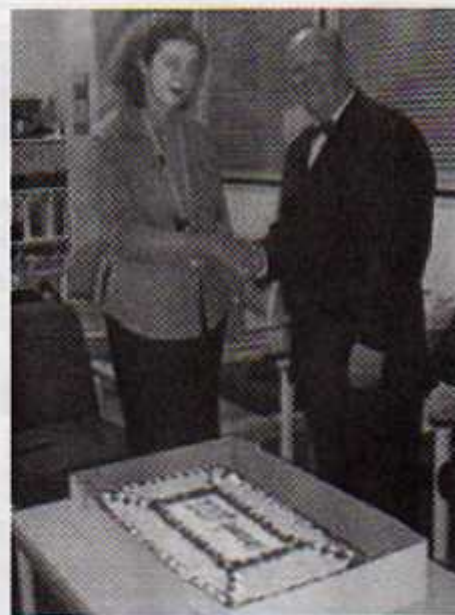


The choir started the second half with three items and solos again by Catherine and Tasso. Johnathan again conducted one of the pieces.

Catherine and Tasso followed with some wonderful solos.

The Police Band performed their second group of pieces and everyone finished off the afternoon singing excerpts from *Phantom of the Opera*.

After all this the choir moved to the Drill Hall where we had some afternoon tea and the Birthday Cake. Two cakes were baked but we didn't need the second one, so one of our choir members, Ian Hunt, took it to the Women's and Children's Hospital (pictured right), where I am sure it received the proper attention. Yum!





Grandparents . . . babies to the right of us, babies to the left



Imogen

On 26th July 1996, the choir sang at this couple's wedding at Trinity Church, Glenelg and now we are delighted to report that they have a baby girl, Imogen Saphir, born on 1st November, weighing 8 lbs. The picture shows Imogen with Alison and Tim Shaw.



Proud grandparents are Pam and Roger Wicks and the choir's conductor and his wife, Bill and Daina Shaw. Bill and Daina will now have both their granddaughters with them for Christmas.



Liam

AT LAST, Rita and David Evans are delighted to announce the arrival of our grandson, Liam James, born on the 13th October at 12.20am. at the Tanunda Memorial Hospital to the very proud and happy parents Danielle and Jim Nixon. Liam's birth date is incidentally the same date as

Danielle's great grandfather, which would have pleased him very much.

Rita, the very ecstatic Nanni, is holding Liam just very shortly after his entry into our wonderful world.

Danielle, Jim and Liam are living in Gawler so it is very close to Rita and David Evans' home at One Tree Hill, so visiting can happily be frequent.



Sophie . . .

is the daughter of Dino and Margaret Conti (full name Sophie Eva Louisa) and she was born on 22nd November in Darwin Maternity Hospital and weighed 11 lb, 7 1/2 oz. Now proud grandparents David and Rini Conti have a lot of travelling to do with

grandchildren in Sydney and Darwin.

Regency Park Opera Dinner



Deborah Caddy



Tasso Bouyessis

Pictures from the dinner (more on page 7)

