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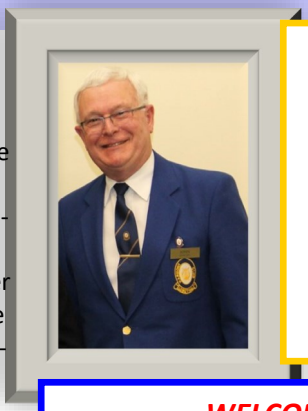

John Minchin PRESIDENT LOBETHAL HARMONY CLUB

WELCOME EVERYONE

Dear Friends,
Welcome to another year of making joyful music as members of the Lobethal Harmony Club!
May we have a great time together, enjoy our singing and support one another as this year unfolds.
2023 will be a challenging year. Alex faces surgery and a significant period when he will be in recovery mode and will not be available. Concert commitments will have to be carefully checked alongside member availability for particular venues and dates. And the wider programme of the club may need to be modified to meet the realities of our membership numbers and age profile.
I met with our Secretary Peter and Treasurer John on January 25th. A number of important matters emerged that we will bring to the Executive and the Club in due course for decision.
We are recommending that the Club no longer is involved in Bunnings barbecues a Club meeting will be held to make a decision on this issue. Finding adequate numbers to staff a barbecue is difficult. It is also usually a lot of work for our Treasurer, John, and we are wanting to reduce the heavy load he has carried in the Club over recent years. The barbecues also involve a lot of effort for a small group for relatively modest financial reward.
We believe that the time has come for a greater sharing of responsibilities amongst the Club membership. In particular, we will need new people to take responsibility for Future Concert planning and for our Scholarship programme. We also need an Assistant Treasurer to assist our Treasurer, John.
We are recommending that any celebration of our 145th anniversary simply be incorporated into our End of Year Dinner, rather than involving a special event.
We are delighted that GE Hughes Construction is continuing in 2023 with its sponsorship, with a generous contribution of $6000 being transferred into our account.
Alongside all these issues, we are ready to welcome any new members into the Club, to join with us in the joy of singing and the great camaraderie that we share together.
Many blessings to you all, as we begin another year as the Lobethal Harmony Club. John Minchin

John Minchin

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Our aim is to raise $1,500 between now 11th December 22 to 9th March 2023. So far we have raised $540, can we extend this???

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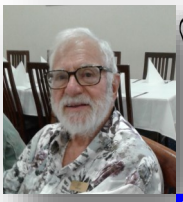
Pub lunches…….Remember last year we held Pub lunches on the 3rd Sunday of the month at the Great Eastern Hotel Littlehampton. Do you want to continue with these? Jeff Gerrard will check with you if you wish to continue with the Pub Lunches.

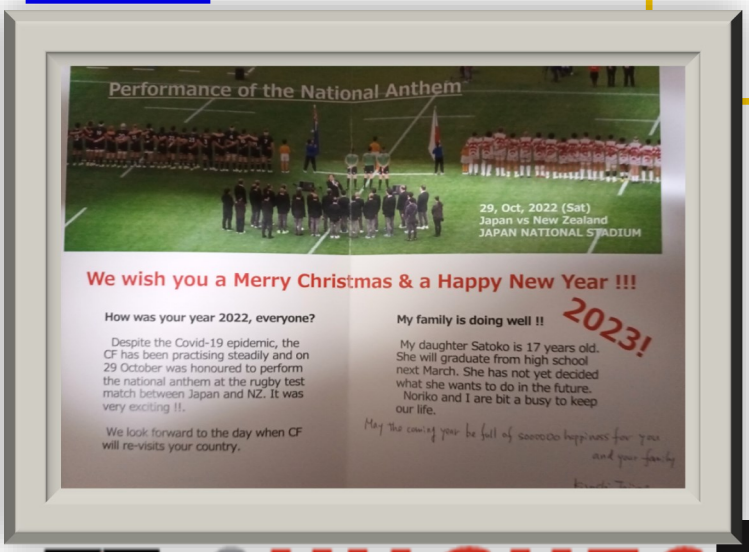


Exec meeting Tuesday 14th Feb 6pm start.
Concert Planning Meeting Tuesday 21st Feb 6:15pm.
Book of Reports all reports by Feb 28th please.

Stephen Wilson with a smile.

Tops… *these were discussed (as "modelled" by Stephen) recently by John M, Peter D and John W and we are suggesting that we could support the cost by $30 a garment. See Graham S if you are interested.*

From Alex…..Happy New Year, I'm looking forward to getting back to Lobethal for some singing. As requested here is where things stand with my surgery. I have completed all the work-up and assessments required and am waiting for the final assessments which involves surgeons, nephrologists and nurses all reviewing my results and hopefully approving me for transplant. If I am approved the surgery will almost certainly not happen before late May. They will definitely need to remove one of my native kidneys and it's possible that this will be done separately. This would mean two operations approximately 3 months apart. I also don't know how long I have to be away after each operation, but I do know I won't be allowed to drive for 6 weeks after each operation.
We all wish you well Alex.



Chor Farmer….*They were involved in singing their national anthem at the World Rugby contest last year. This card was sent to me from Kiyoshi.*
Katsutoshi Fushimi send warmest greetings to all for a wonderful holiday season and for much happiness in the coming New Year. How is your choir? I read your Newsletter on your homepage.
Best wishes have also been received from Nobbie and Chaco.

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