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James and his Dad playing at Kadina August 2023 . His Dad plays with SA symphony orchestra

Hello Raylene,

I hope you are well and that all is going well for the Lobethal Harmony Club Choir so far in 2026!

James Skelton (Clarinet) is a past winner of the instrumental scholarship you so generously provide and he has now started his formal music studies in London at the Royal College of Music. He is having a fabulous time and learning so much from some of the world's finest classical musicians! James will be home for a few weeks in April for his end of term break from his studies at the Royal College of Music in London. While he's back here, he will be presenting a clarinet recital for Recitals Australia with pianist Jamie Cock, at the **North Adelaide Baptist Church Hall**, **145 Tynte Street** at **6pm** on **Wednesday 8th April.**

I was wondering if you might be able to share this event with your choir members (if appropriate) in case they would like to attend? It would be lovely to see some of the Lobethal Harmony Club members there to support James if you are able to share the information below.

Program and ticket link:
https://recitalsaustralia.org.au/programs/08-april-2026-james-skelton-and-jamie-cock-clarinet-and-piano/

It will be good if we can attend the concert, on Wed 8th April 6pm.

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Shingaku… From Chor Farmer... *When we reunite this year, we would like to install the "Shingaku" on the Torii gate and hold a commemorative ceremony to celebrate the occasion. Last Friday I visited Cornerstone College, who manage the Friendship garden and the school's oval and gardens at Lobethal Lutheran school, to see Shane Hein (Geoff Hein's son) about having an acrylic cover for the Shinagku when it is erected. Shane has several ideas and we will work with him to manage the protection of the Shinagku from the elements.*

While I was there I spoke to Shane about the automatic watering system and the need to replant the Japanese Maple tree and to spruce up the area with new Pine bark and plant in June of this year. More details will be planned in May. ***Concert in September….*** *This has not been finalized. We have contacted Mt Barker Lifestyle retirement village without any response, I will try Fullarton Lutheran Homes as another possibility. We will be looking at Concerts for this year and start planning for next year, that maybe different from what we have usually had.*

Coffee & Tea *Total raised LAST SUPPER was $47. Making our Total of $149. . A list of all the "chefs" has been placed on the notice board for you. The next "Chefs" will be Graham S, and Peter H. Remember through supporting the Coffee and Tea helps the club financially and your help is really appreciated.*

AGM highlights…. *A comprehensive summary of our years activity in 2025 were shared. We have managed to enjoy our singing thanks to Alex and Dorothy, where they both have encouraged us to perform a wide range of songs that the audiences have enjoyed. We are financially sound and we hope that our Sponsorship continues despite the hike in fuel costs. We will need to arrange how we will manage the need of a President at our next Exec meeting to be held on 28th April. Scholarships are still being managed with only 2 runner up winners to receive their prizes.*

Life Members *Congratulations to Peter Dickason, Peter Dickinson, John Minchin, and Dorothy Staska on being granted Life Membership. The details for Life membership will be discussed with Raylene Magor soon . Thank you.*

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