



Volunteer Newsletter April 2019



A word from Brett

Hello and welcome to the April edition of the South Street Volunteer eNewsletter,

Yes, April is here and that means that entries are open for the 2019 comps, in fact Calisthenics entries close this Friday can you believe. At this point in time overall entries are ahead of the same time last year which is encouraging.

Some changes this year include moving Junior Chopin to the gallery and on the same day as Celebrating Chopin, we'll have new venues for Contemporary Vocal (this is still being finalised) and Mi Sound (Hop Temple) plus new sections in Choral, Festival of Bands and Speech & Drama. Watch out for the 'Strut your stuff Showcase' to, an exciting new addition to Contemporary Vocal. Of course the biggest 'change' for 2019 is returning to Her Maj. The builders are well on track for a July exit which suits RSSS perfectly.

April is the month the RSSS Annual General Meeting is conducted each year and you're once again invited. It will be held at the Golden City Hotel, upstairs from 6pm on Tuesday 30th. Bernie Capicchiano, the Managing Director of Bernie's Musicland will be our special guest speaker. If you are planning on coming please rsvp to julie@royalsouthstreet.com.au Finally, welcome to Nell Jackson who has joined team RSSS as Volunteer Coordinator. On Nell's first day we toured the Ballarat Mechanics Institute with a small group of volunteers, what timing (if only we'd actually planned it that way!). Nell is busily planning the year ahead including more social events, inductions and training. Feel free to call by Eureka House and introduce yourself. At this time of year Nell is on deck Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As they say the best form of advertising is word of mouth... so, if you know of someone who may be interested in volunteering please steer them in our direction. Too many volunteers is never enough!

Thanks for volunteering. Brett



A word from Nell

Hello everyone and thank you to those who have welcomed me so far. Please let me introduce myself, I am your new volunteers coordinator, replacing the lovely Fiona.

My husband Ross and I moved to Ballarat with our dogs two years ago from Mentone, swapping the beach for the lake. I have a long association with eisteddfods beginning as a teenager competing across Tasmania in Speech and Drama and Choral. More recently I was the discipline chair for Choral at the Eisteddfod by the Bay in Mordialloc.

So they're my official qualifications but on a more personal note: We're currently renovating a tiny old house which I was interested to learn has associations with the Speilvogal family. I enjoy all sorts of craft but my specialty is cross stitch and chicken scratch embroidery. I'm a bit of a 'musicals geek', and I'm very fond of my two dogs Arthur the Jack Russell and Clarice the Pug cross (named after Arthur Streeton and Clarice Beckett. Can you see another interest there?)

Hope to see you soon, Nell



On Tuesday the 19th, coincidentally my first day, 16 volunteers toured the Ballarat Mechanics Institute. After a fascinating presentation in the reading room and an opportunity to take a look at the current display "Talking Shop" we moved on to the library. The Max Harris photography collection was of interest to everyone and Rosemary told us all about becoming a member of one of Australia's last remaining subscription libraries. On our tour of the building Dawn reminded us that the Hooper room was once the offices of Royal South Street which lead to the sharing of a few stories from the history of South Street. At the conclusion of the tour we all enjoyed seeing Sturt Street from a different angle on the balcony while enjoying our morning tea.

Thank you to Phil Roberts and Rosemary McInerney for their time we all had a very enjoyable morning.

April Activity

Come and see the new Civic Hall

Tuesday 30 April 300

Mair Street 10:30am

RSVP 23 April

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Do you know someone who would like to volunteer with us?

Our next volunteer information session is Tuesday April 9th at 5:30.
contact nell@royalsouthstreet.com.au for more information or to RSVP



Guess where our May tour will be?
