

## LOOKING BACK ON 2009 - THE SPIRIT OF THE STREETS CHOIR

After the SOS Choir's successful 2008 year which culminated in a full house (2,000 people) at the Perth Concert Hall in October, 2008. You would naturally wonder how will they cap this and continue to grow.

Well 2008 was a fantastic year for the Choir, but 2009 was quite an incredible year and next year no doubt, will have us searching for an adjective to surpass the above.

The Choir has gone from strength to strength in numbers and Gigs. They have completed some 40 Gigs throughout the year, which have all been positively received, found inspiring and many other such compliments. They have combined with the Mercedes College Select Girls Choir in two Concerts.

The big Gig of the year was the combined "Streets to Angels" concert at St Georges Cathedral on October 23<sup>rd</sup> along with their original sponsors the Perth Male Voice Choir and the Mercedes College Select Girls Choir. Once again this was a sell out concert and a tremendous success.

The Choir now has its own dedicated Committee which runs the day to day commitments, organising Members, Gigs, promotions, care etc.

In addition to the Choir's success this year, there have been other acknowledgements for work done.

Musical Director, Bernard Carney has become the face of the Perth White pages-Residential Section, 2009-2010, in recognition of his work with the SOS Choir and related matters.

The *grumpy old bloke*, previously Project Manager now Manager of the Choir, Ken Steele was awarded an OAM for his services in his role as an advocate to Mental Health issues.

The SOS Website itself was acknowledged by the WA State Library as worthy of archiving under the library's Pandora project.

It is now time to thank **everyone** who has either assisted or enjoyed the SOS Choir this year, in particular Bernard and Eleanor Carney, the wonderful Members of the Choir Committee and all the volunteers and Carers, the Choir Members themselves, who overcome incredible difficulties to put themselves under so much exposure.

There are too many to thank individually, so a **Big thank you to you all**.

Please forward this on to anyone who may be interested in joining or assisting the Choir. Potential customers and anyone who may be able to assist financially.

To this end a link has been made on the ["Friends of the SOS Choir"](#) page where you can make a donation.

Finally, **thank you** to the Choir supporters who help make it all happen, having an appreciative audience or supporters, is icing on the cake and makes it worth while.

I haven't been sacked and I've been invited to the Xmas do, so I guess I'll be back to annoy you all next year.

A Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays and we'll see you all again in the New Year.

Kind Regards

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