

**Sing Australia National Gathering
6 to 8 October 2017
Hobart**

Friday night 6 October.

This will be a special function to enjoy the famous precinct of Constitution Dock. Drinks and canapés and 'box and bowl' small entre size food will be served. We have an excellent function room that opens out onto the boardwalk where we can enjoy our food and drinks alongside exquisite yachts in the Dock. Adequate seating will be provided. There will be lots of singing of course. We will inform you of these details closer to the event. The dress will be 'sailing outfits – navy, red and white'. Eg sneakers, white pants, navy or red top or in any other combination. Striped tops or pants. Sailor caps.

To create some further fun we are requesting each group to make one cardboard representation of something relating to the ocean eg. fish, coral, boats, anchors, fisherpeople, shells, buoys, lighthouse, whales, birds. So that we do not finish up with 70 seagulls we will allocate one of these representations to each group. They will need to be of a size that would fit in approximately A3 size. These will then be hung on netting on the back wall of the venue. They can be slight 3D if you like but flat will be fine. Each item will need to have some kind of hook on the back so that it can be easily and quickly placed on the netting. The items will can be in either of three colours or all – blue, red, yellow with some items also having white such as a seagull.

Saturday 7 October

9am to 11.30am

We will travel to the famous MONA museum either by bus or on the Mona boat or by private car for our own very special premiere. Separate details and registration shortly. Arrangements need to be refined.

Saturday Afternoon – Conductor's Course. 2pm to 4pm

A separate registration form and instruction will be sent to Leaders on this shortly. The Course will be held from 2pm to 4pm. The course will cost \$30. It is open only to existing Conductors and Assistant Conductors of Sing Australia. We need to have the expressions of interest before we can appoint an experienced Conductor instructor. The previous conductor workshops have been very successful.

Gala Dinner

7.00pm for 7.30pm to 11.00pm

Dress: Black Tie and Board Shorts. (formal for tops and casual for bottom eg. Formal black tie and jacket with Jeans etc. Your choice. It is themed to tie in with a MONA association. Free thinking and creative.)

This venue is a wonderful space. It is easy to access.

This will be a 3 course dinner with complimentary wines on the table. There will also be a bar. The words to our songs will be on the screen. It will be a big night

of dancing and singing. We will have a great band to help us kick up our heels. Various conductors and accompanists in the network will also have the opportunity to lead the singing.

Sunday morning

Macquarie Wharf No. 2 (Cruise Terminal)

9am We sing for 30 minutes outside the venue using our SATP 4

9.45am Morning tea and merchandise

10.30 to 12.30 The 'big sing' with the James Mustafa String Ensemble and lots of surprises. Many will remember the experience of working with James at the Melbourne Gathering. This event is always a highlight of our Gathering. The singing is amazing - inspirational and memorable.

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