

# CENTENARY OF ARMISTICE : A CONCERT FOR PEACE

## DETAILS OF THE MUSIC

The Hills Choral Society's next concert on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October will be a significant commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the Great War in 1918. With financial support from the Mitcham Council, the choir has engaged a small professional orchestra to accompany the significant and appropriate choral works.



- The major work on the program will be **"The Armed Man"** subtitled "A Mass for Peace" by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins. This was commissioned by the British Royal Armouries Museum in 1999 and is dedicated to victims of the Kosovo crisis. The orchestral accompaniment will significantly increase the solemn impact of this extraordinary work.
- The second work will be a medley arranged by our Music Director, Ian Boath, of music from the 1963 musical **"Oh! What Lovely War"** which was made into a satirical film in 1969. That film included many well-known songs of the day and starts with the optimism at the beginning of the war which changes to despair as casualties mount, and reflects the futility of war.
- The finale will be **"Memoirs of Corporal Keeley"** by local Adelaide composer Ian Boath (our Music Director) is based on a book about the Great War by Steele Rudd and was commissioned by Concordia College in 2015 to be performed by the school on its visit to the battlefields of Flanders. This will be the first public performance of the full work in Australia, and it is a very moving and appropriate piece of music. Apart from being a composer, Ian is heavily involved with the SA ANZAC Day Committee, teaches at various schools and colleges and is a skilled music arranger. This work will be accompanied by a 11 piece orchestra, accompanied by SA Opera Repetiteur, Andrew Georg, on the pipe organ.

To give as many people as possible an opportunity to experience this moving concert event, there will be two performances – the first on Saturday evening 27<sup>th</sup> October, and another on Sunday afternoon 28<sup>th</sup> October. The Choir will once again use the excellent venue at the Blackwood Church of Christ on the corner of Shepherds Hill Road and Waite Street, Blackwood.

## TICKETING

**General Public;** Use TRY BOOKING, <https://www.trybooking.com/XOLG> or from a Choral Society member.

Adult: \$25, \$20 concession. Child (13 to 18) \$10; Child (under 13), free.

NB: There will be a LIMITED number of seats available at the door.

**RSL members.** Current members are eligible for a concessional rate: \$10 for a member on concession, and \$15 otherwise.

Obtain tickets from Blackwood RSL or Mitcham RSL:

Blackwood—Frank Blamey, (0418 891 544), or over the counter. Mitcham, Jan Killen (8271 2803) or over the counter

*Children's Tickets: Children under 13 are free, but a ticket is required for each child, to keep a track of number of seats sold.*

*[jre 18-Sep-2018]*