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**Music** can warm the soul and bring us closer to the Lord!

**Free Spirit** is a group of people who aim to enrich worship through music - and sometimes have some fun with other types of music as well. Free Spirit is regularly part of the worship at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church, but also likes to be part of other congregations from time to time. Often in life it is the single star performer that attracts attention. Free Spirit shows that this is not always the case and that what a group can do working together is much better than just the sum of the parts (in our case only possible with the talent, dedication and love of music of Deb Pope, our Musical Director).

**Free Spirit** was formed to bring an alternative style of music to worship at Glen Waverley Uniting Church. Different - yes, modern - usually, contemporary - possibly. In the early days, the singers were often accompanied by a small band - piano, drums, clarinet or sax, and sometimes electric guitar. The music was simple and the combination of the instruments and voices gave 'that special effect'. The world doesn't stay still and neither did Free Spirit. Slowly, occasional two part harmony became four part harmony (and sometimes up to 8 parts) with just piano accompaniment. Then Free Spirit discovered 'a cappella'. Just as well! Deb needed all her hands (plus a fair amount of the rest of her body) to conduct and lead Free Spirit through the challenges of syncopation. Thus, Free Spirit's repertoire extends to cover the spectrum from African freedom songs to the works of Percy Grainger.

**Free Spirit** probably started in mid 1985. Alan Cook, Sue Hocking nee Podger, Rob Hocking, Joy Allen, Leslie Armstrong and Caroline Cook were probably the founding members. Maria Gillies, Marj Snare nee Hauser, Mark Hocking, Jay Robinson, Rob Gotch (drums) and Marion Gotch joined soon after. Initially, Free Spirit did not have a conductor. Pianists were Margaret Lemke, Jean Anderson, Sue Podger and Marj Pope before Deb joined as both pianist and conductor.

(Deb left Free Spirit to live and work in the United States from 1994? until perhaps the end of 1997. During that time Deborah Smith was the main pianist and conductor. In 1997, Debora Smith injured her vocal chords and resigned. Prior to Deb's return Barry Sims accompanied for a time while Mike Boliston and Geoff Willis took stints at conducting. Free Spirit was in recess for some time in 1997 prior to Deb's return.)

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## Free Spirit 1988

First place and choral excellence trophy in the Waverley Eisteddfod unaccompanied open section singing "Every time I feel the Spirit" and "Freedom is coming".

## Free Spirit 1989

### Membership

Name	Address	Date of Birth
Alan Cook	12 Elmwood Cres, Glen Waverley, 3150	21-1-36
John Snare	2 Maury Lane, Chelsea, 3196	19-2-51
Lyn McDonald	30 Panoramic Drive, Glen Waverley, 3150	13-12-42
Joy Allen	6 Joyce Ave, Glen Waverley, 3150	5-10-54
Adrian Price	9 Lancelot Cres, Glen Waverley, 3150	15-1-72
Joanne Wagon	4 Tiverton Dve, Mulgrave, 3170	16-6-70
Debbie Pope	19 Fairhills Pde, Glen Waverley, 3150	3-3-70
Susan Hauser	15 Margate Cres, Glen Waverley, 3150	25-3-73
Joanne Hauser	15 Margate Cres, Glen Waverley, 3150	31-7-74
Marjorie Hauser	15 Margate Cres, Glen Waverley, 3150	12-10-45
Rowena Allen	41 The Outlook, Glen Waverley, 3150	13-5-72
Megan Allen	41 The Outlook, Glen Waverley, 3150	21-5-70
Leslie Armstrong	3 Lisa Court, Glen Waverley, 3150	18-8-49
Marie Gillies	4 Tatiana St, Wantirna South, 3152	18-8-43
Karen Skafke	6 Sanday St, Glen Waverley, 3150	17-6-67
Alan Long	16 Compton St, Mitcham, 3132	5-6-64
Geoff Willis	2 Josephine Ave, Glen Waverley	
Rob & Marion Gotch		

### Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
9/7/89	am	Rivers of Babylon Siph'amandla Asikhatali Thuma Mina We shall not give up the fight	Pentridge jail

Date	Time	Title	Place
		The Lord is my shepherd Come let us sing Sing to the Lord	
plus others			

## Free Spirit 1990

Honourable mention in the Waverley Eisteddfod unaccompanied open section singing “Mr Sandman” and “Akanamandala”.

Performed “The Glory of Christmas” as a Christmas musical.

## Free Spirit 1992

Performed “A Morning like This” as an Easter musical.

## Free Spirit 1993

<u>Free Spirit Phone Nos.</u>	15-Sep-93	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Work</u>
Alan & Pam Cook	560-1576	542-5826
<u>Marj. &amp; John Snare</u>	802-3170	M:417-3462
(alt. home : 560-8074)		J: 634-5567
Jo Wagon	560-7598	565-9802
Janet Smith	560-8079	-
Marian Gotch	561-5813	541-6246
Peter Baker	803-3353	877-6477
Debbie & Clive Amos	560-8432	
<u>Lyn McDonald</u>	560-9798	664-9614
Maria Gillies	801-4464	807-1076
Fairlie McKinnon	560-1420	-
Debbie Pope	802-2710	-
Steve Gladstones	568-8289	419-2499
<del>Pam</del> Pearson	598-3282	337-5011
<del>Les</del> Newberry	802-8176	-
<u>Geoff Willis</u>	803-2152	666-5055
Joy Allen	560-0819	807-8688
Lesley Armstrong	560-2025	810-4236
Lise Hales	802-8811	270-2312
Jodie Cormack	562-5936	
Megan Forse	560-4230	-
Geoff & Marj. Pope	802-2459	662-3522

Alan to ring each underlined name, who in turn ensures the names beneath get rung.

# Free Spirit 1994

Records before 1994 are not as complete as they might be!

## Membership (1-Mar-94)

Name	Address	Phone	Part
Alan & Pam Cook	12 Elmwood Cres, Glen Waverley	560-1576 (H) 542-5826 (W)	T S
<u>Marj &amp; John Snare</u>	15 Margate Cres, Glen Waverley	802-3170 (H) 634-5567 (W) 417-3462 (M)	S B
Jo Wagon	4 Tiverton Drive, Mulgrave	560-7598 (H) 565-9802 (W)	A
Janet Smith	1/56 Delmore Cres, Glen Waverley	802 2880	S
Rob & Marion Gotch		541-6246 (H) 541-6246 (W)	Drums ?
Peter Baker	10 Katandra Crt, Glen Waverley	803-3353 (H) 877-6477 (W)	B
Debbie & Clive Amos		560-8432	? B
<u>Lyn McDonald</u>	30 Panoramic Gve, Glen Waverley	560-9798 (H) 664-9614 (W)	B
Maria Gillies	4 Tatiana St, Wantirna South	801-4464 (H) 807-1076 (W)	A
Fairlie McKinnon	29 Ninevah Cres, Mulgrave	560 1420	A
Deb Pope	Fairhills Ave, Glen Waverley	802-2710	Leader
Steve Gladstones		568-8289 (H) 419-2499 (W)	T
Pam Pearson	2 Hoyt St, Hampton	598-3282 (H) 337-5011 (W)	A (A)
Les Newberry		802-8176	B, guitar
<u>Geoff Willis</u>	2 Josephine Ave, Glen Waverley	803-2152 (H) 666-5055 (W)	T
Lise Hales	22 Clifford St, Glen Waverley	802-8811 (H) 270-3212 (W)	A
Joy Allen	6 Joyce Ave, Glen Waverley	560-0819 (H) 807-8688 (W)	S
Lesley Armstrong	Lisa Crt, Glen Waverley	560-2055 (H)	S

Name	Address	Phone	Part
		810-4236 (W)	
Jodie Cormack		562-5936	?
Megan Forse		560-4230	?
Geoff & Marj Pope		802-2459 (H) 662-3522 (W)	Clarinet, Piano
Kim Wallace		560-6743	

Alan to ring each underlined, who in turn ensures the names beneath get rung (sic).

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
13/3/94	9.00am		GWUC
10/4/04	11.00am		
24/4/94	10.00am		St Peter's Brighton Beach
8/5/94	?		GWUC
29/5/94	7.00pm		Cheltenham UC (Ecumenical Service)

Equal second in the Waverley Eisteddfod unaccompanied open section singing “We will glorify” and “I’m a train” (31/8/94).

# Free Spirit 1995

## Annual Meeting

Present: Alan Cook, Lyn McDonald, Lesley Armstrong, Jo Wagon, Janet Smith, Peter Baker, John Snare, Marj Snare, John Muir, Geoff Willis, Michael Baldiston

1. It was decided to sort out the music and but additional copies if necessary to complete sets.
2. Bank - \$180.61
3. Conductor/pianist discussed. Marg Lemke available 2/4 weeks. Still looking for someone available every week
4. Start 8.00pm sharp, finish 9.30pm Wednesdays at Snare's 15 Margate Crescent, Glen Waverley.
5. Subs \$15 per half year (ask parish for music allowance.)
6. Adapt A4 folders by fitting with strings for music.
7. Uniforms:  
Ladies – Black slacks (when visible) and white/plain coloured/multicoloured shirts as decided.  
Men – Black slacks, white shirts and bright ties or plain coloured shirts (as decided)
8. John Snare to keep record of members and what and where we sing.

## Church Fete (October 22 1995)

Free Spirit car wash raised approx \$160 at \$4 per car, \$6 per van.

Recommendation for next year: \$5 4 cyl car, \$6 6 cyl car, \$7 van

## Membership

Name	Address	Phone	Part
Alan & Pam Cook	12 Elmwood Cres, Glen Waverley	9560-1576	T S
Marj & John Snare	15 Margate Cres, Glen Waverley	9802-3170	S B
Jo Wagon	4 Tiverton Drive, Mulgrave	9560-7598	A
Janet Smith	1/56 Delmore Cres, Glen Waverley	9802 2880	S
Peter Baker	10 Katandra Crt, Glen Waverley	9803-3353	B
Maria Gillies	4 Tatiana St, Wantirna South	9801-4464	A
Fairlie McKinnon	29 Ninevah Cres, Mulgrave	9560 1420	A
Lyn McDonald	30 Panoramic Gve, Glen Waverley	9560-9798	B
Pam Pearson	2 Hoyt St, Hampton	9598-3282	A (A)
Lise Hales	22 Clifford St, Glen Waverley	9802-8811	A
Geoff Willis	2 Josephine Ave, Glen Waverley	9803-2152	T
Joy Allen	6 Joyce Ave, Glen Waverley	9560-0819	S



Name	Address	Phone	Part
Lesley Armstrong	Lisa Crt, Glen Waverley	9562-5441	S
John Muir	6 Brampton Crt, Mulgrave	9560-1518	B
Michael Boldiston	19 Keefer St, Mordialloc	9580-4941	T
Debrah Smith	11/508 Glenferrie Rd, Hawthorn	9819-9142	Leader
Heather Maslen	42 Hillview Ave, Mt Waverley	9807-8643	S
Darryn Wright	6 Andelana Ave, Mulgrave	9561-9275	T
Maree Glasson	2 Clifton St, Richmond	9428-1268	Pianist, A
Irene Merta	3 Dai Crt, Mt Waverley	9543-2474	S
Janice Bernetzke	23 Belvedere Ave, Wheelers Hill	9561-5983	S

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
12/2/95	11.00 am	Make his praise glorious I call you to praise	GWUC
13/2/95	7.30pm	Make his praise glorious We will glorify	Wesley Church, Melbourne (UC Church Music Committee)
5/3/95	7.00pm	He who began the good work in you People need the Lord	Curzon St Uniting Church North Melbourne (Commission for Mission)
12/3/95	9.00am	We will glorify	GWUC
9/4/95	11.00am	Make His praise glorious Embrace the cross	GWUC
7/5/95	2.00pm	I'm gonna walk on home Java jive I call you to praise I'm going home on a cloud Les Miserables medley	GWUC (PSA)
14/5/95	9.00am	Embrace the cross I call you to praise	GWUC
28/5/95	7.00pm	I call you to praise People need the Lord	St. John's, Mt Waverley (Ecumenical choral festival)
4/6/95	11.00am	Let there be praise I'm gonna walk on home	GWUC

Date	Time	Title	Place
18/6/95	10.00am	Amazing grace	GWUC (Church anniversary combined choir)
17/7/95	9.00am	A Gaelic blessing This is the day	GWUC
27/7/95		Amazing Grace People need the Lord I'm gonna walk on home I call you to praise Gaelic blessing Embrace the cross This is the day Siyahumba Asikhatali I'm going home on a cloud Java jive I'm a train Le Miserables medley	Cumberland View retirement village
12/8/95		Amazing Grace Asikhatali I'm gonna walk on home Embrace the cross This is the day I call you to praise	GWUC (Music for praise workshop – Synod committee on church worship)
13/8/95		Asikhathali Embrace the cross	GWUC
3/9/95		Let there be praise The Lord is my shepherd Ipharadisi Asikhatali Siyahamba Make His praise glorious Freedom Mourning into dancing	St Michaels UC (Mark Hocking memorial service)
10/9/95	11.00am	Make His praise glorious We will glorify	GWUC
8/10/95	9.00am	Make His praise glorious I call you to praise We will glorify Mourning into dancing Gaelic blessing Eat this bread	Ringwood UC
22/10/95	10.00	Make His praise glorious Asikhathali I call you to praise A Gaelic blessing	St. Peter's, Brighton
12/11/95	11.00	I say rejoice	GWUC

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Place</b>
18/11/95	7.00pm	Puttin' on the Ritz Country gardens	GWUC
8/12/95		He who began the good work in you I call you to praise	GWUC (Rob Gotch, ordination)
16/12/95		Shout with joy Make his praise glorious People need the Lord A Gaelic blessing Depart now in peace	GWUC (Deb's wedding)
17/12/95		The first noel/Pacabel's canon	GWUC

Honourable mention in the Waverley Eisteddfod unaccompanied open section singing "Coventry Carol" and Mr. Sandman". – The year for this may be wrong because all we know is that it was September 7<sup>th</sup>; as for the year, not a mention.

# Free Spirit 1996

## Annual Meeting 28/2/96

### Agenda

- Conductor
- Bookings/plan – short/long term
- Finances

### Notes

#### Search for conductor/pianist - no takers yet

Action underway to seek a choral student – no leads yet.

Advert in Crosslight \$1 per word. Could get add into April/May edition for \$25-\$30. Agreed to place add in Crosslight (April) – text drafted.

Payment: Out of pocket expenses (say approx \$10/week) – agreed up to \$15 max

Professional payment (say approx \$50/week) – unacceptable.

Letters written to other churches. Jo to get contact list. Heather to try Syndal Baps, Virginia St. Alan to try local CofE. Geoff Willis to draft a letter.

GWUC council of elders to be notified of our problems. John Snare to write to council of elders.

Jo to arrange notice in weekly notices.

We are looking for a person for the long term. If Deb Pope comes back, she will not displace that person (necessarily). It would be delightful if she could rejoin as a singer. There may be a future opportunity for her to lead. (We are not planning on that basis.)

#### Future performances

Jo and Michael wedding – November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

We will glorify' plus introit plus benediction. Agreed that we would like to do this, other arrangements not withstanding.

It was agreed not to take further bookings until leadership problems are resolved and we have sufficient practice to reach an acceptable standard.

#### Interim arrangements

Informal meetings and sing-along? Recess? Informal meetings?

Agreed to meet weekly on a rotating basis – a different place according to the week of the month.

Alan Cook to inform Iris Pederic re GWUC worship roster.

Lynn McDonald to inform Riddles Creek church re tentative booking.

Use ring around system to pass messages around. Alan Cook to start/be contact point.

#### Finances

\$262 plus Steve Waugh token. Advert to be funded from these funds.

### Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
25/2/96		A Gaelic blessing Come holy spirit Mourning into dancing	The Avenue UC Blackburn (for Warren Bartlett's 40 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination)

Date	Time	Title	Place
11/8/96	11.00am	This is the day	GWUC
18/8/96	11.00am	I call you to praise Strength of the Lord	GWUC
8/9/96	11.00am	The Lord bless you and keep you	GWUC
22/9/96	1.30pm – 3.00pm	I call you to praise Embrace the cross The strength of the Lord The mission We will glorify Siyahumba Iparadhis The pig song He who began the good work in you Mourning into dancing The Lord bless you and keep you	Cumberland View retirement village
13/10/96	9.00am	This is holy ground (In his presence) Strength of the Lord The Lord bless you and keep you	GWUC
3/11/96	2.30pm	This is the day We will glorify	GWUC (Michael & Jo wedding)
12/96	9.00	This little light of mine	GWUC
12/96		Ring those bells	GWUC

## Free Spirit 1997

1997 was not a good year for Free Spirit.

When Deborah Smith injured her vocal chords and resigned Barry Sims accompanied Free Spirit for a while, and Mike Boldiston and Geoff Willis took stints at conducting.

No other records are available.

## Free Spirit 1998

### Annual Meeting 9/12/98

#### Programme

Needs better planning and avoid over-hectic months

Commit to once a month at GWUC. Possibly one extra date/month. Seek spread between 11.00am (6 times), 9.00 (3 times) and 'flock together' (3 times).

Continue to document planned attendance (and commitment).

#### Music

More new music to be learned. (We have music already.)

Try to memorise more music.

#### Folders

A solution is required, especially when singing multiple items. (No resolution.)

#### Musical Project

A concert, a musical, eisteddfod – probably one. Options to record to be considered. The possibility of a 'music camp' weekend was suggested as a lead-up. The group was divided about whether we should do a musical or concert. Many didn't mind either way.

#### Money

To be reviewed early next year, perhaps \$10 per person (students \$5) about Easter.

## Membership

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Alan Cook	12 Elmwood Cres, Glen Waverley	9560-1576	T S
Marj & John Snare	15 Margate Cres, Glen Waverley	9802-3170	S B
Janet Smith	1/56 Delmore Cres, Glen Waverley	9802 2880	S
Peter Baker	10 Katandra Crt, Glen Waverley	9803-3353	B
Maria Gillies	4 Tatiana St, Wantirna South	9801-4464	A
Lyn McDonald	30 Panoramic Gve, Glen Waverley	9560-9798	B
Pam Pearson	2 Hoyt St, Hampton	9598-3282	A (A)
Lise Hales	1/19 Sandham St, Elsternwick, 3185	9802-8811	A
Geoff Willis	2 Josephine Ave, Glen Waverley	9803-2152	T

Name	Address	Phone	Part
Joy Allen	6 Joyce Ave, Glen Waverley	9560-0819	S
Heather Maslen	2 Sandgate Ave, Glen Waverley	9807-8643	S
Irene Merta	3 Dai Crt, Mt Waverley	9543-2474	S
Janice Bernetzke	23 Belvedere Ave, Wheelers Hill	9561-5983	S
Deb Pope	19 Fairhills Pde, Glen Waverley	9802-2170	Pianist (A)
Robin Pope	19 Fairhills Pde, Glen Waverley	9802-2170	A
Trish & John Burch	¾ Thomas St, Ringwood, 3134	9870-1988	A
Caroline Cox	4 Coachmans Crt, Vermont South, 3133	9887-8153	A
Jeff Woolhouse	50 Hortense St, Glen Iris, 3146	9889-2773	B

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
8/2/98	9.00am	I call you to praise (short, introit) People need the Lord	GWUC
1/3/98	7.00pm	Amazing grace	GWUC
8/3/98	11.00	Make his praise glorious (introit) Amazing grace Depart now in peace (benediction)	GWUC
10/5/98	11.00am	This is the day (introit) Wade in the water Irish blessing (benediction)	GWUC
6/6/98	4.00pm	This is the day Follow me Only God could love you more Irish blessing Siyahumba (reception)	GWUC (Janet Smith and Andrew wedding)
20/6/98	10.00	Sing for joy	GWUC (Anniversary combined choir)
27/6/98	3.00pm	The Lord bless you and keep you Siyahumba (reception)	St Peter's, Brighton (Pam Pearson and Phil Sheppard wedding)
12/7/98	9.00am	This little light of mine	GWUC

Date	Time	Title	Place
10/8/98	11.00am	Freedom Shine on me	GWUC
18/8/98	8.00pm	Freedom Java jive	Waverley eisteddfod
13/9/98	9.00am	I call you to praise (short, introit) Every time I feel the spirit	GWUC
4/10/98	1.30pm	Gaelic blessing Candle on the water The Lord bless you and keep you Shine on me Ipharadisi Asikhatali Let there be praise Amazing grace Follow me This is the day Day by day Praise ye the name Make his praise glorious	Emmaus special accommodation, Murrumbena
25/10/98	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Amazing grace Irish blessing Candle on the water Follow me Gaelic blessing The Lord bless you and keep you Let there be praise This is the day Praise yo the name Shine on me Ipharadisi Asikhatali Make his praise glorious	St. Catherine's primary school fete
15/11/98	11.00am	I call you to praise Day by day	GWUC
10/11/98	5.00pm	Follow me	Kew (Roz wedding)
11/11/98	11.00am	Ipharadisi Gaelic blessing Day by day	GWUC
6/12/98	7.00pm	Gaelic Blessing Candle on the water The Lord bless you and keep you This little light of mine Day by day Ipharadisi Asikhatali Amazing grace Irish blessing People need the Lord Make his praise glorious	Ringwood Church of Christ



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Place</b>
		Coventry carol Shine on me Freedom	

Honourable mention in the Waverley Eisteddfod unaccompanied open section singing “Java Jive” and Freedom is coming”.

# Free Spirit 1999

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
11/2/99	9.00am	This is holy ground (from In His presence medley) Mourning into dancing	GWUC (Flock together)
20/2/99	2.30pm	Ipharadisi Asikhatali Siyahumba	GWUC (Karen Frecker memorial service)
21/2/99	11.00am	This is holy ground (from In His presence medley) Shine on me	GWUC
14/2/99	11.00am	Deep Peace (not Rutter)	GWUC
6/5/99	11.00am	This is holy ground (introit) In Thy presence	GWUC
25/5/99	7.00pm	I'm going home on a cloud This little light of mine Let's go (recessional)	St John's UC, Mt Waverley (Ecumenical choral festival)
6/6/99	11.00am	Be still, for the presence of the Lord (introit) I'm going home on a cloud Depart now in peace (benediction)	GWUC
11/7/99	11.00am	Waitin' for the light	GWUC
25/7/99	9.00am	Let there be praise Waitin for the light Praise ye the name of the Lord	High St Rd UC
21/11/99	10.00	Praise ye the name Asikhatali People need the Lord Shine on me (Eat this bread chorus) The peace of the Lord be with you	Yarra Junction Uniting Church
12/12/99	11.00am	Holy ground This little light Wade in the water Peace of the earth	GWUC
25/12/99	8.30am	Go tell it on the mountain Such wise men Peace of the earth	GWUC

# Free Spirit 2000

## Annual Meeting 7/6/00

### Agenda

- Commitment
- CD
- Schedule
- Uniform
- Other roles in services
- Meeting place
- Cash
- Music

### Commitment

Different people each week make it stressful for Deb, difficult to judge balance, and learn, because different people know different things at practice each week. Options to improve:

- everyone has a calendar for whole year and more attempt for total commitment
- think of year in parts and seek commitment for shorter periods

Suggestion. Every Wednesday should be a priority for people who want to be members.

- People should attend the two practices before 'performance'
- A roster (three months) will help people make and keep their commitment.

(Regulars get bored re-learning the same thing each week.)

### Schedule

Reaffirmed solid commitment one Sunday/month at GWUC. Extra one Sunday a possibility. Prefer to alternate between 9.00am and 11.00 am.

To fit with 'flock together', change regular week to 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in the month.

Will only sing a second time in a month at GWUC for special occasions (e.g. Christmas, Church Anniversary, Easter).

### Uniform

Girls look untidy. Will look for bright coloured shirts and people to coordinate colours (and always be consistent/the same?)

### Meeting Place

When piano moves it will be no longer possible to practice at Robin's. Kate may offer. Marj also offered (fallback).

Should sometimes practice at the church.

Consider rotating perhaps every 6 months.

### Money

\$10 each (\$5 student) to cover supper, music, piano tuning.

### Other Roles in Services

Taize, responses in prayers, psalms. General support for this idea. Deb and Jeff Woolhouse will follow up.

### Music

With commitment, we should try to learn more music by heart.

### CD (CMN)

Have been invited to submit two Christmas songs by end July for 'professional' recording later in year.  
generally supported if Deb is happy.

## Church Fete October 2000

Free Spirit car wash: \$5 4 cyl car, \$6 6 cyl car, \$7 van plus \$1 if extra dirty.

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
13/2/00	11.00am	Be still for the presence of the Lord Mourning into dancing Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika	GWUC
27/2/00	10.00am	Be still for the presence of the Lord Go tell it on the mountain Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika I want to be ready The peace of the earth	Box Hill Nth UC
19/3/00	9.00am	Be still (for the presence of the Lord) sent by the Lord I want to be ready	GWUC
26/3/00	9.30am	This is holy ground Shine People need the Lord Sent by the Lord am I Go tell it on the mountain The peace of the earth	Montrose UC
9/4/00		Mourning into dancing Praise to the name	GWUC
21/4/00		Via Dolorosa	GWUC (Good Friday)
14/5/00	11.00am	Rest Medley wen Ti (China)	GWUC
21/5/00		Go tell it on the mountain People get ready	St Stephen's (Ecumenical service)
4/6/00	11.00am	Standin' in the need of prayer People get ready	GWUC
2/7/00	9.00am	People get ready Eat this bread	GWUC
22/7/00	evening	A great new day Once upon a December People get ready Candle on the water We will glorify It's only a paper moon This little light of mine Chattanooga Choo Choo I call you to praise Mourning into dancing	Euroa UC (concert)

Date	Time	Title	Place
		Irish blessing	
23/7/00		Asikhatali People get ready Ipharadisi People need the Lord Siyahamba I want to be ready Thuma mina shine of me Go tell it on the mountain Irish blessing	Euroa UC, Ruffy UC
12/8/00	7.00pm	Asikhatali Senzenina Country garden Chattanooga choo choo Irish blessing Let's go	Melbourne High school International dinner)
19/8/00	9.00am	A great new day Senzenina	GWUC
17/9/00	11.00am	Standin' in the need of prayer Hallelujah Pelo tsa rona	GWUC
7/10/00		A great new day Siyahumba Senzenina Hallelujah Pelo tsa rona Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika People get ready I want to thank you, Lord The power of your love Paper moon Go tell it on the mountain Candle on the water	Surrey Hills neighbourhood centre 157 Union Road, Surrey Hills (anti-cancer fund raising night)
15/10/00	9.00am	I want to thank you, Lord Standin' in the need of prayer Depart now in peace	GWUC
12/11/00	11.00am	The power of Your love Dat a ki vovovon (New Guinea)	GWUC
19/11/00	2.30pm	Paper Moon Chatenuga choo choo A great new day Senzenina Hallelujah Pelo tsa rona Once upon a December	GWUC (PSA)
26/11/00	7.00pm	A great new day I want to thank you Lord Shine Let's go I want to be ready	Box Hill UC

Date	Time	Title	Place
		Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika Thuma Mina Siyahumba Senzenina Hallelujah pelo tsa rona People get ready Standing in the need of prayer The power of your love Irish blessing	
17/12/00	9.00am	Lord, listen to your children Light the light	GWUC
25/12/00		Sing rejoice Who's that baby	GWUC

# Free Spirit 2001

## Church Fete October 2001

Free Spirit car wash raised \$374: \$6 small car, \$7mid size car, \$8 large car, \$10 van/4WD plus \$2 if extra dirty.

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
27/1/01	10.00am	Be still for the presence of the Lord The power of your love Irish blessing	GWUC
18/2/01	11.00am	The gift of love Hallelujah pelo tsa rona	GWUC
1/4/01		A great new day Lord, listen to your children Java jive Amazing grace People need the Lord Paper moon Ride the chariot Coventry carol Senzenina Chatenuga choo choo Send in the clowns Gaelic blessing People get ready Candle on the water Tuxedo junction Irish Blessing	GWUC (Concert with orchestra)
15/4/01		We have seen Eat this bread	GWUC
20/5/01	11.00am	Lord, listen to your children The Lord is my light	GWUC
23/5/01		We are marching (Ipharadisi?) Irish blessing	GWUC (Max Taylor funeral)
27/5/01	7.00pm	Lord, listen to your children Coventry carol	GWUC
17/6/01	10.00am	Exalt the name of the Lord	GWUC (Anniversary combined choir led by Deb)
15/7/01	9.00am	O-so-so Goin' to the promised land	GWUC
29/7/01		O-so-so Lord, listen to your children Senzenina We will glorify Great new day	St Peter's, Brighton (Pam's farewell)

Date	Time	Title	Place
		While we are waiting, come	
20/9/01		There is a balm in Gideon People need the Lord	GWUC
7/10/01		The Lord is my light People need the Lord Lord, listen to your children Thuma mina O-so-so Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika There is a redeemer Eat this bread Power of Your love There is a balm in Gilead Chattanooga choo choo Irish blessing Let's go Goin to the promised land Shine	Blairgowrie UC
21/10/01	9.00am	This little light of mine Peace of the earth	GWUC
16/12/01		Ode to Joy (Pachabel's cannon) Prepare ye the way (2 lines as intro)	GWUC
25/12/01		African noel (not quite all – minus last verse)	GWUC



# Free Spirit 2002

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
17/2/02		TIS? No.99a x 4 There is a redeemer	GWUC
17/3/02		Via Dolorosa Was it a morning like this Go tell it on the mountain This little light of mine Mourning into dancing Irish blessing	Warrandyte festival  Sound system problems. Lessons: - Need fold-back - Microphones for all - Check with venue - Take opportunities to practice with microphones
29/3/02		Via Dolorosa This is holy ground	GWUC (Good Friday)
29/4/02	9.15am	Let me fly Shout with joy	GWUC
29/5/02	11.00am	Sweet, sweet Spirit I call you to praise Sent by the Lord	GWUC
15/6/02		Java jive Mr sandman Puttin on the Ritz Paper moon Amazing grace Go tell it on the mountain Country gardens Gift of love Holy ground Senzenina Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika Whose that baby Power of your love Gaelic blessing Now is the month of Maying (Quartet) Sing we and chant it (Quartet) Depart now in peace (Quartet)	Euroa UC (Concert)
16/6/02		I call you to praise (introit) Goin to the promised land Were you there Lord, Listen to your children Sweet, sweet Spirit Let me fly Cannon of joy Sent by the Lord (benediction)	Euroa UC
8/2002		Amazing Grace Mercy of God Let me fly The gift of love	Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre (Music Café)

Date	Time	Title	Place
		Sweet spirit Goin' to the promised land Ee wah It don't mean a thing Mr Sandman Who's that baby Java jive Sing we and chant it (quintet) Now is the month of Maying (quintet)	
12/11/02	evening	We will glorify Lord, listen to your children	Dallas Brookes Hall ('Hour of Power' (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Australia) service)
17/11/02	11.00am	While we are waiting, come This little light of mine O sacred head sore wounded	GWUC
15/12/02	9.15am	I call you to praise Come and see the baby	GWUC
15/12/02	2.30pm	I call you to praise Fum, fum, fum Rise up shepherds and follow An Irish blessing	GWUC
25/12/02	8.30	Fum, fum, fum Come on ring those bells	GWUC

## Free Spirit 2003

We purchased 30? black folders for music. Each person paid \$12.00 for 'theirs'. Expectation is that they will be donated to the choir when a person leaves.

Marj Snare purchased extra silk scarfs for the ladies at a cost of \$18.00 each. As for the folders, each person paid for 'theirs', but the expectation is that it will be donated to the choir when a person leaves.

### Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
16/2/03	9.15am	Let there be praise Lord, listen to your children Thuma mina	GWUC
23/3/03	9.00am	Let there be praise Senzenina I call you to praise Mourning into dancing Live a humble	High St Rd UC
23/3/03	11.00	Let there be praise Live a humble Gift of love (baptism version)	GWUC
30/3/03	9.30am	Let there be praise Morning into dancing Freedom I call you to praise Live a humble The gift of love Set me as a seal	Torquay UC
20/4/03	9.15	Easter Song	GWUC
11/5/03		23 <sup>rd</sup> Psalm (Vicar of Dibley version)	GWUC
25/5/03	afternoon	We will glorify I call you to praise Mourning into dancing People need the Lord Go tell it on the mountain Live a humble Lord, Listen to your children Senzenina Ipharidisi Thuma mina Siyahumba Chananooga choo choo Java jive Paper moon Don't get around much any more Set me as a seal Shine Let's go	Essendon US (PSA)
7/6/03	9.00am	Set me as a seal	GWUC

Date	Time	Title	Place
29/6/03	2.00pm	Where will I be In Flanders fields Alleluia Fanfare Hallelujah! I love Him	GWUC workshop with Euroa Uniting Church Choir.
13/7/03	11.00am	Praise ye the name of the Lord We will glorify	GWUC
3/8/00	9.00am	O Sifuni Mungu Eat this bread (Taze) Sweet sweet spirit	GWUC
31/8/03	1.30pm	As I went down to the river Great new day Let me fly Live a humble In Flanders Fields We will glorify Senzenina Ipharadisi O sifuni mungu Eh wah Sing we and chant it Now is the month of Maying I want to be ready Goin' to the Promised Land Chattanooga Paper moon Go tell it on the mountain Sweet spirit	St Columba's Uniting Church Balwyn  Concert: Proceeds to SHARE appeal.
14/9/03	11.00am	As I went down to the river O sifuni mungu	GWUC
10/10/03	8.00pm	As I went down to the river to pray In Flanders fields Live a humble Daniel, Daniel, Servant of the Lord I want to be ready Senzenina Ipharadisi Nkosi Sikeleli Ee Waa Guide me, Lord Goin' to the promised land Chattanooga Paper moon Don't get around much any more Go tell it on the mountain Sweet spirit	GWUC Adult group concert Proceeds to Share appeal
13/10/03	9.00am	As I went down to the river to pray Guide me, Lord	GWUC
2/11/03	11.00am	In Flanders fields Sweet spirit	GWUC

Date	Time	Title	Place
28/11/03	8.00pm	As I went down to te river to pray Where will I be (Tell me where) We will glorify Guide me Lord Such wise men Huron carol African noel Evening prayer Go tell it on the mountain Let's go	Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre (Music Café)
7/12/03	3.00pm	Evening prayer Fum fum fum Huron carol Sweet spirit	GWUC Seniors Christmas service
16/12/03	noon	We Three Kings Such Wise Men North Wind 12 Days of Christmas Fum, fum, fum Infant holy Once in royal David's city De virgin Mary had a baby boy Coventry Carol First Nowell Aussie Jingle Bells Coventry Carol	Surrey Hills community festival
21/12/03	8.00pm	Who's that baby Fum, Fum, Fum Sweet spirit	GWUC Carol service
25/12/03	8.30am	Go, tell it on the mountain	GWUC

# Free Spirit 2004

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Diary/schedule keeper:	Robin Pope
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## Rehearsals:

At Robin Pope's, 2 Colvin Court, Glen Waverley, Wednesdays 8pm.

Subs: \$15.00 per six months (unaltered from last year).

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
15/2/04	9.00am	I am for you He's sweet, I know	GWUC
14/3/04	11.00am	I choose to worship He's sweet, I know	GWUC
9/4/04 (Good Friday)	9.30am	Were you there when the crucified my Lord	GWUC
9/5/04	11.00am	For the beauty of the earth (Rutter)	GWUC with Orchestra
16/5/04	8.00pm	As I went down to the river to pray He's sweet, I know	GWUC Ecumenical choral service
23/5/04	2.30pm	As I went down to the river to pray He's sweet, I know Siyahumba Prayer of the children Freedom is coming	High St Rd UC Refugee concert
13/6/04	11.00am	I want to be ready (special version with verses written to fit lectionary by Jeff Wollhouse) He's sweet, I know	GWUC
20/6/04	10.00am	Vision and the journey	GWUC Parish anniversary Combined choir led by Free Spirit
11/7/04	9.00am	Holy ground The gift of love	GWUC
8/8/04	11.00am	Standin' in the need of prayer Waiting for the light	GWUC
15/8/04	4.00pm	As I went down to the river to pray Set me as a seal Prayer of the children Coventry carol Sensenina Nkosi Sikeleli Afrika Siyahamba Waitin for the light Let me fly Go, tell it on the mountain Goin' to the promised land Ee-Waa, Ee-Waa (Oh, Yeah) The water is wide Java Jive Paper moon Food safety practices He's sweet I know Chattanooga Choo Choo (omitted) It don't mean a thing if it ain't got that swing (omitted)	Monash City Council winter concert, council building.

Date	Time	Title	Place
		Don't get around much any more (omitted)	
5/9/04	9.00am	Ticket to the kingdom	GWUC
12/9/04	9.00am	I'm goin' home on a cloud	GWUC
12/9/04	2.30pm	Coventry carol Set me as a seal Shine on me Where shall I be Senzenina Siyahumba Ain't misbehavin' (Alan, Deb and Geoff Pope) I got rhythm (Alan, Deb and Geoff Pope) Waitin' for the light Ticket to the kingdom Let me fly I want to thank you Rock my soul (teaching the audience) River stay away from my door (Jeff Woolhouse) La Ci Diem (Alan & Lynn) Misty (Alan, Deb and Geoff Pope) Zing! went the strings of my heart ( " ) Water is wide Chattanooga choo choo Java jive Paper moon Don't get around much any more He's sweet Food safety practices Let's go	Concert GWUC
17/10/04	9.00am	I'm going home on a cloud	GWUC
14/11/04	11.00am	Saints go marchin'	GWUC
26/11/04	8.00pm	Set me as a seal Saints go marchin' Ticket to the kingdom May it be Who's that baby? First noel (Pachabel) The virgin Mary had a baby boy O come and see the baby A canine Christmas Food safety practices	Surrey Hills Music Café Surrey Hills Community Centre
5/12/04	2.00pm	O come and see the baby Who's that baby	GWUC seniors service
12/12/04	9.00am	O come and see the baby Noel, sing noel	GWUC
12/12/04	7.00pm	Who's that baby Noel, sing noel The virgin Mary had a baby boy O come and see the baby	Ashburton carol service St Michaels Church, Ashburton



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Place</b>
		Come on ring those bells	
19/12/04	8.00pm	O come and see the baby Noel, sing noel Come on ring those bells Who's that baby Hodie Christus natus est	Monash carols by candlelight Jells Park
25/12/04	10.00am	Noel, sing noel O come and see the baby Come on ring those bells	GWUC Christmas day

# Free Spirit 2005

## Free Spirit AGM Report 26/1/05

### 1. Attendance

Robin Pope	Maria Gillies	Marj Snare	Noelle Gibson
Geoff Willis	Jeff Woolhouse	Kay Morgan	Rosemary Morgan
Alan Cook	John Snare	Deb Pope	Don Macdonald
Vida Foo	Lise Hales		

### 2. Apologies

Russell Lang, Lynn Batten, Lisa Macdonald, Philippa Hillman

### 3. Membership fees

John Snare reported that, excluding funds raised for the production of the Free Spirit CD, Free Spirit has available funds of \$1050.

In light of the current budgetary position of the church, it was agreed that, for this year, Free Spirit will not seek funds from the church for music, but will instead purchase music and any other items from our own funds.

ACTION: John Snare to advise Church treasurer.

Noting that it is many years since Free Spirit fees have been increased (they have been \$30 per year since 1995 if not earlier), it was agreed to increase fees to \$40 this year (payable \$20 each half year).

These membership fees will primarily fund music purchases, but may also be used for other incidental expenses such as supper.

Membership fees will not normally be used if there is a need for special large purchases such as new scarves or folders; separate fund-raising will be required for that, as has been the case in the past. It is hoped that members leaving the choir will donate any such items that they purchase to the choir for allocation as needed to new members.

### 4. Uniformity of uniform

In the past, the ladies have worn scarves in different ways. It was agreed that whenever Free Spirit sings, everyone should wear their scarf in the same way. It was left to the ladies to sort out the details.

ACTION: The ladies to get their act together.

### 5. Designated responsibilities

Music director:	Deb Pope
Assistant music director:	Philippa Hillman
Treasurer:	John Snare
Music selection and purchase:	Deb Pope and Alan Cook
Liaison with GWUC Worship Committee:	Vida Foo
Librarian:	Maria Gillies
Music borrowing:	Lise Hales
Music filing:	Robin Pope
Performance programme calendar:	Robin Pope
Scarves and ties:	Marj Snare
Prayer and care:	Marj Snare

### 6. Quantities of music purchased

It was agreed that original copies of music should be purchased for every choir member plus one or two extras. For the time being, this means that 25 copies should be purchased.

Where time permits, on-line purchase direct from the US should be investigated because prices, including shipping, are often substantially lower than local prices. Vida Foo has offered to assist.

ACTION: Deb Pope and Alan Cook.

## **7. Procedure for recruiting/accepting new members**

We are currently not accepting new soprano or alto members.

We are looking for one (or more than one!) tenor and/or bass.

Deb needs to consider all potential new members on a case by case basis. Potential members may be invited to attend a practice to see how we work and allow Deb to assess suitability. Deb may require an audition to follow up.

Jeff Woolhouse to maintain a waiting list.

ACTION: Jeff Woolhouse.

## **8. Policy on accepting donations and performance fees**

As a matter of policy, it was agreed that Free Spirit should not accept donations or performance fees when contributing to worship or fund-raising activities. Travel and other costs should be taken into account when deciding whether or not to accept invitations to sing.

In cases where Free Spirit performs at public events as part of organised entertainment, for example Monash Council concerts, or the Surrey Hills Music Café, the standard fee is a minimum of \$200.00 and preferably \$400.00. The fee will depend on the programme size and the nature of the event. Lesser amounts may be considered on a case by case basis.

ACTION: All.

## **9. Performance policy**

It was confirmed that Free Spirit members should attend the two practices preceding any singing engagement. Members who cannot meet this commitment will normally be expected not to sing at that engagement. In exceptional circumstances, Deb may vary this requirement.

ACTION: All.

## **10. Major events and holiday leave**

Members are asked to record planned holidays on the 'Free Spirit Calendar' available at each practice and advise Deb and Robin as far in advance as possible.

The usual routine for GWUC services will be for Free Spirit to be rostered for the second Sunday of each month, alternating between 9.00am and 11.00am services.

Major events planned for 2005 are the GWUC 'Parish Project' concert with the orchestra on August 28<sup>th</sup> and the Surrey Hills Music Café on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

There is a potential problem with an invitation from Croydon UC, because it was accepted without realising that it was for the Uniting Church anniversary Sunday.

ACTION: Deb Pope and Jeff Woolhouse to discuss the Croydon UC invitation with a view to rescheduling.

It was agreed that the Free Spirit challenge for 2005 will be to enter a local Eisteddfod, probably the Waverley one if it is in August or September, but possibly elsewhere depending on dates.

ACTION: Alan Cook to find dates of the Waverley Eisteddfod.

OUTCOME: It will clash this year; shelved until next year.

## **11. Outdoor events**

It was observed that the musical outcomes of Free Spirit performances at outdoor events are usually poor. It was agreed that Free Spirit will decline invitations to perform at outdoor events in future because, despite the promises of sound technicians, the odds of a good outcome are unacceptably low.

ACTION: Anyone who receives an invitation

## **12. CD update**

The new Free Spirit CD "Singing with the Spirit" will be available on 3/2/05. Production costs were approximately \$9.00 per CD and when all are sold, assuming all future sales are at \$20.00 each, this will result of a contribution of approximately \$5,500 to the Parish Project.

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### Rehearsals:

At Robin Pope's, 2 Colvin Court, Glen Waverley, Wednesdays 8pm.

## Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
13/2/05	9.00am	Standing in the need of prayer Barocha	GWUC
13/3/05	11.00am	Let there be praise I'm gonna walk on home	GWUC
20/3/05	9.00am and 10.45am	The peace of the Lord (introit) People get ready As I went down in the river He's sweet I know I'm gonna walk on home	High St Rd Uniting Church
25/3/05 (Good Friday)	9.00am	Were you there when the crucified my Lord	GWUC
10/4/05 (Robert Elkhuson's last service)	10.00am	And the glory of the Lord The Lord bless you and keep you (combined choir)  North Melbourne Football Club song Melbourne Football Club song  It's hard to leave	GWUC
24/4/05	10.00am?	Be still for the presence of the Lord I surrender (Alan and Deb) He's sweet I know Where shall I be? I want to be ready I am carried (Alan and Deb) The gift of love I'm gonna a walk on home The peace of the Lord	Lilydale Uniting Church
6/5/05	8.00pm	He's sweet I know May it be Siyahumba Waitin for the light Depart now in peace	GWUC Adult Group
8/5/05	9.00am	The gift of love Lord listen to your children The peace of the Lord	GWUC
22/5/05	7.00pm	I'm gonna walk on home May it be	Ecumenical Choral festival. Holy Family Church, Mt. Waverley

24/5/05	7:30pm	Waitin for the light Lord, listen to your children The Lord bless you and keep you Siyahumba Thuma mina Senzenina I want to be ready He's sweet I know Shine Boogie woogie bugle boy I'm gonna walk on home May it be The peace of the Lord	Salford Park Retirement Village concert
12/6/05	9:00 am and 11:00 am	I want to be ready Irish Blessing The peace of the Lord	GWUC
19/6/05	10:00 am	Lord be with us as we praise	GWUC Parish Anniversary combined choir
17/7/05	9:00 am	The gift of love – baptism version Lord, listen to your children	GWUC
31/7/05	10:00am	Waitin for the light Roli hla hla Mandela As I went down in the river to pray Freedom Coventry carol Where shall I be?	Surrey Hills Uniting Church (Rob Gotch)
7/8/05	7.00pm	Roly hla hla Mandela Where shall I be? I want to be ready	GWUC
14/8/05	11.00am	Roly hla hla Mandela	GWUC
28/8/05	2.00pm	'Free Spirit' Chant People get ready One small voice Roli hla hla Mandela Waitin for the light Sylvie I'm a train Boogie woogie bugle boy May it be For the beauty of the earth The old 100 <sup>th</sup> psalm  Quartet quintet  You raise me up And so it goes Good girls	GWUC parish project concert
11/9/05	11.00am?	Sing and rejoice (ladies only)	GWUC
18/9/05	9.00am	Let there be praise Set me as a seal	St Margaret's,

		Standin' in the need of prayer Siyahumba We will glorify Sweet Spirit Waitin' for the light People get ready An Irish blessing	Mooroolbark
9/10/05	11.00am	Let there be praise I'm gonna sit at the welcome table Come to the banquet	GWUC
9/10/05	5.30pm	Let there be praise I'm gonna sit at the welcome table Set me as a seal Roli Hla Hla Standin' in the need of prayer Siyahumba People get ready Waitin for the light Shine Sylvie Boogie woogie bugle boy	The Avenue Uniting Church
13/11/05	9.00am?	Amazing grace (Hamilton) Gonna reach my heavenly home someday	GWUC
25/11/05	8.00pm	And so it goes (quintet) Amazing grace (Hamilton) Sylvie Gonna reach my heavenly home someday Roli Hla Hla Glory of love I'm a train People get ready Santa Claus is coming to town Merry Christmas rag	The Surrey Music Café (\$250)
4/12/05	2.30pm	Oh what a wonderful gift (introtit) Waitin for the light Gonna reach my heavenly home someday The peace of the earth	GWUC seniors service
11/12/05	11.00am	Oh what a wonderful gift (introtit) The first noel/Pachelbel's canon	GWUC
11/12/05	7.30pm (1hr)	Amazing grace (Hamilton) Come on ring those bells O come and see the baby The First Nowell (MHB 131) While shepherds watched their flocks by night (AHB 223) Joy to the world (AHB 224) Infant holy (AHB 225) Who's that baby Coventry carol The first noel/Pachelbel's canon Virgin Mary (AHB 232) The angel Gabriel (AHB 227)	Monash Gardens elderly people's home (\$160)

		Hark! the herald angels sing (AHB 227) O come, all ye faithful (AHB 228) Siyahumba Roli Hla Hla Santa Claus is coming to town Merry Christmas rag	
12/12/05	12.30pm	Amazing grace (Hamilton) Come on ring those bells O come and see the baby The First Nowell (MHB 131) While shepherds watched their flocks by night (AHB 223) Joy to the world (AHB 224) Infant holy (AHB 225) Who's that baby Coventry carol The first noel/Pachelbel's canon Virgin Mary (AHB 232) The angel Gabriel (AHB 227) Hark! the herald angels sing (AHB 227) O come, all ye faithful (AHB 228) Siyahumba Roli Hla Hla Santa Claus is coming to town Merry Christmas rag	Luncheon for ?? Riversdale Golf Club
25/12/05	8.30am	A Gaelic blessing – Deep peace (Rutter) Silent night (Lojeski) O come and see the baby	GWUC



# Free Spirit AGM Report

25/1/06

## 1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendance: Joy Allen, Alan Cook, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Phillipa Hilman, Barbara Krieger, Russell Lang, Kaye Morgan, Don Macdonald, Deb Pope, Robin Pope, John Snare, Marj Snare, Geoff Willis

Apologies: Louise Edgoose, Vida Foo, Irene Merta, Jeff Woolhouse

## 2. Treasurer's report

Funds are satisfactory; the treasurer holds \$2050.

There is sufficient surplus from paid performances to purchase an amplifier for Deb's keyboard.

ACTION: Deb to seek a suitable amplifier at a cost of up to \$900.

(OUTCOME: Amplifier and stand purchased 19/8/06 for \$684.95)

It is proposed to again be self-funding in 2006.

ACTION: John Snare to advise the Church treasurer.

CD's sold: 295 (remaining 245). \$3005 contributed to the Parish Project in 2005.

Free Spirit and Orchestra concert raised \$1504.50 for the Parish project.

There will be no change in membership fees in 2006; i.e. \$20 per six months continues.

Although the current funds are high, this is an exceptional position and the current surplus will diminish to more normal levels when the keyboard amplifier is purchased and the back-log of music purchase is complete.

### 2.1 CD Promotion

Opportunities for selling CDs within the parish have been almost exhausted. Some CDs will be sold when we visit other churches and perform at other events. However, other opportunities need to be sought.

ACTION: Alan Cook to pursue promotion through a Crosslight article.

### 2.2 Policy on donations and fees

The policy agreed last year was reaffirmed. As a matter of policy does not accept donations or performance fees when contributing to worship or fund-raising activities. Travel and other costs should be taken into account when deciding whether or not to accept invitations to sing.

In cases where Free Spirit performs at public events as part of organised entertainment, for example Monash Council concerts, or the Surrey Hills Music Café, the standard fee is a minimum of \$200.00 and preferably \$400.00. The fee will depend on the programme size and the nature of the event. Lesser amounts may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

ACTION: All.

### 2.3 Reminder on spending

As discussed last year:

- any proposals to spend money on music must be discussed and approved by Deb before purchase; and
- any proposals to spend money on anything else must be discussed and approved by John before purchase.

## 3. Responsibilities

Music director:..... Deb Pope  
Assistant music director: ..... Philippa Hillman  
Treasurer:..... John Snare

Music selection and purchase:..... Deb Pope and Alan Cook  
 Liaison with GWUC Worship Committee: ..... Vida Foo  
 Music borrowing: ..... Lise Hales  
 Music filing & tracking: ..... Robin Pope  
 Performance programme calendar:..... Geoff Willis  
 Scarves and ties: ..... Marj Snare  
 Prayer and care: ..... Marj Snare

### 3.1 Choir member responsibilities

A basic requirement of Free Spirit membership is that each member is committed to the choir, i.e. to be regular and punctual at practices, and to regularly support performance engagements. Choir members are reminded that, out of courtesy to Deb and other choir members, they should attempt to attend practices regularly. This is necessary to ensure that practices are efficient and time spent going over music to help people catch-up is minimised.

People who cannot attend a practice should let Deb know by telephone, mobile phone, or SMS. Last minute apologies can be given by telephone to Robin. Practice apologies should not be given to other people to pass on. This is because can dramatically impact Deb's planning of practices and performances.

Email is not suitable for apologies and passing other urgent messages around, because some people cannot check their mail regularly.

ACTION: All to advise Deb (and not other choir members) by phone, mobile phone or SMS as early as possible when they are not going to be able to attend practices. Last minute apologies can be given by phone to Robin.

### 4. Scheduling, major events & holiday leave

The 'two events per month' policy will continue in 2006, with one being a regular worship service at GWUC as usual.

Additional events anticipated are:

February – Williamstown Uniting Church.

March (early April) – Oakleigh Uniting Church or Boronia Uniting Church.

(In March there will also be a combined choir at the induction of the new GWUC minister.)

April – Good Friday (or if a change can be negotiated preferably Easter Sunday).

May – Additional GWUC service to cover senior choir recess.

June - Additional GWUC service to cover senior choir recess (includes parish anniversary with combined choir; possibly repeating the music used in March for the new minister's induction).

July – Nothing. Possible recess while Deb is away. (Practice may continue with Philippa subject to her availability.)

August – Nothing to allow preparation for a concert and possible Eisteddfod.

September/October – Two concerts (GWUC, Euroa) and possibly an Eisteddfod.

Major events discussed were a concert (repeated for GWUC and Euroa UC) and participation in an Eisteddfod. Deb explained that she had considered recommending participation in the ABC choral competition, however the amount of work that would be required was greater than could reasonably be expected for a choir like ours.

It was agreed to work towards a concert in September or October. It was agreed that the inclusion of other guest performers in the programme would add variety. However, the concert must not become too long.

ACTION: Deb to discuss dates with Vida for liaison with the parish project committee.

ACTION: Deb to contact Darren to explore options for a small Jazz/Swing group to add variety to the programme. Other options for including other musical talent in the congregation may subsequently be explored.

The possibility of a small group also performing in an Eisteddfod was also discussed, and agreed as a possibility, subject to enough members being able to participate and timing of the event.

ACTION: Deb to discuss options with Jeff.

## **5. Recruiting/accepting new members**

The policy agreed last year will continue. That is, Deb needs to consider all potential new members on a case-by-case basis. Potential members may be invited to attend a practice to see how we work and allow Deb to assess suitability. Deb may require an audition to follow up. Jeff Woolhouse to maintain a waiting list.

There is a shortage of men, bass and tenors.

Michael Foo will join the men and Joanna Foo will join the ladies.

Deb will consider seeking one or two additional sopranos because on some occasions last year, absences caused a problem.

ACTION: Deb to discuss the waiting list with Jeff, and then if necessary follow up other options with Alan.

## **6. Music storage**

The filing cabinet is full! An offer by Russell to obtain a surplus four-drawer filing cabinet from Telstra for a nominal price was gratefully accepted. This will be added to the three-drawer filing cabinet at Robin's place.

ACTION: Russell

## **7. Uniform**

A Free Spirit meeting report is not complete without mention of the ladies uniform. This year the report is that there was no discussion of the ladies uniform.

It was clarified that the men's uniform for worship events is black pants, white shirt, and coloured tie. For concerts and other non-worship events, the uniform has the white shirt replaced by a black shirt.

ACTION: Men to remember

## **8. Performance policy**

It was confirmed that Free Spirit members should attend at least the two practices preceding any singing engagement. Members who cannot meet this commitment will normally be expected not to sing at that engagement. In exceptional circumstances, Deb may vary this requirement.

All to advise Deb as soon as possible when they are not going to be able to attend performances.

ACTION: All.

## **9. Rehearsal evening**

The possibility of changing the rehearsal evening was discussed. However, all other options were worse. Wednesday will continue to be the rehearsal evening.

## **10. Mobile phones**

It was agreed that those members who bring a mobile phone to practice should ensure it is turned off or to a silent mode other than in exceptional circumstances. The possibility of a fine tin was discussed, but will not be implemented in the hope that peer pressure will be sufficient.

ACTION: All

## **11. Other business**

**Practice copies of music** – Those making initial copies were requested to take extra care and ensure that music and words are large enough to be read by the visually challenged members of the choir as well as being clear and legible.

**Surplus original music** – We have some original music that we will never use again. This should be identified and offered to other music groups in the church and if not wanted there, elsewhere.

ACTION: Robin in discussion with Deb

**Advance notice of requirements from ministers** – Vida has done a great job liaising with the ministers and worship committee to get advance notice of requirements for GWUC worship services. However, we still sometimes get surprises on the day.

ACTION: Vida to remind the ministers that Free Spirit is flexible, but prefers as much advance notice as possible of music requirements for worship so that material can be adequately prepared.

**Filling gaps in the music library** – Over the years, some original music has been lost and we now no longer have sufficient copies.

ACTION: Robin to identify cases where additional original copies are required, and after discussion with Deb, take action to purchase additional copies.

ACTION: Alan and Deb are reminded that last year we resolved to purchase original music on the basis of one for each choir member plus a couple to spare. At our current membership, this means about 25 copies.

(Where time permits, on-line purchase direct from the US should be investigated because prices, including shipping, are often substantially lower than local prices.)

## **12. Close**

The meeting closed with a vote of appreciation by acclamation of Deb's ongoing efforts leading Free Spirit followed shortly thereafter by Tim Tams.

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\*In emergency, Alan rings each underlined name, who in turn rings names below them.

Rehearsals: At Robin Pope's, 2 Colvin Court, Glen Waverley, Wednesdays 8pm.

Date	Time	Title	Place
12/2/06	9.00am	Canon of joy Day by day	GWUC
26/2/06	10.00am	Praise ye the name of the Lord Amazing Grace (Lojeski) The priestly blessing	Williamstown UC (Warren Bartlett 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination)
7/3/6	8.00pm	Lord be with us as we praise	GWUC Greg Fry induction - combined choir
12/3/06	10.00am	Amazing Grace (Lojeski) The priestly blessing	GWUC
2/4/06	10.00am	Hallelujah I love him Siyahumba Roli Hla Hla Sweet sweet Spirit Eat this bread	Oakleigh UC
9/4/06	9.00am	Hosanna (arr Trusler)	GWUC (Palm Sunday)
14/4/06	9.30am	Were you there Embrace the cross	GWUC (Good Friday)
14/5/06	11.00am	Love is a light The priestly blessing	GWUC (Mothers Day)

Date	Time	Title	Place
21/5/06	7.00pm	I will shout! Sing praise! Roly Hla Hla	Monash Ecumenical Choral Service
11/6/06	9.00am	Amazing grace (Hamilton) – introit I will shout! Sing praise!	GWUC
16/6/06	8.00pm	The lion sleeps tonight (modified words)	GWUC Adult Group – Julian Hamilton welcome back
18/6/06	10.00am	Festival Hosanna	GWUC Parish Anniversary
2/7/06	11.00am	I will shout! Sing praise!	GWUC
8/7/06	8.00pm	The lion sleeps tonight Rhythm of life	GWUC Parish concert
13/8/06	9.00am	I call you to praise – first verse (introit) Embrace the cross Blessing song (benediction) – May light come into your eyes TIS 780	GWUC
16/8/06	7.30pm	We will glorify Java Jive	Waverley Eisteddfod (2 <sup>nd</sup> place)
10/9/06	11.00am	Love is a light	GWUC
8/10/06	9.00am	Shout with joy! That's why we praise Him	GWUC
15/10/06	2.30pm	Concert: Lion sleeps tonight May it be Rhythm of life Amazing grace Evening prayer Sylvie Roli Hla Hla Sweet sweet spirit We will glorify (Eisteddfod group) Java jive (Eisteddfod group) Flight right (Alison) Only time (Deb, Lise, Kaye, Phillipa) As I went down to the river to pray Immoral, impossible Ee-wah Festival hosanna Love is a light He's sweet Steal away (Geoff, John, Don, Rob) Luck be a lady (Alan) The rose (Heather, Irene) People get ready Sandman Food safety act I'm a train	Boronia UC

Date	Time	Title	Place
		Boogie woogie bugle boy Let's go	
12/11/06	11.00am	That's Why We Praise Him In Flanders fields	GWUC
25/11/06	11.30am	He's sweet Festival Hosanna Roli hla hla Sylvie That's why we praise him People get ready Go tell it on the mountain Who's that baby? Fum fum fum Oh come and see the baby Merry Christmas rag	Tamil Christian Congregation, East Malvern
1/12/06	midday	That's why we praise him Roli hla hla Sylvie Go tell it on the mountain Who's that baby? Fum fum fum Oh come and see the baby Aussie jingle bells Farmer Wenceslas Merry Christmas rag	Probus Christmas Lunch, Mt Waverley Community Centre
10/12/06	9.00am	Sing Gloria	GWUC
10/12/06	7.30pm	Oh come and see the baby Who's that baby? Go tell it on the mountain	Twilight Carols, St Stephens Mt Waverley
17/12/06	2.30pm	Fum, fum, fum Sing Gloria Priestly blessing	GWUC Seniors service
25/12/06	9:00	Joyful Joyful (from Sister Act)	GWUC

# Free Spirit AGM Report

31/1/07

## Apologies & Attendance

Attendance: Joy Allen, Lynn Batten, Joanna Foo, Michael Foo, Vida Foo, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Phillipa Hilman, Heather Hon, Barbara Krieger, Russell Lang, Lyn Maslin, Irene Merta, Kaye Morgan, Don Macdonald, Deb Pope, Robin Pope, Graham Pottenger, John Snare, Marj Snare, Max Thomson, Geoff Willis

Apologies: Alan Cook, Alison Cook, Don MacDonald, Louise Edgoose, Barbara Krieger

## Treasurer's report

Funds are satisfactory. (\$630.00 carry-forward)

There may be a need to replace Deb's keyboard this year at a cost of at least \$1000.00. Free Spirit will need to undertake special fund-raising activities for this. A cinema night at Pinewood is a possibility.

It is proposed to again be self-funding in 2007. John Snare to write to Parish Council and advise them of this decision. Vida Foo to advise the Worship Committee.

CD's sold: 61 in 2006 (remaining 163). \$1790 contributed to the Parish Project in 2006.

In light of increasing music costs and the need to replace lost music, membership fees to be increased to \$25 per six months (about a dollar a week) with a limit of \$50 per family per six months.

## Responsibilities

Music director:.....	Deb Pope
Assistant music director: .....	Philippa Hillman
Music selection and purchase: .....	Deb Pope and Alan Cook
Liaison with GWUC Worship Committee: .....	Vida Foo
Librarians:.....	Maria Gillies and Robin Pope
Music borrowing: .....	Lise Hales
Performance calendar/schedule: .....	Geoff Willis
Roll .....	Robin Pope
Scarves and ties: .....	Marj Snare
Prayer and care: .....	Marj Snare
Treasurer: .....	John Snare
Historian .....	John Snare

### 3.2 Choir member responsibilities

A basic requirement of Free Spirit membership is that each member is committed to the choir, i.e. to be regular and punctual at practices, and to regularly support performance engagements.

#### Attending practices

Robin Pope reported on observations of the attendance roll for the last year. In particular, practices following 'performances' were poorly attended. It was also noted that while some members have very good attendance record, there was not a single practice last year when everyone was present.

Deb stressed the importance of regular attendance because it is hard for her and other choir members if material needs to be taught many times as different people attend practice.

If advised before a practice, Russell Lang can make informal recordings of a practice for people who cannot attend a practice.

#### If unable to attend a practice or performance



Choir members should contact **Deb** and not other choir members when unable to attend practice or performances. Deb needs to know who will be at practices and performances as early as possible so that she can plan rehearsals and repertoire.

#### Before we sing

Choir members should normally attend at least the two practices immediately prior to a performance. If they can't, they should not participate in the performance. (In special cases Deb may vary this requirement.) It should be noted that this is a minimum requirements and in some cases where a programme is large or a piece is difficult members may need to attend more practices before they are able to participate in a performance.

### **Scheduling, major events & holiday leave**

Free Spirit will continue to perform twice a month, once at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on the second Sunday of each month, and once for some other occasion (often as a form of outreach beyond the Glen Waverley church).

Free Spirit will not take a mid-winter break. However, members are asked to note periods of planned absence on the Calendar available at practice each week. They should also tell Deb and Geoff Willis.

Free Spirit's project for 2007 will be a concert. Tentatively, this will be on 16/9 at GWUC and repeated on 23/9 at Brighton.

The possibility of entering the Waverley Eisteddfod was discussed. Availability of male voices looks like it will be a problem. It is unlikely that the full choir will participate, but a small group may enter. A decision was not made at the meeting. A Free Spirit entry will need to be discussed when exact dates are known and people are certain of their availability.

Other invitations to sing were discussed, and the outcomes of the discussion will be given in the performance schedule.

### **Recruiting/accepting new members**

Free Spirit is not accepting new members for the female parts, but is looking for new tenors and basses.

### **Other business**

Congratulations to Heather Hon who is expecting a baby later this year.

#### Privacy Policy

There was no discussion of privacy. However members are reminded that Free Spirit has a privacy policy in line with the requirements of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church. A copy can be found in the front of each volume of the Free Spirit scrapbook.

#### Performance Fees

Performance fees were not discussed. Members are reminded that, as a matter of policy Free Spirit does not accept donations or performance fees when contributing to worship or fund-raising activities. Travel and other costs should be taken into account when deciding whether or not to accept invitations to sing.

In cases where Free Spirit performs at public events as part of organised entertainment, for example Monash Council concerts, the standard fee is a minimum of \$200.00 and preferably \$400.00. The fee will depend on the programme size and the nature of the event. Lesser amounts may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### Uniform

Uniform was not discussed. A Free Spirit AGM report is none the less not complete without a reference to uniform. Men and ladies wear black with a coloured scarf or tie.

### **Free Spirit Schedule**

#### **Mar-Jun 2007**

	<i>Mar 11</i>	<i>Mar 31</i>	<i>Apr 8</i>	<i>Apr 15</i>	<i>May 13</i>	<i>May 20</i>	<i>Jun 10</i>	<i>Jun 17</i>	<i>Jun 24</i>
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VISIT?:		Kerryn M.				St Johns		Bburn	combined
TIME:	11 am	? pm	9 am	9 am	11 am	7pm?	9 am	10.15	10 am?
Sops (9)	wedding		Easter	Baptism	Chor Svce			UCAnn	
Joy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marj	Yes	Yes?	Yes?	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Irene	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes?	Yes	?
Lynn B.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes				Yes
Alison	Yes	?	Yes		?	?		?	?
Vida	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Noelle	?	Yes	Yes?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes
Heather		Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Joanna	Yes	Yes	NOT	AVAIL	REST	OF	YEAR	(VCE)	
Altos (7)									
Maria	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Lise	Yes	Yes		Yes	NOT	AVAIL -	STUDY	COURSE	
Robin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?	?	?	?
Philippa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kaye	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barbara	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lyn M.	Yes	Yes	Yes	?		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tenors									
(5)									
Alan	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Geoff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Don									
Louise	?	Yes	one	of	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	Yes
Graham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Basses									
(4)									
John	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			No?	Yes	Yes
Russell		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
Mike	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Max	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	?	?

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### *Donation to Julian Hamilton for Skainos urban renewal project in Belfast*

\$100 from the 2006 Eisteddfod group (prize money for second place)

\$420 from weekly collection (given to Ted Bedford on 8/4/07)

Total \$520



## 2007 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
11/2/07	9.00am	For the beauty of the earth Set me as a seal	GWUC
11/3/07	11.00am	For the beauty of the earth	GWUC
31/3/07	2.30pm	Canon in D (introit) All you need is love (recessional)	GWUC, Kerryn Muir and Joel Leister wedding
8/4/07	10.00am	Easter Song Amazing grace	GWUC (Easter Day)
15/4/07	9.00am	Irish blessing (baptism) Canon in D	GWUC
13/5/07	11.00am	Prayer of the children May the Lord go with you	GWUC
20/5/07	7.00pm	Go down Moses Prayer of the children	Ecumenical Choral Service - St John's UC Mt Waverley
29/5/2007	7.30pm	Prayer of the children One minute madrigal	Boroondara Eisteddfod
10/6/07	9.00am	Praise ye the name of the Lord Go down Moses May the Lord go with you Prayer of the children	GWUC
17/6/07	10.15am	Go down Moses May the Lord go with you – or maybe  Praise ye the name of the Lord A festive Gloria Prayer of the children	The Avenue Church, Blackburn
24/7/07	10.00am	A festive Gloria	GWUC parish anniversary
8/7/07	11.00am	Holy Ground Kumbaya The Gift of Love (Baptism version) – small group	GWUC
22/7/07	all afternoon	Coventry Carol Rhythm of Life	Knox Eisteddfod (Small group)
12/8/07	9.00am	Waitin' for the light When you walk (from here)	GWUC
19/8/07	9.00am	Holy ground Amazing grace That's why we praise him Waitin' for the light	Mulgrave Uniting Church

Date	Time	Title	Place
		May the Lord go with you.	
9/9/07	2.00pm	Lion sleeps tonight Rhythm of life The glory of love All you need is love Joyful, joyful (omitted?) Canon in D A festive Gloria Amazing Grace -hymn, Jools version, long vers. Prayer of the children (small group) One minute madrigal (small group) Tunggarre (small group) And so it goes (small group) Cat duet (Lynn & Joy) Swin little fishy (girls) Fillimiooria (boys) Can can I got rhythm Go down Moses Waitin' for the light In Flander's fields That's why we praise him (omitted?) Blessing – May the Lord go with You Home to stay	GWUC Concert  (raised just over \$1,400 for the parish projects)
23/9/07	2.30pm	Same as above	Concert  Trinity Uniting Church, Brighton.
14/10/07	9.00am	None, just help with songs – or maybe  Jubilate Deo	GWUC
4/11/07	10.00am	Jubilate Deo A festive Gloria Prayer of the children That's why we praise Him In Flanders fields The priestly blessing	Boronia Church of Christ
11/11/07	11.00am	The gift of love (Baptism version) In Flanders fields The priestly blessing	GWUC
9/12/07	9.00am	Prepare ye the way of the Lord The gift of love (Baptism version) May the Lord go with you Open Thou mine eyes Prayer of the children The virgin Mary had a baby boy	GWUC
9/12/07	8.00pm	O holy night Such wise men African Noel Who's that baby The virgin Mary had a baby boy	St John's, Virginia St Mt Waverley

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Place</b>
		Merry Christmas rag	
16/12/07	2.30pm	Rejoice (Introit) O holy night Holy is the Lord May the light of Christ	GWUC seniors service
25/12/07	8.30am	Prepare ye the way Holy is the Lord O Holy night	GWUC

# Free Spirit AGM Report

30/1/08

## Attendance:

Louise Edgoose, Joy Allen, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Philippa Hillman, Heather Hon, Russell Lang, Lyn Maslen, Kaye Morgan, Don Macdonald, Deb Pope, Robin Pope, Graham Pottenger, John Snare, Marj Snare, Max Thomson, Geoff Willis, Alan Cook, Allison Cook, Tim Laub

## Apologies:

Vida Foo, Michael Foo, Jo Foo, Irene Merta

## Treasurer's report

Funds are satisfactory. (\$415.00 carry-forward)

It was agreed that Free Spirit will be self-funding in 2008. John Snare to write to Church Council and advise accordingly.

Following an increase last year, the donation for music in 2008 will be unchanged at \$25 per person each 6 months with a limit of \$50 per family per six months.

CDs: 14 sold in 2007 (remaining 144). \$430 retained for future contribution to the parish.

The concert held in September 2007 raised \$1409.00 for the ongoing work of the parish.

Free Spirit supported fundraising by the Trinity Uniting Church in Brighton for the Calvary Health Care Bethlehem Hospice in Caulfield by performing a concert for them in September 2007.

## Responsibilities

Music director:..... Deb Pope (absent March to September 2008 approx)

Temporary music leaders..... Max Thomson, Philippa Hillman, Lyn Maslen

(March to September 2008)

Assistant music director: ..... Philippa Hillman

Music selection and purchase: ..... Max Thomson, Philippa Hillman, Lyn Maslen in Deb's absence then Deb Pope and Alan Cook

Liaison with GWUC Worship Committee: ..... Vida Foo

Librarians:..... Maria Gillies and Robin Pope

Music borrowing: ..... Lise Hales

Performance calendar/schedule: ..... Geoff Willis

Roll ..... Robin Pope

Scarves and ties: ..... Marj Snare a volunteer is sought to take over for times when Marj is not available.

Prayer and care: ..... Marj Snare

Treasurer: ..... John Snare

Historian ..... Joy Allen

## 3.3 Choir member responsibilities

The policies in operation last year will continue to apply.

- 1) Members are expected to attend practice regularly.
- 2) Members are expected to notify Deb (Philippa in her absence) when unable to attend practice or performances.



- 3) Members are expected to attend at least two practices in the lead-up to each occasion when they are to sing with the choir.
- 4) Members are expected to borrow only music with their name, to advise Lise when music is borrowed, and return music promptly when borrowed or after performances.

### **Attendance/music**

Robin reported a big improvement in attendance in 2007 over 2006. Although there were some weeks when attendance was not recorded, for those practices when records were kept:

- there was an average of 2.4 members missing
- Russell and Lise achieved perfect attendance.

Robin reported that, as a result of close scrutiny, missing music was not a big problem in 2007. Members are reminded of their responsibility to return music promptly.

### **Scheduling, major events & holidays**

In Deb's absence, a limited schedule will apply in 2008, usually limited to singing once a month at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

The following extra events were discussed.

- 1) Easter (either Good Friday or Easter Day) – Geoff Willis to follow up, approximately equal numbers are available for Good Friday and Easter Day
- 2) Ecumenical Choral Festival – Vida Foo to organize, Free Spirit to sing (John Snare has contact details for the other churches usually involved and will pass this to Vida).
- 3) Concert to raise funds to support Max and Jan participate in a building work party in Fiji later this year – Max to organize; probably to be held at Salford Park in April. Free Spirit will not provide the entire concert but will do one or two brackets of songs.
- 4) Kate Karolli's wedding on 31/8/08 – numbers are uncertain. Philippa is the contact person for follow up. It may be possible to offer a small group with 2-3 people in each part. Members are to confirm their availability to Philippa as soon as possible.

### **Membership/Recruiting**

Additional sopranos and altos are needed. Robin to put a notice in the church weekly notices. Philippa to follow-up while Deb is on 'leave'.

Deb to contact Andrew Wright to check his availability.

### **Any other business**

#### Insuring Music:

Free Spirit has a collection of music that would cost many thousands of dollars to replace. Robin Pope to investigate options for including it under the GWUC insurance cover.

#### Rehearsal Venue:

It was agreed to have a trial for a few months practicing each week at the church. During this trial, a supper roster will be developed to ensure that the time of fellowship following rehearsal continues. During the trial, music will remain stored at Robin's. If practice is to be held routinely at the church after the trial, options to store music at the church will need to be explored.

#### BBQ:

A BBQ will be held at Max's on the Labour Day long weekend. Max to advise details later.

#### Uniform:

No Free Spirit report is complete without a discussion of uniform. John Snare re-issued his plea for all men to recheck their wardrobes to see if the missing red tie has mysteriously found its way there.

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9/3/08	11.00am	This is Holy ground All things bright and beautiful (Rutter) The power of Your love (small group)	GWUC
21/3/08 Good Friday	9.00am	Were you there	GWUC
13/4/08	9.00am	Goin' to the Promised Land	GWUC
20/4/08	2.00pm	In Flanders Fields	Cumberland View Anzac Service
27/4/08	2.00pm	Goin' to the Promised Land All things Bright and Beautiful The Wind Beneath My Wings Jazz piece (Lyn & Max) Ol' Man River (Alan & Max) Only Time (Philippa, Lyn, Lise, Jo) I've dreamed of you (Lyn & Philippa) That's Why We Praise Him You Raise Me Up May the Lord Go with You	Salford Park – Fund raiser for Max and Jan Thompson and their Habitat for Humanity project in Fiji
11/5/08	10.00am	You raise me up Thuma mina	GWUC
18/5/08	7.00pm	You raise me up Deep Peace	Ecumenical choral festival GWUC
8/6/08	9.00am	Halleluiah	GWUC
22/6/08	10.00am	Glory to God (Combined choir led by Barbara Hurst)	GWUC – Parish anniversary
13/7/08	11.00am	On eagle's wings	GWUC
10/8/08	9.00am	Lord, listen to your children	GWUC
31/8/08	2.00pm	Canon of Joy (processional) You raise me up (anthem) Seasons of Love (recessional) Gaelic Blessing - May the road rise to meet you (blessing)	Kate Karoly's wedding Blackburn Uniting Church
14/9/08	11.00am	Ticket to the Kingdom	GWUC
28/9/08	10.00am	The Lord bless you and keep you	GWUC – Lynette Dungan farewell



5/10/08	8.00pm	Roly hla hla He's sweet We will glorify I'm gonna walk on home	High Street Rd Uniting Church
12/10/08	9.00am	Go down Moses	GWUC
9/11/08	11.00am	While we are waiting, come People get ready May the light of Christ go with you	GWUC
14/12/08	11.00am	Rejoice (a Christmas call to worship) The first noel/ Pachelbel's canon The shepherd's carol O come and see the baby Holy child of Bethlehem	GWUC
21/12/08	2.20pm	Rejoice (a Christmas call to worship) The shepherd's carol	GWUC Seniors service
25/12/08	8.30am	Rejoice (a Christmas call to worship) Sing Gloria Holy child of Bethlehem	GWUC

# Free Spirit AGM Report

28/1/09

**Joy Allen's house - 6 Joyce Ave, Glen Waverley.**

## Attendance:

Joy Allen, Alan Cook, Louise Edgoose, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Philippa Hillman, Heather Hon, Lois Hosking, Helen Jackson, Russell Lang, Tim Laub, Deb Leigh, Lyn Maslen, Irene Merta, Kaye Morgan, Don Macdonald, Robin Pope, Graham Pottenger, John Snare, Marj Snare, Max Thomson, Geoff Willis

## Apologies:

Vida Foo, Michael Foo, Jo Foo, Andrew Wright

## Treasurer's report

Funds are satisfactory. (\$863.00 carry-forward including voucher for \$150 held by Deb)  
To be self-funding in 2009. John Snare to advise parish council.  
A donation for music of \$25 per person each 6 months with a limit of \$50 per family per six months is appreciated.  
CD's sold: 16 in 2008 (remaining 126). \$740 retained for future contribution to the parish.

## Responsibilities

Music director:	Deb Leigh
Assistant music director:	Philippa Hillman
Music selection and purchase:	Deb Leigh and Alan Cook
Liaison with GWUC Worship Committee:	Vida Foo
Librarians:	Maria Gillies and Robin Pope
Music borrowing:	Lise Hales
Performance calendar/schedule:	Geoff Willis
Roll:	Robin Pope
Scarves and ties:	Marj Snare
Prayer and care:	Marj Snare
Treasurer:	John Snare
Historian:	John Snare
Supper roster	Max Thomson

### 3.4 Choir member responsibilities

For regular attendance ... (but not if you are sick)  
Planned absences to be recorded on "the calendar"  
Please don't skip the week after we sing or do a concert  
For notifying Deb when unable to attend practice or performances ...  
For attending a minimum number of practices before we sing ...  
For borrowing and returning music ...  
Music is expensive and it is important to hand back music on the day that we sing (even if you leave early)

## Scheduling, major events & holidays

- 1) Singing regularly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month GWUC – every "even" month at 9am, and "odd" month at 11am.
- 2) Easter Sunday service 10am - this is a normal 'second Sunday'
- 3) Ecumenical Choral Festival – possibly in May at the Holy Redeemer Church, East Oakleigh (Deb to follow up and find exact date)

- 4) Pentecost service – (Don) – Box Hill Uniting – 31 May. To be confirmed in April.
- 5) ANZAC day service at retirement village (Bill Morgan) – Clashes with Tonga concert. Deb has subsequently contacted Bill Morgan and advised that we cannot sing for them this year.
- 6) Boronia Uniting Church (fundraiser for Tonga trip.2) – 19 April in the afternoon
- 7) GWUC concert (13 September)

### **Recruiting/accepting new members**

We can accept new members in any part now, but potential new members should be referred to Deb.

### **Any other business**

Future of green folders – to be given to Philippa who can use them in her work at Glenallen.

### **Loose change**

It was agreed to continue to invite members to put a dollar coin (or other loose change) in 'the tin' at practice each week to go towards the parish support of asylum seekers.

### **Uniform**

There was no discussion of uniform.



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## 2009 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
8/2/09	9.00am	Let me fly	GWUC
8/3/09	11.00am	I will shout, sing praise	GWUC (\$100 to Share bushfire appeal)
12/4/09	10.00am	Introit: "Alleluia, Praise to God" Trad Yoruba song, Nigeria. Arr Emmanuel Bedejo Song: "I've Got a Voice" David MacGregor. Anthem: "Christ Has risen" Words and music: John Bell & Graham Maule. Blessing: "Holy Ground" , part of 'In His Presence' medley in our Greg Nelson a capella book	GWUC (Easter Day)
19/4/09	2.30pm	Tungarre Joyful, Joyful On eagles' wings Let me fly You raise me up Hallelujah Fields of gold Complete history of music	Boronia Road Uniting Church concert to raise funds (approx \$1800) for Max and Jan Thompson to go to Tonga to help build houses for Habitat for Humanity
10/5/09	11.00am	Open Thou mine eyes Holy ground	GWUC
24/5/09	7.00pm	For the beauty of the earth Joyful, joyful	Ecumenical choral service, Christ our Holy Redeemer Church, East Oakleigh
14/6/09	10:15am	Freedom Roly Hla Hla Joyful, joyful Siyahumba	The Avenue Uniting Church
21/6/09	9:00am	May you find peace Don't be afraid Be still and know Cast thy burden upon the Lord	GWUC
12/7/09	11:00am	Be still and know I will shout, sing praise	Beeac Uniting Church
12/7/09	2:00pm	The Lion Sleeps Tonight Immoral, Impossible I Will Shout! Sing Praise! Joyful, Joyful May It Be Swim Little Fishy (women only) Fillimiooriay (men only) He's sweet I Know Tunggare	Colac Uniting Church fundraising concert for Colac secondary schools chaplains (Proceeds \$1137)

Date	Time	Title	Place
		Lord, Listen to Your Children Khumbaya – Somebody's Crying I'm a Train Goin' to the Promised Land Home To Stay	
9/8/09	9:00am	Jesus, my Lord, my life, my all	GWUC
13/9/09	11:00am	Beautiful Saviour	GWUC
13/9/09	2:00pm – 3:30	Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All Immoral, Impossible choir song Fly me to the Moon Sweet Georgia Brown The Complete History Of Music Fields of Gold Hallelujah Sylvie Lullabye (Entity – small group of girls) Always There (Entity – small group of girls) 3 Jazz pieces – Alan Cook, Geoff Pope, Deb (They can't take that away from me I've got Rhythm Let's call the whole thing off) Fire Down Below (Men) Sing and Rejoice (Women) Humpty Dumpty (Women) Tungarre Joyful, Joyful O, Sifuni Mungu He's Sweet	GWUC concert: Proceeds \$2385.
27/9/09	3:00pm – 4:30	Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All Immoral, Impossible choir song Fly me to the Moon Sweet Georgia Brown The Complete History Of Music Fields of Gold Hallelujah Sylvie Fire Down Below (Men) Sing and Rejoice (Women) Humpty Dumpty (Women) Tungarre Joyful, Joyful O, Sifuni Mungu He's Sweet	Box Hill Uniting Church concert  Proceeds: \$1470 inc sale of 6 CDs
11/10/09	9:30am	God grant that we may be transformed Every Valley (anthem) The peace of the earth	GWUC last before Deb on maternity 'leave'. (\$460 to Fete proceeds from CD sales, \$130 to Asylum seekers via Hotham)
8/11/09	11:00am	His love amazes me	GWUC

# Free Spirit AGM Report 2010

**8:00 pm 27/1/10 Deb's house – 2 Belfrayden Court Mount Waverley.**

## Attendance:

Alan Cook, Noelle Gibson, Michael Foo, Vida Foo, Lise Hales, Philippa Hillman, Lois Hosking, Helen Jackson, Russell Lang, Tim Laub, Deb Leigh, Lyn Maslen, Robin Pope, John Snare, Marj Snare, Max Thomson, Geoff Willis

## Apologies:

Don Macdonald, Jo Foo, Heather Hon, Kaye Morgan, Joy Allen, Louise Edgoose

## Treasurer's report

Funds are satisfactory. (\$434.45 carry-forward plus voucher for \$75 held by Deb.)  
To be self-funding in 2010. John Snare has advised parish council, presented a estimated budget, and obtained agreement to operate as we have in the past.  
A donation for music of \$25 per person each 6 months with a limit of \$50 per family per six months is appreciated.  
Last year, Free Spirit raised \$6582 for various fund raising activities. Details are in the Free Spirit scrapbook.  
CD's remaining 29.

## Responsibilities

Music director:	Deb Leigh
Assistant music director:	Philippa Hillman
Music selection and purchase:	Deb Leigh and Alan Cook
Liaison with ministerial team:	Vida Foo
Librarians:	Maria Gillies and Robin Pope
Music borrowing:	Lise Hales
Performance calendar/schedule:	Geoff Willis
Roll:	Robin Pope
Scarves and ties:	Marj Snare
Prayer and care:	Marj Snare
Treasurer:	John Snare
Historian:	John Snare
Supper roster	Max Thomson

### 4.1 Choir member responsibilities

For regular attendance ... (but not if you are sick)  
Planned absences to be recorded on "the calendar"  
Please don't skip the week after we sing or do a concert  
For notifying Deb (on her mobile) when unable to attend practice or performances ...  
For attending as many practices as possible (at least the last two practices immediately before) we sing ...  
For borrowing and returning music ...  
Music is expensive and it is important to hand back music on the day that we sing (even if you leave early)

## Scheduling, major events & holidays

Deb indicated that she is happy to resume leading Free Spirit in March. Most members were keen and available to resume in March. However, we need to make sure that limit the level of

commitment required of Deb (and Dave and family). First practice on Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, to sing second Sunday in March.

Practices will again be held at Russell's place.

- 8) Singing regularly on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month GWUC – every “even” month at 9am, and “odd” month at 11am.
- 9) We don't plan to sing for Easter.
- 10) ANZAC day service at Cumberland View retirement village (Bill Morgan) on April 18<sup>th</sup> – 'In Flanders Fields' and a Hymn.
- 11) Oakleigh Uniting Church for Sunday worship in May or June– Geoff Willis to liaise and confirm date – possibly fourth Sunday in May or June.
- 12) Fund-raising concert for Forest Hills Uniting Church. Mid-year has been suggested. Free Spirit members are asked to think about holiday plans and see if they can make the commitment necessary to prepare a concert in that time-frame.
- 13) Free Spirit to organise a primary school choir concert as a fund-raiser in August or thereabouts. Vida to follow-up (and investigate options for designating a community project as the beneficiary of funds raised).
- 14) There is a possibility of singing in the Glen shopping centre during the Waverley music, food and wine festival. Possibly in October.

### **Recruiting/accepting new members**

We can accept new members in any part now, but potential new members should be referred to Deb.

### **Any other business**

Geoff is collecting photos which he will digitize and put on a CD for filing in the archive.

### **Loose change**

It was agreed to continue to invite members to put a dollar coin (or other loose change) in ‘the tin’ at practice each week to go towards the parish support of asylum seekers.

### **Uniform**

There was no discussion of uniform.

## 2010 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
14/3/10	11:00am	Why we sing May the Lord go with you	GWUC
11/4/10	9:00am	Embrace the Cross I want to be a Christian The Lord's Day (Benediction)	GWUC
18/4/10	3:00pm	In Flanders fields O valiant heart	Cumberland View Anzac Service
18/4/10	8:00pm	Why we sing Daniel, servant of the Lord	Ecumenical Choral Service
9/5/10	11:00am	Love is a light The peace of the earth	GWUC
16/5/10	10:00am	Make his praise glorious Why we sing Love is a Light The peace of the earth	Oakleigh Uniting Church
13/6/10	11:00am	Let there be praise Your grace still amazes me The peace of the Earth	GWUC
20/6/10	10:00am	My God is a rock	GWUC anniversary combined choir
11/7/10	11:00am	He's sweet (introit) Heaven's gate	GWUC
11/7/10	2:30pm	My God is a rock Immoral, impossible Daniel, Daniel Hallelujah Your grace still amazes me Essence: Lullaby Essence: Always there Guitar Solo (2 pieces) Men: Fillimiooriay Women: Humpty Dumpty Tungarre (no music) Joyful, joyful (no music) O, Sifuni Mungu (no music) Why we sing Heaven's gate (no music) He's sweet (no music)	Forest Hill Uniting Church concert (1hour music) for Yarra Yarra Presbytery mental health ministry.  The final total was \$640. The church seated about 120 people and it was full.
8/8/10	9:00am	While we are waiting, come You raise me up	GWUC
15/8/10	2:00pm	Joyful, joyful Heaven's Gate That's Why We Praise Him	GWUC PSA

Date	Time	Title	Place
		Why We Sing Your Grace Still Amazes Me He's Sweet	
12/9/10	11:00am	Like the beat of a drum The Lord bless you and keep you	GWUC
19/9/10	11:00am	Praise you, I will praise you Holy Ground medley	GWUC – Seniors service
2/10/10	2:00pm	O love that will not let me go Joyful, joyful The Lord bless you and keep you (Rutter)	Alison Dingwell and Brian Clarkson wedding
10/10/10	9:00am?	God love you Let us praise Jesus now	GWUC
7/11/10	10:00am	Canine 12 days of Christmas Irish Blessing	Dingley-Heatherton Uniting Church (Thanksgiving for dogs)
14/11/10	11:00am	Never gonna walk that journey alone	GWUC
4/12/10	3:00pm	What a friend we have in Warren God loves you Happy birthday	Warren Bartlett's 80 <sup>th</sup> birthday by video
12/12/10	10:00am	Rise up, shepherd and follow Such wise men The first Noel/Pachalbel's canon (combined choir)	GWUC

# **Free Spirit AGM Report 2011**

## **8:00 pm 19/1/11 Russell Lang's house**

### **15 Kennedy Street Glen Waverley.**

#### **Attendance:**

Joy Allen, Jo Boldiston, Michael Boldiston Alan Cook, Louise Edgoose Noelle Gibson, Michael Foo, Vida Foo, Lise Hales, Philippa Hillman, Heather Hon, Lois Hosking, Russell Lang, Deb Leigh, Linda Li, Don Macdonald, Lyn Maslen, Kaye Morgan, Robin Pope, John Snare, Marj Snare, Max Thomson, Genna Verbeek, Geoff Willis

#### **Apologies:**

Daniel Budirahardjo, Helen Jackson, Tim Laub, Irene Merta

#### **Treasurer's report**

Funds are satisfactory. (\$145.00 carry-forward.)

To be self-funding in 2011. John Snare has advised parish council, presented a estimated budget, and obtained agreement to operate as we have in the past. The budget for 2012 will need to be submitted in October, and it is proposed that Free Spirit continue to be self-funding.

A donation for the life of the choir of \$25 per person each 6 months with a limit of \$50 per family per six months is appreciated. (This is usually used to buy music.)

Last year, Free Spirit raised \$640 for Yarra Yarra Presbytery mental health ministry through a concert run by the Forest Hill Uniting Church. Details are in the Free Spirit scrapbook. Free Spirit also organised a Pleasant Sunday Afternoon of music themed around the election to raise funds for our church in August.

CD's remaining 25. There is \$100 retained funds from CD sales.

The meeting agreed with John's suggestion that we donate this amount to the Share Victorian Flood relief appeal.

#### **Responsibilities**

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Performance calendar/schedule:	Geoff Willis
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Prayer and care:	Marj Snare
Treasurer:	John Snare
Historian:	John Snare
Supper roster	Lyn Maslen

#### **4.2 Choir member responsibilities**

1. For regular attendance ... (but not if you are sick)
  - Please don't skip the week after we sing or do a concert
2. When unable to attend practices or performance:



- At **short** notice: notifying Deb directly (on her mobile) - not via someone else;
  - At longer notice: notifying both Deb and Geoff, so that our availability schedule can be kept current. In general, whenever availability changes.
3. For attending as many practices as possible (at least the last two practices immediately before) we sing ...
  4. For being on time: to practices on Wednesdays and just before we perform;
  5. For returning music ...
    - Music is expensive (and can be impossible to replace). It is important to hand back music on the day that we sing (even if you leave early).
    - Even though music copies are named for convenience of making markings and notes, they still belong to the choir and should be returned when not in use.
    - Please do not put markings on copies of music that have someone else's name.
    - If you borrow music with someone else's name please tell both Lise and the person it is assigned to.

#### 4.3 Folders

The folders we use are part of our uniform. When we are singing, it is important to use the black folders provided by Free Spirit and not other folders. Anyone without a Free Spirit folder can get one from Deb for \$12.

#### Scheduling, major events & holidays

Practices will again be held at Russell's place, except for the practice prior to singing in church. For 2011 the following schedule is planned.

- 1) Free Spirit will normally sing twice per month, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday given priority.
- 2) As requested, Free Spirit will sing as part of worship at Glen Waverley Uniting Church (GWUC) on the second Sunday of each month; in even months at 9:30 worship and in odd months at 11:00 worship.
- 3) A request has been received to sing at the Seniors Service at GWUC on April 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. However April is very busy, so Vida will request changing this to the July Seniors Service.
- 4) Free Spirit will accept Bill Morgan's invitation to sing at the Cumberland View Anzac Day commemoration on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April in the afternoon (probably 2:00pm).
- 5) Free Spirit cannot accept Strathdon's request to sing at a Coffee and Cake night because not enough members can be available during the week and at the required time.
- 6) Free Spirit anticipates that the Monash ecumenical choral festival will occur in May and hope to be able to participate – Geoff to follow up.[GW update: seems so far no choir has volunteered to host this year's service. Will investigate options.].
- 7) Free Spirit is available if there is a combined choir for the UC anniversary (June 19<sup>th</sup> to be confirmed<sup>1</sup>).
- 8) Free Spirit will offer to present a fund-raising concert at GWUC in September. Our preferred date is September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm.
- 9) Free Spirit will accept Jeff Woolhouse's invitation to sing at the Surrey Music Café on the last Friday in October. Commitment: to sing from 8pm to 8.30pm .

- 10) Free Spirit will accept Dingley UC's invitation to sing at their annual service for dogs in November, preferably the 20<sup>th</sup> of November, but possibly 6<sup>th</sup> November – Deb to follow up.
- 11) Free Spirit is able to sing at the Seniors Service at GWUC on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Vida to request that Free Spirit be not scheduled to sing at the 9:30 service that day.
- 12) Free Spirit will not sing as a choir in an eisteddfod this year, but a small group might. [precedent: previous performance as “Fifty Percent Proof” !]

### **Recruiting/accepting new members**

The choir balance and numbers are good at the moment. No new members are needed for ladies parts. Some new tenors would be welcome and possibly an additional bass. As advised to choir members previously, prospective new members must be auditioned by Deb before attending their first practice, and must be available to meet our “core” commitment, i.e. to sing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at GWUC.

### **Any other business**

#### **7.1 Friends of Free Spirit update**

John Snare holds email addresses for ‘Friends of Free Spirit’. People on this list will be advised of forthcoming events that may be of interest.

#### **7.2 Free spirit web site**

Mike Boldiston to investigate feasibility of a simple web site for Free Spirit that advises interested people of the performance schedule.

#### **7.3 Supper**

Alan Cook questioned whether supper is becoming too much of a performance in itself. It was noted that people rostered could take whatever approach suits them, but a simple supper with some biscuits is perfectly acceptable.

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Wed before performances: Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Kingsway, Glen Waverley.

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## 2011 Performances

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30/1/11	10:00am	The first Noel/Pachalbel's canon (combined choir)	GWUC – Ineke Giles retirement and farewell
13/2/11	9:30am	I say rejoice In the singing, in the silence	GWUC
3/3/11	2:00pm	O Love that will not let me go	Brian Clarkson funeral
13/3/11	11:00am	My God is a rock Oh the mercy of God	GWUC
10/4/11	9:30am	Valley of dry bones!	GWUC
17/4/11	2:00pm	In Flanders fields	Cumberland View Anzac Service
8/5/11	11:00am	Such love (introit) Embrace the cross (anthem) This table is the Lord's (communion) The priestly blessing (benediction)	GWUC
29/5/11	7:00pm	Your Grace still amazes me Wade in the water	Ecumenical choral service GWUC
12/6/11	9:30am	Every time I feel the Spirit Welcome the child (for baptism) You raise me up (bars 28-43 as benediction)	GWUC
10/7/11	11:00am	Sweet Spirit Cast Thy Burden upon the Lord The Lord Bless You and Keep You	GWUC
10/7/11	2:30pm	Sweet Spirit Lord Listen to your Children Praying	Seniors Service
14/8/11	9:30am	All are welcome V1, 4, 5	GWUC
11/9/11	11:00am	Never gonna walk this journey alone.	GWUC
18/09/11	2:00pm	Donine Deus Oh, the mercy of God Never gonna walk this journey alone And the glory of the Lord Bright morning star Don't nobody bring me no bad news Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans? One minute madrigal Chocolate! Can't help falling in love Your grace still amazes me	GWUC fund raising concert (\$2050 raised)

Date	Time	Title	Place
9/10/11	9:30am	Your grace still amazes me I say rejoice (42 to end) – benediction	GWUC
23/10/11	9:00am	He's sweet (introit) Your grace still amazes me Heaven's gate Abba Father	Mulgrave Uniting Church
13/11/11	11:00am	Like the beat of a drum Abba Father	GWUC
20/11/11	10:00am	And the glory of the Lord Canine 12 days of Christmas	Dingley-Heatherton Uniting Church (Thanksgiving for dogs)
11/12/11	11:00am	Jesus, my life my all (introit) (bar 35 to end) You are mine (anthem) This little light of mine (offering) In the singing, in the silence (communion) The Lord bless you and keep you (benediction) (Lutkin – Choral Classics)	GWUC (Seniors service)

# **AGM Free Spirit 2012**

**8pm 25/1/12 – Deb Leigh's House**

**2 Belfrayden Court, Mount Waverley**

## **1. Attendance**

- Helen, John, Marj, Alan, Kaye, Lyn, Irene, Lou, Robin, Alison, Heather, Deb, Mirini, Russell, Linda, Max, Noelle, Don, Lois, Jo, Geoff, Joy, Maria, Lise.

## **2. Apologies**

Tim, Vida, Mike, Philippa, Jacob

## **3. Treasurer's report**

\$665 subs left carried over from 2011. Suggestion from John that we continue to offer \$25/half year or \$50/year to subsidise our music purchases for the year.

## **4. Responsibilities**

Conductor: Deb Leigh

Assistant conductor: Philippa Hillman

Marj: Scarves + pastoral care

Librarian (returning of music): Jo Bolldiston in association with Lise (borrowing), Maria, Marj.

Liaison with ministerial team: Heather Hon

Treasurer: John Snare

Diary: Geoff Willis

Supper roster: Max Thomson

Role of attendance: Robin Pope

Borrowing: all choir members need to take responsibility to ensure music is written down (by Lise) when borrowing out a named copy of another choir member. Remind other members and visitors particularly (or new members) of this rule.

Folders: \$14 for new members

Punctuality: Prior to rehearsals and especially when singing in church, please ensure punctuality leaving plenty of time to park when at church. We especially require our warm-up times to prepare for the services we sing in at church.

## **5. Scheduling, major events, + holidays**

\* Worship times – Early service time at GWUC changes from 9.30 to 9.15am starting February 5th (on trial).

\* Discussed Free Spirit to change the regular singing Sunday to the 1st or 3rd Sunday of the month after term 1 2012, to avoid our regular singing Sundays (2nd of the month) being on Labour Day (March), Mother's Day (May) and Queen's Birthday weekends (June). Heather to canvas Ministerial team + Uniting Voices regarding this change for term 2.

\* Alison Clarkson has requested FS to sing at 2 Seniors services this year – the first of these for us to sing at will be March 11th 2.30pm (on a Sunday we are already singing at 9.15am).

\* Ashburton Uniting Church has requested Free Spirit to sing at their church at some point – we were unable to settle on a date to sing there at this stage.

\* Ecumenical choral service scheduled to be held at Oakleigh this year – Geoff to confirm date for our scheduling with Dawn (possibly May 2012)

\* 26th August concert date + 16th September concert dates for 2012 – to support fundraising for both asylum seekers and the homeless. Venues to be confirmed – Robin to be in touch with South Eastern

region asylum seeker members to work out church to hold this concert, and Geoff to contact a Richmond church active in homelessness support.

\* Dingley UC service for dogs – November date to be confirmed

\* Rev Ian Smith from Bacchus March was interested in a visit in perhaps the second half of the year.

#### **6. Recruiting/accepting new members**

Please refer all requests to Deb for review before promising membership to any new members.

#### **7. Annual report to Church council.**

#### **8. Any other business.**

\* Friends of Free Spirit – contact John with any further details for people who would like to be notified of concert dates.

\* For new members, a copy of the AGM can be shared so the rules of the choir and requirements of being a member are clear.

# Roles and Responsibilities Summary

## 1. Attendance

Regular attendance is expected ... (but not if you are sick or on holidays).

- Please don't skip the week after we sing or do a concert.
- Attend as many practices as possible (at least the last two practices immediately before) we sing.
- Stay home if you are sick!

## 2. If you can't attend

When unable to attend practices or performance:

- At short notice: notify Deb directly (on her mobile) - not via someone else.
- At longer notice (but as soon as possible): notify both Deb and Geoff, so that our availability schedule can be kept current.

## 3. Punctuality

Be on time: to practices on Wednesdays and just before we perform;

- Prior to rehearsals and especially when singing in church, please ensure punctuality leaving plenty of time to park when at church;
- We especially require our warm-up times to prepare for the services we sing in at church.

## 4. Returning Music

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## 5. Borrowing music

- All choir members need to take responsibility to ensure music is written down (by Lise) when borrowing out a named copy of another choir member.
- Remind other members and visitors particularly (or new members) of this rule.

## 6. Mobile Phones

- Please remember to turn off your mobile phones at practice and when we sing (or set them to vibrate if an emergency call may be coming).



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Normal Rehearsals: Russell Lang's house, 25 Kennedy St, Glen Waverley, Wednesdays 8pm.

Wed before performances: Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Kingsway, Glen Waverley.

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## 2012 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
12/2/12	11:00am	Mourning into dancing (bar 49 to end) introit Turn our sadness upside down (offering) Why we sing (anthem)	GWUC
11/3/12	9:15am	To You o God (prayer response) Rhythm of life	GWUC
11/3/12	2:30pm	Praise God, lord of hosts (introit) For the beauty of the earth (Rutter) The Payer (offering) The Lord bless you and keep you (Lutkin – Choral Classics)	GWUC
8/4/12	10:00am	Calvary's love Was it a morning like this? The Lord bless you and keep you	GWUC
22/4/12	2:00pm	O valiant hearts Prayer of the children	Cumberland View Anzac service
13/5/12	9:15am	Breath of Heaven (Mary's song)	GWUC (Mother's Day)
20/5/12	10:00am	I call you to praise People get ready Never gonna walk this journey alone He's sweet I know Depart now in peace.	Ashburton Uniting Church
3/6/12	7:00pm	Never gonna walk this journey alone The prayer	Ecumenical Choral Service, Church of Our Holy Redeemer, East Oakleigh
10/6/12	11:00am	Jesus, my life, my all (introit) You are mine The Lord bless you and keep you	GWUC
24/6/12	10:00am	Joy in the morning	GWUC anniversary (Free Spirit leading)
8/7/12	9:15am	Introit: Praise God, the Lord of Hosts. Anthem: The Gift of Love. Benediction: The Lord bless you and keep you	GWUC
29/7/12	10:00am	Introit: Praise You, I will Praise You (part) I call you to praise Heaven's Gate You are Mine Why we sing May the Lord go with you	Bacchus Marsh Uniting Church
12/8/12	11:00am	Lord, I want to be a Christian An Irish Blessing (Murphy)	GWUC

Date	Time	Title	Place
25/8/12	8:00pm	Domine Deus Why we sing Never gonna walk this journey alone The prayer Breath of heaven Joy in the morning Bright morning star You are mine Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans The Habitat song Your grace still amazes me	Concert for Habitat for Humanity (joint with John Atwell) held at New Hope Church, Blackburn – Raised \$2500 profit all up.
9/9/12	9:15	Lord, Listen to your Children Open Thou mine eyes (Rutter)	GWUC
16/9/12	2:30pm	Domine Deus Joy in the morning Why we sing Never gonna walk this journey alone The prayer Breath of heaven Bright morning star Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans Chocolate One minute madrigal Humpty Dumpty Fire down below Food safety practices Train Your grace still amazes me	Concert for asylum seekers held at Blackburn Uniting Church – Raised \$1445.00
6/10/12	11:00am	Your Grace Still Amazes Me May the Lord Go With You	Tim Laub and Philippa Hillman wedding.
14/10/12	11:00am	Oh, the mercy of God Such Love May the Lord go with you	GWUC
28/10/12	2:00pm	Domine Deus Joy in the morning Why we sing The prayer Breath of heaven Bright morning star Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans Chocolate Can't help falling in love Humpty Dumpty Fire down below Food safety practices Train Your grace still amazes me	Salford Park \$200 donation  (\$100 to Asylum seekers through Robin Pope, \$100 to Habitat for Humanity through Max Thompson)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Place</b>
11/11/12	9:15am	In Flanders Fields Welcome the Child (Baptism)	GWUC
25/11/12	10:00am	A place in the choir The Prayer Canine 12 days of Christmas	Dingley-Heatherton Uniting Church (Thanksgiving for dogs)
8/12/12	11:00am	Your Grace Still Amazes Me The Prayer May the Lord Go With You	Deb Davey & Tim Brewster wedding
9/12/12	11:00am	Breath of Heaven	GWUC
25/12/12	8:30am	Let the light shine Mary did you know Turning point of time Your grace still amazes me	GWUC Christmas Day

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## **12/12/12 in association with Christmas celebration**

### **Linda Li's house – 5 Kaltara Close Vermont South.**

#### **Attendance**

Jenny Abraham, Joy Allen, Jo Balderston, Jacob Davey, Lou Edgoose, Yan Emms, Michael Foo, Vida Foo, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Philippa Hilman, Heather Hon, Lois Hosking, Helen Jackson, Russell Lang, Tim Laub, Deb Leigh, Linda Li, Don Macdonald, Lyn Maslen, Irene Merta, Kaye Morgan, Robin Pope, John Snare, Marj Snare, Max Thomson, Geoff Willis

#### **Apologies**

Alan Cook, Alison Cook

#### **Agenda confirmation/update**

The agenda was accepted without change.

#### **Treasurer's report**

##### Subs

Cash in hand as at 6/12/12 is \$1125.

For 2013, subs will remain the same as for 2012 – i.e. \$25 for each half year.

It was agreed that some of the cash in hand will be spent buying replacement scarves for the ladies.

#### **Roles**

##### 5.1 Roles (2013)

Music director:	Deb Leigh
Music selection and purchase:	Deb Leigh
Librarians:	Jo Boldiston in association with Lise (borrowing), Maria, Marj.
Music borrowing:	Lise Hales
Liaison with ministerial team:	Deb Leigh
Performance calendar/schedule:	Jenny Abraham
Roll & performance record	Robin Pope
Friends of Free Spirit register	Geoff Willis
Scarves and ties:	Marj Snare
Prayer and care:	Marj Snare
Treasurer:	John Snare
Historian:	John Snare
Supper roster:	Max Thomson

#### **Responsibilities update**

For the record, all responsibilities will be included in the AGM report as a reminder to members. New choir members will be given a copy of the AGM report to help them understand how the choir operates.

##### 6.1 Choir member responsibilities

1. Regular attendance ... (but not if you are sick):  
Please don't skip the week after we sing or do a concert.
2. When unable to attend practices or performance:  
At short notice: notify Deb directly (on her mobile) - not via someone else.

At longer notice: notify both Deb and Jenny, so that our availability schedule can be kept current.

In general, notify both Deb and Jenny whenever availability changes.

3. Attend as many practices as possible.

To be part of a performance, it is a requirement to attend at least the last two practices immediately before we sing (subject to variation by Deb in special circumstances).

4. Punctuality

Prior to rehearsals and especially when singing in church, please ensure punctuality leaving plenty of time to park when at church. We especially require our warm-up times to prepare for the services we sing in at church.

5. Returning music

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7. Mobile phones

All phones should be switched off or to 'silent' during rehearsals, and at church.

8. Change of address, contact phone numbers

Members need to advise both Robin (Roll) and Jenny (Schedule) promptly, when their details change. Current contact details (email, various phone numbers) are included as the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the Schedule, which is used as our emergency "ring-around" list.

## 6.2 Folders

The folders we use are part of our uniform. When we are singing, it is important to use the black folders provided by Free Spirit and not other folders. Anyone without a Free Spirit folder can get one from Deb for \$14.

## Scheduling, major events & holidays

Scheduling is a problem because if we accept all return invitations from the previous year, there is almost no opportunity to visit anywhere else. Max pointed out that the Maroondah Singers had a policy of not accepting return invitations for at least three years. It was agreed to take a similar approach and adopt the principle of not accepting return invitations from last year (explaining that we need flexibility in our schedule to visit a variety of places as part of our outreach mission).

As in recent year, the policy of two performances per month will continue. In some months, this may be only one.

### Commitment and Choir Member availability

As a consequence of a number of choir members being retired and taking opportunities to travel, it is difficult for Deb to be sure that sufficient numbers of all parts will be available when needed. A number of options were discussed to see if there is a way to make it easier to achieve the necessary level of commitment.

Options considered were:

- a) Only commit to singing once per month.
- b) Have a break in the middle of the year.

In both cases, it was felt that these would not improve the situation, so it was decided to keep the existing scheduling arrangement and seek additional members for all parts (see below). All members should make Deb and Jenny aware of planned absences with as much notice as possible.

Worship times in GWUC – As for 2012, except that cycle of worship times between 9:15 and 11:00 may be altered in discussion with the ministerial team. It will probably be even months: 9:15am, odd months 11:00am

Seniors' services - These are scheduled for 10 February, 28 April, 25 August (but may be changed if it clashes with the Free Spirit concert), 27 October. It is likely that Free Spirit will sing at the April Seniors' service.

Anzac Day service (at Cumberland View?) – Invitation will probably be declined in accordance with the return invitation policy outlined above.

Mulgrave Uniting Church (Wanda St) maybe in winter – A possibility, but we will wait and see what other commitments arise before following up (because we have been there before).

Ecumenical choral service – It is our intention to participate, but will need to confirm when details are known.

Fund Raising Concert for GWUC proposed date Sunday 25th August 2013.

Dingley UC service for the dogs, November – Will probably be declined in accordance with the return invitation policy outlined above.

It was agreed that it would be nice to visit Beeac at some time during the year for both participation in worship and to present a concert. A suggestion was made but not discussed that winter be avoided (in view of the travel required, very early start, etc.)

### **Recruiting/accepting new members**

New members are needed for all parts, but especially Basses. As has been the case recently, all enquires and suggestions should be referred to Deb.

### **Annual report to Church Council**

The annual report to Church Council will be prepared by John Snare, using the approach adopted for the 2011 report.

### **Any other business**

10.1 Friends of Free Spirit update – we should remember that this database is maintained by Geoff Willis, and use it when appropriate (e.g. to promote concerts).

10.2 Notice in the Bulletin or Monthly Notices when we are singing away – John Snare to write a short item for relevant monthly bulletins when Free Spirit will be singing away from the Glen Waverley Uniting Church. The idea is to keep the congregation informed that this outreach activity is being performed and to provide opportunities for interested members of the congregation to attend.

## **Appendix:**

### **Free Spirit events 2012**

#### Glen Waverley Uniting Church services:

February

March (+Seniors' Service)

April

May (Mothers' Day)

June (regular service + church anniversary)

July

August

September

October

November

December (regular service + Christmas Day)

Other events

ANZAC service Cumberland View (April)

Ashburton Uniting Church (May)

Ecumenical Choral Service - Holy Redeemer Church East Oakleigh (June)

Bacchus Marsh Uniting Church (July)

Concert - North Blackburn New Hope Church with John Atwell (August)

Concert - The Avenue Church, Blackburn (September)

Wedding Philippa and Tim (October)

Concert PSA - Salford Park (October)

Dog Thanksgiving Service Dingley-Heatherton (November)

Wedding Debbie Davey and Tim (December)



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Wed before performances: Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Kingsway, Glen Waverley.

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This information is made available to all Free Spirit members and retained in the group archives so that past members can be contacted for special events. Please contact Robin Pope if you do not want your contact information used in this way.

Note: **This information is not to be made available to third parties without permission of the group.**

**All GWUC groups are required to make all reasonable efforts to meet Victoria's privacy laws**

## 2013 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
10/2/13	9:15am	Jesus, my Lord, my life, my all - bar 35-end (introit) All good gifts (from Godspell) Abba Father (Benediction)	GWUC
14/3/13	11:00am	Praise God Lord of Hosts (introit) If my people will pray (anthem) Oh the mercy of God (offering) The Lord bless you and keep you (blessing)	GWUC
31/3/13	10:00am	Make a joyful noise (bars 38-47) Easter song Hallelujah, praise the Lamb I say rejoice	GWUC Easter Day
14/4/13	9:15am	God Loves You (offertory) Never gonna walk this journey alone	GWUC
28/4/13	2:00pm	O Holy Night For the beauty of the earth (Rutter)	GWUC Seniors Hymn Service
12/5/13	11:00am	Waitin' for the Light You are Mine	GWUC
2/6/13	7:00pm	You will reap what you sow I dreamed of rain	Ecumenical Choral Service (GWUC)
9/6/13	9:15am	You will reap what you sow ? I dreamed of rain ?	GWUC
30/6/13	10:00am	Old Irish blessing	GWUC Combined Choir – Farewell service for Greg Fry
14/7/2013	11:00am	This is the day This little light of mine And wherever you go	GWUC
11/8/13	9:15am	This little light of mine Old Irish blessing	GWUC
25/8/13	2:00pm	I dreamed of rain You will reap what you sow PDQ Bach: The queen to me a royal pain doth give PDQ Bach: Four Curmudgeonly Canons – The four seasons of malcontent We rise again (Tenors and basses) I want to be ready Silent Choir – Hallelujah Chorus This little light of mine You are mine Old Iris blessing	GWUC Concert (Proceeds \$1805)

Date	Time	Title	Place
		And wherever you go Plus small group (Jacob Davey, Russell Lang, Lyn Maslin, Robin Pope, Deb Leigh, Joy Allen, Vida Foo): PDQ Bach: Long live the king PDQ Bach: Good king kong looked out	
8/9/13	11:00am	Praise God, the Lord of hosts (introit) The Prayer If my people will pray (anthem)	GWUC
13/10/13	9:15am	While we are waiting, come Prayer of the children	GWUC
13/10/13	2:00pm	Same as for Concert at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on 25/8/13	Burwood Heights Uniting Church Proceeds about \$1100
10/11/13	11:00am	I say rejoice (introit) God Loves You (anthem) That's why we praise him (offering)	GWUC
24/11/13	10:00am	I say rejoice (introit) And wherever you go Your grace still amazes me Why we sing	Camberwell Uniting Church
8/12/13	9:15am	Freedom is coming Holi Hla Hla Mandela The peace of the earth	GWUC
8/12/13	2:30pm	Breath of heaven Still, still, still Goin' to Bethlehem Holi Hla Hla Mandela	GWUC Seniors service
25/12/13	8:30	Still, still, still Goin' to Bethlehem -Were you there on that Christmas night	GWUC

# **Free Spirit AGM Report 2013-2014**

## **11/12/13 in association with Christmas celebration at Glen Waverley UC (Highvale) Tennis Club.**

### **1. Attendance**

Jenny Abraham, Joy Allen, Jo Boldiston, Alan Cook, Jacob Davey, Lou Edgoose, Stephen Emms, Yan Emms, Michael Foo, Vida Foo, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Heather Hon, Lois Hosking, Helen Jackson, Russell Lang, Deb Leigh, Linda Li, Lyn Maslen, Irene Merta, Kaye Morgan, Robin Pope, John Snare, Marj Snare, Max Thomson, Geoff Willis.

Deb observed (thanks to the roll kept by Robin) that:

- Lois and Joy had attended every single practice in 2013; and
- There were two practices where every member had attended.

### **2. Apologies**

Don Macdonald, Alison Cook

### **3. Agenda confirmation/update**

The agenda was accepted without change.

### **4. Treasurer's report**

#### **4.1 Subs**

Cash in hand as at 11/12/13 is \$1453.40, an increase in \$328 from last year.

Concerts raised a total of \$2905 in 2013 for the work of the Glen Waverley Uniting Church and Burwood Heights Uniting Church.

For 2014, subs will remain the same as for 2013 – i.e. \$25 for each half year.

### **5. Roles**

#### **5.1 Roles (2013)**

Music director:	Deb Leigh
Music selection and purchase:	Deb Leigh
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Times and dates will need to be confirmed when the new minister arrives. The second Tuesday of the month causes problems because it clashes with several long weekends and Mothers' Day. The option of changing to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month will be explored by Deb, and Geoff (re changing Organ Roster to match).

### 7.2 Outreach

During 2013 focus on fundraising was for the Glen Waverley Uniting Church. For 2014, we will focus on fund raising for other churches.

It was agreed to present a fund raising concert for the Boronia Uniting Church in Late August or early September. Options will be explored to repeat this concert, possibly for Beeac, Rokewood or Boort Uniting Church.

As in recent years, the policy of two performances per month will continue. In some months, this may be only one.

#### **8. Recruiting/accepting new members**

New members are needed for all parts, but especially Tenors. As has been the case recently, all enquirers and suggestions should be referred to Deb.

#### **9. Annual report to Church Council**

The annual report to Church Council has been prepared by John Snare, using the approach adopted for the 2012 report.

#### **10. Any other business**

- 10.1 Deb to contact Helen Stewart to explore the possibility of Free Spirit singing for the induction service for Neil Peters in January.
- 10.2 Jo to investigate getting some more folders to replace those that are getting the worse for wear.

### **Appendix:**

#### **Free Spirit events 2013**

##### Glen Waverley Uniting Church services:

February

March (plus Easter Day)

April (plus Seniors Hymn Service)

May (Mothers' Day)

June (plus combined choir for Greg and Judy Fry farewell)

July

August

September

October

November

December (plus Seniors Carol Service, plus Christmas Day)

##### Other events

Ecumenical Choral Service – Glen Waverley Uniting Church (June)

Concert – Glen Waverley Uniting Church (August)

Concert – Burwood Heights Uniting Church (October)

Camberwell Uniting Church (November)

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Free Spirit collects names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses for the purposes of contacting members and advising them of social events, schedules and schedule changes.

This information is made available to all Free Spirit embers and retained in the group archives so that past members can be contacted for special events. Please contact Robin Pope if you do not want your contact information used in this way. Note: This information is not to be made available to third parties without permission of the group.

## 2014 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
30/1/14	8:00 pm	Hymn 681 'Lord let me see' – Special harmony version, verses 1,4,5	GWUC Neil Peters induction
23/2/14	9:15 am	Day by day You will reap what you sow People get ready	GWUC
23/3/14	11:00am	Joy in the morning, bar 74 to end (introit) 10,000 Reasons (anthem) Jesus, my Lord, my Life, My all bar 53 to end (benediction)	GWUC
20/4/14	10:00am	Alleluia, Christ is risen (with Uniting Voices) Christ the Lord is risen (with Uniting Voices) Soon and very soon I will rise	GWUC (Easter Day)
27/4/14	9:15am	10,000 Reasons God's peace In Flanders Fields	GWUC
4/5/14	7:00pm	Soon and very soon 10,000 Reasons	Ecumenical Choral festival (Stephen's & St Mary's)
25/5/14	11:00am	At the riverside (anthem) Deep peace (benediction)	GWUC
15/6/14	10:00am	Holy Manna (anthem) How Beautiful (during communion)	Church Anniversary (Combined Choir)
22/6/14	9:15am	Holy ground (introit) H'es sweet As I went down to the river to pray	GWUC
27/7/14	11:00am	Abba Father The yearning And wherever you go	GWUC
24/8/14	9:15am	You are mine (anthem) O Sifuni Mungu (offering)	GWUC
24/8/14	2:15pm	O Sifuni Mungu Asikhatali Akanandla  Soon and very soon At the riverside They can't take that away from me Glory of love  Humpty dumpty (women) Fire down below (men)	Music to Move You! Concert  Boronia Uniting Church – raised a bit over \$1600

Date	Time	Title	Place
		This will be The yearning How beautiful 10,000 reasons  Where shall I be (congregational) Hallelujah chorus (silent) Deep peace	
14/9/14	11:00am	The glory of God The Gift of love Deep peace	Beeac Uniting Church
14/9/14	2:00pm	O Sifuni Mungu Asikhatali Akanandla  Soon and very soon At the riverside They can't take that away from me Glory of love  Humpty dumpty (women) Fire down below (men)  This will be The yearning How beautiful 10,000 reasons  Where shall I be (congregational) Hallelujah chorus (silent) And wherever you go	Music to Move You! Concert  Nearly the same as the Boronia Uniting Church concert  Colac Uniting Church fund raising for the local school chaplaincy programme (\$850 raised).
28/9/14	11:00am	To you, O God Live a humble God's peace	GWUC
18/10/14			GWUC fete \$60 contributed from the sale of CDs
26/10/14	9:15am	We shall not give up the fight The prayer Let me fly	GWUC
23/11/14	9:15am	Make His praise glorious I will shout! Sing praise!	GWUC
14/12/14	2:30pm	Mary, did you know? Christmas sanctus Born on a new day	GWUC celebrate Christmas with carols service
25/12/14	8:30am	Born on a new day Wondrous child	GWUC

# Sing a New Song:

## Free Spirit's Story

'Music can warm the soul and bring us closer to the Lord!' These are the opening words of the Free Spirit historical records, and they continue to inspire its members as much now as they did when the choir was first formed in 1983 or 1984. Initially it comprised a small group of seven (Alan Cook, Caroline Cook, Jay Robinson, Mandy Burns, Joy Allen, Sue (Podger) Hocking, Rob Hocking and accompanist Margaret Lemke) who were interested in introducing some contemporary sacred music as an alternative style of music for worship at Glen Waverley Uniting Church. Their first performance at GWUC was of the song 'Teach Us Your Way'. Although they did not sing on a regular basis, they sang often enough to decide they needed a moniker, and 'Free Spirit', suggested by Jay Robinson, was born.

In the early days, the singers were often accompanied by a small band - piano, drums, clarinet or sax, and sometimes electric guitar. Slowly, occasional two part harmony became four part harmony (and sometimes up to 8 parts) with just piano accompaniment. The foundation group was soon joined in the 1980s by others, and like founding members Alan Cook and Joy Allen, some of them (Marj and John Snare, Maria Gillies) have stayed with the group, while others have moved on to different places, or different activities; and some, like Jo (Wagon) Boldiston have moved away and come back! Over the years the choir has had a membership of nearly 100 different people, including many current GWUC members such as Lesley Armstrong, Lyn McDonald, Peter Baker, John Muir, Barbara Kreiger and others.

Free Spirit's desire to share the joy of music with others, both in worship and on other occasions, has been fulfilled from its inception. In the 1980s they helped out with the children's musicals *Cool in the Furnace* I and II, for which Geoff Pope wrote parts for an augmented instrumental accompaniment. In 1989 they shared their music with the inmates at Pentridge Gaol. By 1993 their performance records show that they were frequently visiting other churches, singing at the occasional wedding, and providing entertainment at retirement villages.

Initially the choir had no conductor, and was accompanied on piano by a number of different people: Margaret Lemke, Sue (Podger) Hocking, Jean (Henderson) Mitt and Margery Pope all assisted in this way. By 1988 Deborah (Pope) Leigh was the regular accompanist and conductor. The choir gradually expanded its repertoire from contemporary gospel into African rhythms, and jazz blues/swing, and the membership grew to just over 20. But in 1995 Deborah left to work in the United States, and the choir fell on hard times. Choir records show a much diminished program, and the AGM minutes record the many efforts made to secure a new leader. By late 1995 they were overjoyed to welcome a new leader, Debrah Smith; but after only a short period ill health forced her to retire. In 1996 a number of performances occurred but by 1997 several attempts at continuing were unsuccessful and no record of performances survives.

When Deborah returned from the US in 1998 the choir eagerly reformed and planned the year ahead. They formally re-established their practice of singing 'at home' at GWUC once a month, and singing 'outside' once a month. That year, they also challenged their musical skills by entering a group in the Waverley Eisteddfod, as well as singing at three weddings. The following year saw the first participation in the Monash Ecumenical Choral Service, which has been a much-enjoyed annual event since then. By the end of that year the choir considered asking members for an annual donation towards the expenses of buying new music, and this has remained a practice. It began as \$10 a year (1999) and currently stands at \$25 for 6 months, which enables Free Spirit to make no demands on the church budget for support.

By the year 2000 the minutes of the AGM show the difficulties of operating successfully as a voluntary choir in a world in which people have many commitments and pressures. Members were urged to be committed to rehearsal attendance, so that unnecessary time was not spent going over music for the benefit of those who had been absent. 'Regulars get bored re-learning the same thing each week', it was recorded. It was suggested that non-attendance at the two rehearsals prior to a performance would exclude members from participating in the event, so that a satisfactory level of performance could be expected.

The year 2000 was also the first year that the choir travelled to country Victoria to share in worship and provide a fund-raising concert. At Euroa they were billeted out and despite the freezing winter temperatures at Terip Ruffy, were warmed by the marvellous country hospitality (which was repeated in 2002).

Since then, the records show an increasing number of visits to other churches and community venues. These experiences raised new issues, recorded in the 2005 minutes, when it was decided to accept no further invitations to sing outdoors, as the choir had been consistently let down by inadequate sound systems. The carols at Jells Park were fresh in the memory, when the choir, seated *behind* a 50+ piece band, had been expected to compete with little amplification!

Gradually the choir expanded its repertoire by growing musically. For several years small groups were entered into Waverley or Boroondara Eisteddfods, and the judges' comments were useful in helping to refine techniques. Madrigals (and the pseudo-madrigals of PDQ Bach) were tackled, and singing from memory was slowly introduced so that the conductor could command full attention. *'Just as well!'* say the choir minutes. *'Deb needed all her hands (plus a fair amount of the rest of her body) to conduct and lead Free Spirit through the challenges...'* Those of our readers who have seen her conduct will understand, although the congregation is often unaware that she also 'mouths' the words, so that those with faulty memories have become skilled at lip-syncing!



Free Spirit at Boronia UC on August 24 2014, L to R:

Back row: Alan Cook, Max Thomson, Steven Emms, Russell Lang, John Snare, Michael Foo, Louise Edgoose, Jacob Davey, Yan Emms (hidden!), Geoff Willis, Kaye Morgan;

Centre row: Jo Boldiston, Lyn Maslen, Jesse Lang, Robin Pope, Alison Cook, Marj Snare, Linda Li, Deborah Leigh;

Front row: Irene Merta, Jenny Abraham, Irene Merta, Lise Hales, Maria Gillies, Vida Foo, Joy Allen, Lois Hosking, Helen Jackson. Absent: Noelle Gibson, Lynn Peters, Elwyn Pederson.

Free Spirit has offered its services towards 'warming the soul' without cost. Where payment has been made the monies have been passed on to church projects. Since that first foray to Euroa, concerts have been held almost annually, sometimes in conjunction with the Parish Orchestra. The concerts occurred mostly at GWUC, where the money has been used for local parish projects. Often they have been repeated at other churches (Boronia, New Hope, Blackburn UC, St Andrews Box Hill, Brighton, Forest Hill UC, Burwood UC, Colac among others), raising money for the Share Appeal, Habitat for Humanity, Hotham Asylum Seeker Project, school chaplaincy programs, mental health ministry and other needy causes. In 2009, three concerts raised \$6582. Precise records were not always made, but over \$15000 is recorded as having been raised since 2007. Another large source of income for GWUC has been through the production of two CDs, in 2002 and 2004. The second, *Singing With Spirit* contributed \$6,365 to the parish project in total.

The CD recordings proved a new and often fraught experience! However we each have happier memories of particular performances, and of particular contacts made. The Dog Thanksgiving Services at Dingley, when some of the dogs joined in the singing, are fondly recalled. Regular services with seniors worship, and visits to retirement villages, together with the annual Ecumenical Choral Services are also savoured.

In recent years Free Spirit has grown to about 30 members, some of whom attend other churches but have found their musical 'home' with us. We include folk who have additional musical skills which they have generously contributed to our performances. When singing at GWUC, Geoff Willis also plays the organ for the service. When Deb was on maternity leave, Philippa (Hillman) Laub capably kept the choir going without a break. Lyn Maslen has



accompanied on piano, clarinet and saxophone. Recently, we have also been assisted technologically by Russell Lang and John Snare, when monitors have been used as prompts. Graham Pottenger, a past member, materially assisted by donating a new keyboard, and making risers for the back line. Members give generously of time and talents, being aware that what they give is amply repaid in fellowship and the joys of making music together. And, of course, there is the pleasure of Tim Tams for supper!

If you enjoy making music with others, Deb reminds you that we are always looking for people who are willing to commit to regular rehearsal and performance and are ready to join a great group of people who fellowship with vigour together!

Compiled from information from  
Alan Cook, John Snare and Robin Pope

# Free Spirit AGM Minutes 2014-2015

**3/12/14 in association with Christmas celebration at**

**Glen Waverley UC (Highvale) Tennis Club.**

## **1. Attendance**

Jenny Abraham, Joy Allen, Jo Boldiston, Alan Cook, Lou Edgoose, Stephen Emms, Yan Emms, Michael Fo, Vida Foo, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Lois Hosking, Helen Jackson, Jesse Lang, Russell Lang, Deb Leigh, Linda Li, Lyn Maslen, Kaye Morgan, Lynn Peters, Robin Pope, Marj Snare, Geoff Willis, Don Macdonald, Max Thompson, Elwyn Pederson.

Deb observed (thanks to the roll kept by Robin) that Joy Allen and Lois Hosking had perfect records of attendance (and need to take a holiday soon!).

Deb and Lise also thanked Russell and Mirini for opening their house every week for Free Spirit rehearsal. They are happy to continue to offer their house for rehearsal space in 2015.

## **2. Apologies**

John Snare, Alison Cook, Jacob Davey, Irene Merta

## **3. Agenda confirmation/update**

The agenda was accepted without change.

## **4. Treasurer's report**

### **4.1 Subs**

Cash in hand as at 13/11/14 is \$1675.40, an increase in \$222 from last year.

Concerts raised a total of \$2510 in 2014 for the work of the Boronia Uniting Church (\$1600), the Chaplaincy programme in the Colac area (\$850), and the work of Glen Waverley Uniting Church (\$60 from the last of the CD sales through the fete).

It is proposed that for 2015, subs will remain the same as for 2014 – i.e. \$25 for each half year.

## **5. Roles**

### **5.1 Roles (2015)**

Music director: Deb Leigh

Music selection and purchase: Deb Leigh

Librarians: Jo Boldiston in association with Lise (borrowing), Robin, Maria, and Marj for stocktake)

Music borrowing: Lise Hales

Liaison with ministerial team: Deb Leigh

Performance calendar/schedule: Jenny Abraham and John Snare for trial of schedule on wiki

Roll & performance record Robin Pope

Friends of Free Spirit register Geoff Willis

Scarves and ties: Marj Snare

Prayer and care: Marj Snare

Treasurer: John Snare

Historian: John Snare

Supper roster: Lyn Maslen

## **6. Responsibilities reminder**

For the record, all responsibilities will be included in the AGM report as a reminder to members. New choir members will be given a copy of the AGM report to help them understand how the choir operates.

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## **7. Scheduling, major events & holidays**

7.1 Worship times at GWUC – it was agreed to continue the practice of singing on the fourth Sunday of each month, alternating between 9.15am and 11am worship. For 2015, this will commence at 11am on February 22nd. First practice is 4th February.

7.2 Ecumenical service 2015 is 17th May at Oakleigh (Holy Redeemer)



7.3 Church anniversary, Easter services and seniors services to be scheduled.

7.4 Outreach

Visiting other churches – Daylesford - the minister of Daylesford UC indicated [in person to Geoff Willis on Nov 16th] that they would be interested in us visiting them in 2015, on a date when they could invite outlying congregations to join [like Beeac have done]. We could contemplate doing 'extra' music (say after the service itself) if say an afternoon concert per se were not feasible). Geoff Willis and Deb to consider further.

Concert – Castlemaine has requested a concert in the second half of the year. Geoff Willis and ministerial team to liaise.

CD – We discussed the possibility of recording another CD – most members were happy to entertain the idea given the recording times will probably be Saturday afternoons for 3 hour time slots, a number of weeks (3) in a row.

Having a current CD allows us significant fundraising potential both within our own congregation and for us to take with us when we travel elsewhere for concerts.

Deb has been in contact with Allen from (Baker's street studios) Burwood Music centre and these are the costs:

The current studio rates for recording are:

- \$150/hr (if booked by the hour)
- \$395 per 3hr block
- \$495 per 4hr block
- \$595 per 5hr block
- \$685 per 6hr block
- \$795 per 7hr block
- \$895 per 8hr block

The rates include GST, engineer and use of our Steinway Model 'D' 9ft grand piano. The rates also apply for any other part of the production process, ie. editing, mixing and/or mastering undertaken within a recording session booking.

Sessions booked specifically for editing, mixing and/or mastering are charged at \$85 per hour.

They keep the piano well maintained and regularly tuned, however we may request tuning specifically for any session. The additional cost would be \$150 per visit by our preferred piano tuner/technician.

Deb's estimate for recording is about \$1840 at these costs – giving us 12 hrs of recording time, and 3 hours mixing. We need to discuss whether this is a worthwhile use of our existing funds. This does not include AMCOS fees or manufacture fees.

By way of comparison, our last CD in 2006 cost a total of \$4663, comprising 19 hours studio time, 15 hours editing time, just under \$500 for rights from AMCOS, and just over \$1500 to manufacture 526 CDs.

## **8. Recruiting/accepting new members**

Please refer all requests to Deb so she may audition as required.

We have welcomed Lynne, Jesse and Elwyn as new members this year!

Matthew is on a break this year (while his voice register settles somewhere!)

We welcomed Max back to choir this year.

Don Macdonald had a special mention, as he has been singing with us since 2000. He is cherished in our choir history and is dearly missed at our rehearsals (and his poems at our concerts!). We hope he feels welcome to come and sing anytime he feels able.

## **8. Annual report to Church Council**

It is proposed that the annual report to Church Council will be prepared by John Snare, using the approach adopted for the 2013 report. This has been done in January 2015. Thank you John!

## **9. Any other business**

9.1 – Robin has a 3 drawer filing cabinet (empty) belonging to Free Spirit – Jo offered to perhaps take it – could archive music in it.

9.2 Mike raised the issue of valuing (and insuring?) our music. Perhaps scan one copy of each piece of music in case of disasters (fire/flood). Mike to investigate costs.

## **10. Close**

Deb thanked the choir for all of their efforts and our supporters for their support!

## **Appendix: Free Spirit events 2014 (Total 19)**

Glen Waverley Uniting Church services:

January (Neil Peters induction)

February

March

April (plus Easter Day – part with Uniting Voices))

May

June (plus combined choir for Church anniversary)

July

August

September

October

November

December (Seniors Carol Service, plus Christmas Day but not 4th Sunday)

Other events

Ecumenical Choral Service – St. Stephen's & St Mary's (May)

Concert – Boronia Uniting Church (August)

Beeac (September)

Concert – Colac Uniting Church (September)

## 2015 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
22/2/15	11:00 am	Praise God the Lord of hosts 10,000 reasons Jesus my Lord, my life, my all.	GWUC
12/3/15	2:00pm	While we are waiting, come 10,000 reasons Old Irish blessing	Lois Hosking memorial service
15/3/15	10:00am	While we are waiting, come Deep peace Irish blessing 10,000 reasons	Croydon Uniting Church
22/3/15	9:15am	Almighty God medley (1-18) You are mine The Lord bless you and keep you (Luthin)	GWUC
5/4/15	10:00am	Easter song (introtit) Soon and very soon	GWUC
26/4/15	11:00am	In his presence medley (from bar 56 to the end) (Was also told we are standing on holy ground (pp. 74-5)) In Flanders fields And wherever you go	GWUC
17/5/15	7:00pm	At the riverside Joy in the morning	Ecumenical choral service, Holy Redeemer Church, East Oakleigh
24/5/15	9:15am	Lord, listen to your children Every time I feel the spirit TIS755 - You shall go out with joy (blessing)	GWUC
28/6/15	10:00	Joy in the morning	Combined choir for church anniversary
26/7/15	9:15am	Calvary As we sail to heaven's shore	GWUC
23/8/15	11:00am	Ticket to the Kingdom We will glorify	GWUC
27/9/15	9:15am	Amazing Grace (Hamilton) Festival Hosanna Wade in the water	GWUC simulcast with Beeac
25/10/15	11:00am	Why we sing You raise me up Deep Peace (Bill Douglas)	GWUC

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Place</b>
22/11/15	9:15am	Like the beat of a drum Joyful, Joyful	GWUC
13/12/15	2:30pm	A stable prayer The virgin Mary had a baby boy Still, still, still O come and see the baby Come and join the celebration Carol of the birds	GWUC Seniors service
25/12/15	8:30am	O come and see the baby Goin' to Bethlehem	GWUC

# **Free Spirit AGM Report 2015-2016**

## **2/12/15 in association with Christmas celebration at Glen Waverley UC (Highvale) Tennis Club.**

### **1. Attendance:**

Vida and Mike Foo, Marj Snare, Joy Allen, Noelle Gibson, Linda Li, Lynn Peters, Lise Hales, Jenny Abraham, Maria Gillies, Irene Merta, Elwyn Pederson, Mirini, Keziah, Jesse and Russell Lang, Robin Pope, Geoff Willis, Jacob Davies, Yan and Stephen Ems, Louise Edgoose, Jo Boldiston, John Muir, Alan Cook.

### **2. Apologies**

John Snare, Lyn Maslen, Alison Cook

### **3. Agenda confirmation/update**

Minutes of last year's AGM are available at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit2015>

### **4. Treasurer's report**

#### **4.1 Cash in Hand**

Cash in hand as at 25/11/14 is \$1,225, a decrease of \$450 from last year.

Money spent in 2015 has been entirely on recording activities.

#### **4.2 Subs**

It is proposed that for 2016, subs will remain the same as for 2015 – i.e. \$25 for each half year.

#### **4.2 2015 CD**

To date \$1627.50 has been spent on the 2015 CD covering three recording sessions and associated editing and mixing.

Not yet paid for is:

- the final recording session and final editing, mixing and production of the CD Master. (Estimated cost \$900)
- Copyright licences (Estimated cost \$600 based on the last CD)
- CD Production (Estimated cost \$770 including GST for 500 CDs, assuming that we provide the artwork.
- It is proposed to sell CDs for \$20 each.

It would be very helpful if Free Spirit members could pre-order and pre-pay for some CDs. That will allow costs of production to be covered.

### **5. Roles**

#### **5.1 Confirm Roles (2016)**

Music director:	Deb Leigh
Music selection and purchase:	Deb Leigh
Librarians:	Jo Boldiston in association with Lise (borrowing), Robin, Maria, and Marj for stocktake)
Music borrowing:	Lise Hales

Liaison with ministerial team:	Deb Leigh
Performance calendar/schedule:	Jenny Abraham and John Snare (schedule on the wiki).
Roll & performance record	Robin Pope

**Robin noted that Joy Allen only missed one rehearsal this year! Amazing effort Joy - my thanks to you for your dedication and extraordinary effort!. Alan and Russell only missed two rehearsals - again a fabulous job. Many thanks, Deb**

Friends of Free Spirit register	Geoff Willis
Scarves and ties:	Marj Snare
Prayer and care:	Marj Snare
Treasurer:	John Snare
Historian:	John Snare
Supper roster:	Lyn Maslen

**All roles are carried over to next year as per 2015.**

## 6. Responsibilities reminder

For the record, all responsibilities will be included in the AGM report as a reminder to members. New choir members will be given a copy of the AGM report to help them understand how the choir operates.

### Choir member responsibilities

1. Regular attendance ... (but not if you are sick):
  - Please don't skip the week after we sing or do a concert.
2. When unable to attend practices or performance:
  - At short notice: notify Deb directly (on her mobile) - not via someone else.
  - At longer notice: notify both Deb and Jenny, so that our availability schedule can be kept current.
  - In general, notify both Deb and Jenny whenever availability changes.
3. Attend as many practices as possible.
  - To be part of a performance, it is a requirement to attend at least the last two practices immediately before we sing (subject to variation by Deb in special circumstances).
4. Punctuality
  - Prior to rehearsals and especially when singing in church, please ensure punctuality leaving plenty of time to park when at church. We especially require our warm-up times to prepare for the services we sing in at church.
5. Returning music
  - Music is expensive (and can be impossible to replace). It is important to hand back music on the day that we sing (even if you leave early).
  - Even though music copies are named for convenience of making markings and notes, they still belong to the choir and should be returned when not in use.
  - Please do not put markings on copies of music that has someone else's name.
6. Borrowing music
  - All choir members need to take responsibility to ensure music is written down (by Lise) when borrowing out a named copy of another choir member. Remind other members and visitors particularly (or new members) of this rule.
7. Mobile phones

- All phones should be switched off or to 'silent' during rehearsals, and at church.
8. Change of address, contact phone numbers
- Members need to advise both Robin (Roll) and Jenny (Schedule) promptly, when their details change. Current contact details (email, various phone numbers) are printed periodically and included as the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the Schedule, which is used as our emergency "ring-around" list.

#### Folders

The folders we use are part of our uniform. When we are singing, it is important to use the black folders provided by Free Spirit and not other folders. Anyone without a Free Spirit folder can get one from Deb for \$14.

### **7. Scheduling, major events & holidays**

- 7.1 Worship times at GWUC – We will continue the practice of singing on the fourth Sunday of each month, alternating between 9.15am and 11am worship.
- 7.2 Concerts in 2016 - It is the general consensus that the choir will endeavour to do concert programs in 2016 - in at least 2 different venues. Castlemaine congregation may be a possibility for a fundraising concert. Max Thomson also reports that Boronia UC is always happy to have the choir do another concert next year if we do not have another venue!
- 7.3 Assisting with the 2016 Fete - Deb brought up that perhaps the choir as a group could assist in the fete more next year. It is understood that a few of the choir members already participate in the fete coordination, but perhaps we could endeavour to play a more active part in 2016.  
**Further discussion required.**
- 7.4 Regarding the CD: a final editing and mixing session is required with Deb at the studio; - completed on 11th December. The order of songs has also been worked out (Deb) and sent through to Allan at Burwood Sound Studio who will make the Master Copy and be picked up by Deb when ready.
- 7.5 Practice commencement date in 2016: - **February 3rd 2016**

### **8. Recruiting/accepting new members**

Please refer all requests to Deb so she may audition as required.

### **9. Annual report to Church Council**

It is proposed that the annual report to Church Council will be prepared by John Snare, using the approach adopted for the 2015 report. **Completed, thank you John.**

### **10. Any other business**

#### 10.1 Free Spirit on-line (for information)

Free Spirit has its own wiki page - <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit> . From there, information is available about our schedule and member availability, supper roster, and contact details for Free Spirit members - <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritSchedule>.

There is an email group list that allows messages to be sent to all Free Spirit members ([freespirit@gwuc.org.au](mailto:freespirit@gwuc.org.au)). This sends email to people on the FreeSpiritGroup page (<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritGroup>). John Snare is the contact for any changes.

Next year, a major upgrade of the Church wiki is being planned by the Church IT group, and it is hoped that this will make its use more convenient.

**The choir expressed a desire to return to a paper diary if the logging in problems cannot be resolved, as some members are finding difficulties entering their details.**

**Deb strongly encourages choir members to persevere with the wiki due to its convenience for each member to enter their availability. Having a paper diary only works if members attend rehearsal every week, and update their availability with the diary holder. In the past this has not happened adequately, hence the wiki appears a good option. It does put the responsibility of schedule availability on each member to input their details, however, to work. We will continue to work on this in 2016.**

Post meeting note:

Logging in - If people have trouble logging in, they should contact John Snare who will work with David Morgan to sort out problems. John Snare is unaware of anyone who currently cannot log in.

Updating availability - At present, the schedule can only be updated using the Firefox browser. This limitation will remain for the early part of 2016, but anyone who has difficulty editing the wiki should email availability changes to John Snare, and he will make the requested changes. John Snare will also accept written availability changes at practices. However, the responsibility remains with each choir member to tell John or Deb of availability and changes. No matter what technology is used, the people in charge are not mind readers.

Printable versions of the Schedule - Anyone who wants a printable version of the schedule should note that it is simple to ask the wiki to produce a printable version of the schedule page. Print view is found under the 'Page - More Actions:' list on the right hand side of the wiki page. Alternatively, anyone wanting a printable version can ask John Snare and he will send one to them.

## **11. Close**

## **Appendix:**

### **Free Spirit events 2015 (Total 17)**

#### Glen Waverley Uniting Church services:

February

March

April (plus Easter Day)

May

June (plus combined choir for Church anniversary June 28)

July (plus seniors service July 26)

August

September (simulcast with Beeac)

October

November

December (Seniors Carol Service, plus Christmas Day but not 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

#### Other events

Lois Hosking Memorial service (March)

Croydon Uniting Church (worship in March)

Ecumenical Choral Service – (Holy Redeemer, East Oakleigh (May 17)

Recording sessions (4 x 3 hours each) at Burwood Sound Studios (April 19, May 17, 31, November 8th)



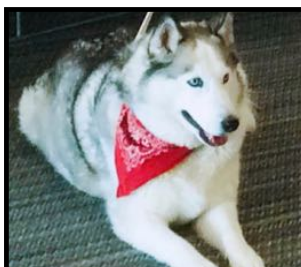
## 2016 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
28/2/16	11:00 am	Come gracious Spirit Joyful, joyful	GWUC
27/3/16	10:00 am Easter Day	Alleluia, Christ is risen Soon and very soon	GWUC
24/4/16	11:00 am	Love is a Light God Loves You (part thereof)	GWUC
22/5/16	9:15 am	Hold on to the Rock Thankful (1-60) (during offering)	GWUC
29/5/16	2:30 pm	Thankful (1-60) Hold on to the Rock	Ecumenical Choral Service (GWUC)
19/6/16	10:00		Church Anniversary combined choir
26/6/16	11:00am	I will sing praise Thankful	GWUC
10/7/16	2:30pm	At the riverside O love that will not let me go 10,000 reasons Father bless us as we go	GWUC seniors service
24/7/16	9:15am	I will sing praise Thankful	GWUC
31/7/16	10:30am	Thankful I will sing praise 10,000 reasons Hold on to the rock Steal away	Berwick Uniting Church
28/8/16	11:00am	Hold on to the rock Steal away	GWUC
4/9/16	2:00pm	O Freedom (no music) Stephen: Choir poem I Will Sing Praise They Can't take that Away From Me Do You Know What it Means to Miss New Orleans? (no music) Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy (no music) I'm a Train (no music)  Small group: Long Live the King Robin: Poems x 2  Steal Away 10,000 Reasons At the Riverside Hold On to the Rock (no music)	GWUC Concert Proceeds: \$1645

Date	Time	Title	Place
		The Argument (no music) Thankful Irish Blessing	
11/9/16	Pm	As above	Castlemaine Uniting Church \$900 raised including sale of 10 CDs
25/9/16	9:15am	The Gift of Love Wherever You Go	GWUC
23/10/16	11:00am	Ticket to the Kingdom Let Not your Heart be Troubled May the Lord Go with You	GWUC
20/11/16	10:00am	Let there be praise A canine Christmas concerto God's peace	Heatherton Dingley Uniting Church
27/11/16	10:00am	Sweet Spirit Be still, for the presence of the Lord God's Peace	GWUC
11/12/16	2:30pm	Christmastide Christmas Sanctus O holy night (arr Christopher) Merry Christmas Rag	GWUC seniors service
25/12/16	8:30am	Joyful Joyful (bars 26-43 as introit) Go tell it on the mountain	GWUC (Christmas Day)

## All That Dogs Do For Us

On November 20, the Free Spirit choir travelled to the Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church to participate in their annual service of thanksgiving 'for all that our dogs do for us'. We were warmly greeted by both two- and four-legged friends (some sporting fashionable scarves) and took our place in the worship centre. Many people attended from distant places in order to honour their four-legged



family members,

some of whom offer much-appreciated companionship in the home, and others who are working companions providing independence and safety to their owners. The usual form of a worship service included songs chosen and adapted to show recognition of the part that dogs play in our lives.

Free Spirit was glad to lend its talents to this end. In singing 'The Sounds in God's World' the basses added a convincing 'woof, woof' at appropriate junctures, and the words of 'Guide Me O My Great Redeemer' were transmogrified into 'Guide Me, oh, my loyal

companion'. Many of the canines present energetically contributed their voices to the singing. Our anthem 'A Christmas Canine Concerto' (essentially 'The Twelve Dogs of Christmas') was rendered with enthusiasm accompanied by aural headgear and appropriately syncopated barking. One Golden Retriever present displayed an admirable ability for maintaining reasonably accurate tempo with the choir.

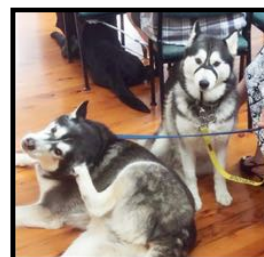


The congregation heard about the experiences of John Rayment, a puppy raiser, and from Colleen Knowles, who had travelled from Geelong with her guide dog Freeman. We were encouraged to consider supporting the important work of dogs such as Freeman. Rev Barbara Allen, a dog owner, provided us with many salient reminders of our indebtedness to dogs, and the part that they play in many human lives.

The joyful celebration concluded with the singing of an adaptation of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful' and we all retired to a refreshing morning tea and bowls of water, and photos to mark the occasion.

Robin Pope

Photos: Linda Li



# **Free Spirit AGM Report 2015-2016**

## **14/12/16 in association with Christmas celebration at Glen Waverley UC (Highvale) Tennis Club.**

### **1. Attendance:**

Lynn Peters, Stephen Emms, Yan Emms, Russell Lang, Mirini Lang, Jesse Lang, Keziah Lang, Deb Leigh, Alan Cook, Alison Cook, Jenny Abraham, Lise Hales, Robin Pope, Maria Gillies, Vida Foo, Michael Foo, Jo Boldiston, Irene Merta, Geoff Willis, Noelle Gibson, Joy Allen, Elwyn Pederson, Helen Jackson, Lyn Maslen, Marj Snare, John Snare, Jacob Davey, Linda Li.

### **2. Apologies:**

None

### **3. Agenda confirmation/update**

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### **4. Treasurer's report**

#### Cash in Hand

Cash in hand as at 8/12/16 is \$320.40.

#### Subs

It is proposed that for 2017, subs will remain the same as for 2015 – i.e. \$25 for each half year.

#### 2016 CD

Singing with Spirit cost \$3954.03 to make.

This was funded with \$3,314.03 from retained funds and \$640 from pre-sold CDs.

Amount available for distribution to date is \$4,500 (approximate because it is possible that not all sales from the church are included). This does not include sales associated with the Castlemaine concert. Changed from the amount given at the meeting because some sales had been double counted.

CDs sold (as at 8/12/16) – 291

CDs yet to be sold (as at 8/12/16) – 258

#### Allocation of CD Funding

It was decided to split the money from the sales of CDs equally to support three organisations.

1. The Frontier Services agency of the Uniting Church.
2. The Outer Eastern Asylum Seekers Resource Network (through Share).
3. The outreach activities of our own church.

To ensure that the amounts are significant, it was decided to split the money in hand to date equally to the first two areas, and to allocate money to our church next year from sales we make next year.

### **5. Roles**

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### **7. Scheduling, major events & holidays**

1. Worship times at GWUC – We will continue the practice of singing on the fourth Sunday of each month, alternating between 9.15am and 11am worship.
2. Assisting with the 2017 Fete – Free Spirit will run the silent auction, coordinated by Yan Emms.
3. Visits – We will focus on visiting more local churches next year.
4. Community Choral Event – We will organize a community choral event next year. Details are yet to be finalized, but the idea is to provide an opportunity for people who are not part of a choir to come and have a sing with us. There could be elements similar to a workshop. Possible it will be held in July and could have a Christmas in July theme for the music.
5. Practice commencement date in 2017: February 1<sup>st</sup>

### **8. Recruiting/accepting new members**

Please refer all requests to Deb so she may audition as required.

### **9. Annual report to Church Council**

The annual report to Church Council will be prepared by John Snare, using the approach adopted for the 2016 report.

### **10. Any other business**

#### Meeting Attendance

None of the 44 practices this year was attended by every choir member. However, Joy was the star who attended every practice.

It was observed that numbers were down at some performances which is a pity.

It was also noted that practices after big events (e.g. concerts) are sometimes poorly attended. Perhaps there is a need for an occasional planned week with no practice, but when practice is on, members are encouraged to attend if possible. (But don't come if you are sick!)

#### Folders

Some of our black folders are getting quite worn. 10 more to purchased, noting that they need to be big enough to accommodate A4 music.

#### Coordination with the band when singing at 9:15 worship

We will attempt to coordinate music activities in 9:15 worship with the band so that Free Spirit can better support music in those 9:15 serves we attend.

#### AGM minutes to include a member list.

Will happen.

#### Free Spirit on-line (for information)

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## 11. Close

## Appendix:

### Free Spirit events 2016 (Total 18)

#### Glen Waverley Uniting Church morning services:

February  
March  
April  
May  
June (plus combined choir for Church anniversary)  
July (plus Seniors service July 10)  
August  
September (simulcast with Beeac)  
October  
November  
December (Seniors Carol Service, plus Christmas Day)

#### Other events

Ecumenical Choral Service – (Glen Waverley Uniting Church - May 29)  
Berwick Uniting Church (July 31)  
Concert (Glen Waverley Uniting Church – September 4, proceeds \$1645)  
Concert (Castlemaine Uniting Church – September 11, proceeds \$900)  
Heatherton – Dingley Uniting Church (November 20)

## Free Spirit Members

Sop  
(8)

1 [Joy](#) Allen  
1 [Vida](#) Foo  
1 [Helen](#) Jackson  
1 [Lynn](#) Peters  
2 [Marj](#) Snare  
2 [Alison](#) Cook  
2 [Noelle](#) Gibson  
2 [Linda](#) Li

Alto  
(9)

[Lise](#) Hales

[Maria](#) Gillies

[Robin](#) Pope

[Irene](#) Gibson

[Lyn](#) Maslen

[Jenny](#) Abraham

[Elwyn](#) Pederson

[Keziah](#) Lang

[Mirini](#) Lang

Tenor  
(6)

[Jacob](#) Davey

[Geoff](#) Willis

[Jo](#) Boldiston

[Kaye](#) Morgan

[Yan](#) Emms

[Jesse](#) Lang

Bass  
(5)

[Alan](#) Cook

[John](#) Snare

[Russell](#) Lang

[Stephen](#) Emms

[Mike](#) Foo



## 2017 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
3/2/17	2:00 pm	10,000 Reasons	GWUC – Graham Pottenger’s funeral
26/2/17	11:00am	Lord lead us on You are mine?	GWUC
26/3/17	9:15am	Upon this rock The Lord Bless you and keep you	GWUC
14/4/17	9:15am	Awake, Alone in Gethsemane Via Dolorosa	GWUC – Good Friday
23/4/17	11:00am	I’m His Witness Now Hold onto the Rock	GWUC
28/5/17	9:15am	You are welcome here Freedom	GWUC
18/6/17	2:00pm	Fundraising concert for Possible Dreams International (PDI). Programme not available but probably the same as the programme for the Peppertree Hill concert below.	Burwood Heights Uniting Church
25/6/17	10:00am	O Love	GWUC combined choir for the anniversary led by Free Spirit
25/6/17	2:30pm	O Freedom They can’t take that away from me Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy I’m a Train Alto’s lament (women) Pink Panther theme (Men) At the riverside 10,000 Reasons Hold on to the rock The Argument Danny boy Irish Blessing	Peppertree Hill retirement village concert
23/7/17	9:15am	Let There be Praise God is All You Need Joy in the Morning	GWUC
6/8/17	10:00am	Let there be praise Joy in the Morning Eat this bread 10,000 reasons The rhythm of life	St Michael’s Uniting Church
27/8/17	11:00am	I will Sing Praise Ee-waa, ee-waa	GWUC

Date	Time	Title	Place
		Holy Ground	
10/9/17	10:00am	For the beauty of the earth I dreamed of rain For you deep stillness The peace of the earth I dreamed of rain	Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church
24/9/17	9:15am	God's peace Your grace still amazes me Let your heart not be troubled	GWUC
22/10/17	10:00am	I want to thank you, Lord Come home	GWUC
12/11/17	9:15am	Holy Manna I praise the name (Anastasis) Barocha	GWUC
26/11/17	9:15am	For you, deep stillness For the beauty of the earth I dreamed of rain The peace of the earth	GWUC
10/12/17	2.30pm	Wondrous child Were you there on that Christmas Night? Who's that Baby? We have a Saviour	GWUC Seniors Service
24/12/17	10:00am	Breath of Heaven We have a Savior	GWUC
25/12/17	8:30am	Goin' to Bethlehem Mary, did you know?	GWUC

# Free Spirit AGM Report 2017-2018

*13/12/17 in association with Christmas celebration at  
Glen Waverley UC (Highvale) Tennis Club.*

## 1. Attendance:

Jenny Abraham, Joy Allen, Alan Cook, Jacob Davies, Yan and Stephen Ems, Vida and Mike Foo, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Helen Jackson, Mirini, Keziah, Jesse and Russell Lang, Deb Leigh, Linda Li, Lyn Maslen, Irene Merta, Kaye Morgan, Elwyn Pederson, Lynn Peters, Robin Pope, Marj and John Snare.

## 2. Apologies:

Jo Boldiston, Geoff Willis, Alison Cook.

## 3. Agenda confirmation/update

Minutes of last year's AGM are available at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit2016>

## 4. Treasurer's report

- a) Cash in Hand: - \$255
- b) Subs: - It was agreed that for 2018, subs will remain the same as for 2017 – i.e. \$25 for each half year.
- c) CDs remaining: - Between 240 and 250
- d) Money raised from CDs to date: - \$5,270 (\$200 in 2017)

## 5. Roles

### Confirmed Roles (2018)

Music director:	Deb Leigh
Music selection and purchase:	Deb Leigh
Librarians:	Lise (borrowing) to be assisted by Maria Gillies Robin, Maria, and Marj (for stocktake)
Music borrowing:	Lise Hales assisted by Maria Gillies and Noelle Gibson
Liaison with ministerial team:	Deb Leigh
Performance calendar/schedule:	John Snare – updates schedule on wiki
Roll & performance record	Robin Pope
Friends of Free Spirit register	Geoff Willis
Scarves and ties:	Joy Allen
Prayer and care:	Looking for someone.
Treasurer:	John Snare
Historian:	John Snare
Supper roster:	Lyn Maslen

Fete:

Yan Emms

Robin Pope made some observations concerning attendance. Joy was the only one who attended all practices and performances.

## 6. Responsibilities reminder

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  - Members need to advise both Robin (Roll) and John (schedule) promptly, when their details change. Current contact details (email, various phone numbers) are printed periodically and included as the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the Schedule, which is used as our emergency "ring-around" list.

### Folders

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## **7. Scheduling, major events & holidays**

1. Worship times at GWUC – We will continue the practice of singing on the fourth Sunday of each month, alternating between 9.15am and 11am worship.
2. It is the general consensus that the choir will endeavour to do concert programs in 2018 - in at least 2 different venues. One concert will be at GWUC. The other will possibly be at Rosebud because they know us and this helps boost attendance. We will explore options to join them in worship in the first part of the year to re-inforce this relationship.
3. Fete 2018 – Yan led discussion of what is needed to make the silent auction a success. She told us that to be viable two more helpers are needed to solicit goods to auction. Noelle and Kaye agreed to assist Yan, Lise, Mirini, Lyn Maslen and Lynn Peters. Deb agreed to act as deputy for Yan for times when she is unavailable. With this extra help, it is viable to run the silent auction for the fete in 2018.
4. Practice commencement date in 2018: February 7<sup>th</sup> 2018. Free Spirit will sing for the first time in 27018 at the 11:00am service on Sunday February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. Recruiting/accepting new members**

Please refer all requests to Deb so she may audition as required.

## **9. Annual report to Church Council**

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## **10. Any other business**

Free Spirit on-line (for information)

Free Spirit has its own wiki page - <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit> . From there, information is available about our schedule and member availability, supper roster, and contact details for Free Spirit members - <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritSchedule>.

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## **11. Close**

## Appendix 1:

### Free Spirit events 2017 (Total 19)

#### Glen Waverley Uniting Church services:

Free Spirit regularly sang at morning worship at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on the fourth Sunday of the month as follows.

February 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 26<sup>th</sup>  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> (plus Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April)  
May 28<sup>th</sup>  
June 25<sup>th</sup> – church anniversary combined choir  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>  
August 27<sup>th</sup>  
September 24<sup>th</sup>  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
November 12<sup>th</sup> GWUC for Beeac anniversary service  
November 26<sup>th</sup>  
December 10<sup>th</sup> Senior's service  
December 24<sup>th</sup>  
December 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Other events

June - Held a fundraising concert at peppertree Hill retirement village. Proceeds \$150 contributed to the Glen Waverley Uniting Church outreach programme.

Sale of a fund-raising CD made in 2016. (The CD was funded by Free Spirit members.) Net proceeds contributed to the Glen Waverley Uniting Church outreach programme in 2017 - \$200.

Participated in the worship of St Michael's Uniting Church in Melbourne in August.

Participated in the worship of Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church at Rosebud in September.

Ran the silent auction at the fete raising approximately \$4009 in October and assisted with setting up and packing up.

### Free Spirit Members

Sop  
(8)

- 1 [Joy](#) Allen
- 1 [Vida](#) Foo
- 1 [Helen](#) Jackson
- 1 [Lynn](#) Peters
- 2 [Marij](#) Snare
- 2 [Alison](#) Cook
- 2 [Noelle](#) Gibson
- 2 [Linda](#) Li

Alto  
(9)

[Lise](#) Hales  
[Maria](#) Gillies  
[Robin](#) Pope  
[Irene](#) Merta  
[Lyn](#) Maslen  
  
[Jenny](#) Abraham  
  
[Elwyn](#) Pederson  
[Keziah](#) Lang  
[Mirini](#) Lang

Tenor  
(6)

[Jacob](#) Davey  
[Geoff](#) Willis  
[Jo](#) Boldiston  
[Kaye](#) Morgan  
[Yan](#) Emms  
[Jesse](#) Lang

Bass  
(5)

[Alan](#) Cook  
[John](#) Snare  
[Russell](#) Lang  
[Stephen](#) Emms  
[Mike](#) Foo

## Appendix 2

### Draft report to Church Council

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<b>Current Office Bearers:</b>	<p>Music director: Deb Leigh</p> <p>Music selection and purchase: Deb Leigh</p> <p>Liaison with ministerial team: Deb Leigh</p> <p>Librarians: Jo Boldiston</p> <p>Music borrowing: Lise Hales assisted by Maria Gillies</p> <p>Calendar/schedule: John Snare</p> <p>Roll &amp; performance record Robin Pope</p> <p>Scarves and ties: Joy Allen</p> <p>Prayer and care: vacan</p> <p>Treasurer: John Snare</p> <p>Historian John Snare</p> <p>Friends of Free Spirit Register Geoff Willis</p> <p>Supper roster Lyn Maslen</p> <p>Fete Yan Emms</p>
<b>Membership numbers:</b>	29 members
<b>Usual meeting attendance:</b>	25 members
<b>Meeting times and days:</b>	<p>Practice weekly on Wednesday evenings.</p> <p>Singing at worship or other events in both with Glen Waverley Uniting Church and elsewhere twice a month, including with Glen Waverley Uniting Church worship on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December and January) alternating between 9:15am and 11:00am services.</p>
<b>Locations used by Group:</b>	Practice is usually in the home of Russell Lang, and



	sometimes in the Church the week before an occasion when Free Spirit sings.
<b>Highlights of the year:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Regular contributions of music to worship in Glen Waverley Uniting Church.</li> <li>2. Participation in the Glen Waverley Uniting Church combined anniversary choir in June.</li> <li>3. Fund-raising concert for the Peppertree Hill retirement village in June (proceeds \$150 contributed to the Glen Waverley Uniting Church outreach programme).</li> <li>4. Contribution of music to worship at the St. Michael's Uniting Church (August).</li> <li>5. Contribution of music to worship at the Southern Mornington Peninsula Uniting Church at Rosebud (September).</li> <li>6. Ran the silent auction at the fete raising approximately \$4009 in October and assisted with setting up and packing up.</li> <li>7. Sale of a fund-raising CD. The CD was funded by Free Spirit members. Net proceeds in 2017 \$200.</li> <li>8. Participating in special Easter and Christmas services at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.</li> </ol>	
<b>Any needs that Church Council can assist:</b>	
<b>Report prepared by:</b>	John Snare
<b>Date:</b>	14/12/17

## 2018 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
25/2/18	11:00 am	Be still for the presence of the Lord People need the Lord O love	GWUC
18/3/18	10:00 am	Let there be praise Set me as a seal God is all you need Come home Hold on to the rock	Cowes Uniting Church
25/3/18	9:15am	Hallelujah! I Love him Lord, Lead us on	GWUC
30/3/18	9:15am	Awake, Alone in Gethsemane On Calvary - Amazing Grace	GWUC
22/4/18	11:00am	You Are Mine The Majesty and Glory of Your Name	GWUC
27/5/18	9:15am	Your Grace Still Amazes Me Go in the grace of the Lord	GWUC
24/6/18	10:00am	Sing and Rejoice May the Peace of God	Combined choir for the Church Anniversary, GWUC
1/7/18	2:30pm	10,000 Reasons Come Home Zaccheus	GWUC Seniors Service
22/7/18	9:15am	He Who Began a Good Work in You Praise Ye the Name of the Lord	GWUC
22/7/18	2:00pm	He's Sweet Immoral Impossible Akanamandla O Sifuni Mungu Take me home (small group) Ubi Caritas 10,000 Reasons Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled Longest Time (mini group) Light in the Hallway (mini group) See Amid the Winter's Snow Sing Come Home Go in the Grace of the Lord	Burwood Heights Uniting Church  Proceeds approx. \$1,400
8/8/18	2:30pm	He's Sweet Immoral Impossible Akanamandla O Sifuni Mungu Take me home (small group) Ubi Caritas	Croydon Uniting Church  Proceeds \$1,775 in aid of Lantara Welcome Centre, Brunswick including admission,

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23/9/18	9:15am	You are welcome I will shout, sing praise	GWUC
28/10/18	11:00am	Waitin' for the light Why we sing	GWUC
18/11/18	10:00am	A place in the choir If I was a Pekinese Christmas Sanctus There's a tiny pup in danger My dog - In appreciation A canine Christmas You shall go out with joy	Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church
25/11/18	9:15am	O praise the name (Anastasis) Lead me, Lord	GWUC
2/12/18	10:00am	Mary did you know	GWUC
2/12/18	5:00pm	We have a savior Christmas-tide Aussie Jingle Bells	GWUC Indonesian Fellowship
16/12/18	2:30pm	We have a savior Silent Night (arr: ... Bram) O come all ye faithful (arr: .. Bram)	GWUC Seniors Service
23/12/18	10:00am	O come all ye faithful (arr: .. Bram) The gift of love (baptismal version)	GWUC

# Free Spirit AGM Report 2018

*5/12/18 in association with Christmas celebration at  
Glen Waverley UC (Highvale) Tennis Club.*

## 1. Attendance:

Joy Allen, Joanne Boldiston, Matthew Boldiston, Alan Cook, Jacob Davey, Stephen Emms, Yan Emms, Michael Foo, Vida Foo, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Helen Jackson, Jess Lang, Keziah Lang, Mirini Lang, Russell Lang, Deb Leigh, Linda Li, Lucy Lu, Irene Merta, Kaye Morgan, Lynn Peters, Robin Pope, John Snare, Marjorie Snare, Geoff Willis

## 2. Apologies:

Jenny Abraham, Fairlie Mackinnon, Lyn Maslen

## 3. Agenda confirmation/update

Minutes of last year's AGM are available at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit2018>

## 4. Treasurer's report

- e) Cash in Hand: - \$875
- f) Subs: - It is proposed that for 2019, subs will remain the same as for 2014 – i.e. \$25 for each half year.
- g) CDs remaining: - about 229
- h) Money raised from CDs to date: - \$5,410

## 5. Roles

### Confirm Roles (2018)

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Music borrowing:	Lise Hales assisted by Marie Gillies
Liaison with ministerial team:	Deb Leigh
Performance calendar/schedule:	John Snare – updates on schedule on wiki
Roll & performance record:	Robin Pope
Friends of Free Spirit register	: Geoff Willis
Scarves and ties:	Joy Allen
Prayer and care:	Looking for someone. Deb does some of this, but would like someone to help.
Treasurer:	John Snare
Historian:	John Snare
Supper roster:	Lyn Maslen
Hosting rehearsals:	Mirini and Russell Lang
Stage managing events:	Lyn Maslen

## 6. Attendance Report

Robin Pope reported that our numbers have grown from 29 to 30 this year. Rehearsal attendance in August was poor, with one rehearsal attracting only 15 participants. Again Joy Allen was acknowledged with the outstanding attendance award, having attended all rehearsals in 2018.

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## **8. Scheduling, major events & holidays**

The following were agreed for 2019.

1. Free Spirit will sing at Glen Waverley Uniting Church worship on the fourth Sunday of each month, alternating between 9.15am and 11am worship.
2. Special events for 2019.
  - a. Boronia Uniting Church concert (21 July or 17 November are proposed dates)
  - b. Concert at Glen Waverley Uniting Church (date to be further investigated)
  - c. Return visit to Cowes Uniting Church (date to be further investigated)
  - d. Heatherton-Dingley 'dogs' service in November
3. Fete 2019
4. Practice commencement date in 2019: Wednesday February 6th
5. First worship service for the choir: Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

## **9. Recruiting/accepting new members**

Please refer all requests to Deb so she may audition as required.

## **10. Annual report to Church Council**

It is proposed that the annual report to Church Council will be prepared by John Snare, using the approach adopted for the 2017 report. A draft is in Appendix 2.

## **11. Any other business**

### Choir of Hope

Deb informed the choir that she is starting a new choir next year for women who have suffered some form of abuse and for women who want to support women who have been abused. It will be a community choir and meet in the church hall on Friday mornings. Robin Pope will assist with morning tea, and Lyn Maslen will assist with arranging music.

Neil Peters reported that Church Council not only support this initiative, but are very excited by it.

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### 2019 Fete

Yan Emms reported that she would no longer be able to lead activities associated with the fete silent auction. No-one else felt able to volunteer to take her place, so the fete committee will be advised that Free Spirit will not run a silent auction at the 2019 fete. The fete committee will be asked if they have ideas for other things that Free Spirit could do to support the fete. For example, it is possible that Free Spirit members may be able to assist the adult group in the running of the trash and treasure market.

## **12. Close**

## Appendix 1: Choir Members 2018

**Choir Director:** Deb Leigh

### **Sopranos**

- 1 Joy Allen
- 1 Vida Foo
- 1 Helen Jackson
- 1 Lynn Peters
- 2 Fairlie  
Mackinnon
- 2 Marj Snare
- 2 Alison Cook
- 2 Noelle Gibson
- 2 Linda Li

### **Tenors**

- Jacob Davey
- Geoff Willis
- Matthew Boldiston
- Jo Boldiston
- Kaye Morgan
- Yan Emms
- Jesse Lang

### **Basses**

- Alan Cook
- John Snare
- Russell Lang
- Stephen Emms
- Mike Foo

### **Altos**

- Lise Hales
- Maria Gillies
- Robin Pope
- Irene Merta
- Lyn Maslen
- Jenny Abraham
- Keziah Lang
- Mirini Lang
- Lucy Lu



## **Appendix 2: Free Spirit events 2018 (Total 22)**

### Glen Waverley Uniting Church services:

Free Spirit regularly sang at morning worship at Glen Waverley Uniting Church, usually on the fourth Sunday of the month, as follows.

February 25th

March 18<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday)

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

May 27<sup>th</sup>

June 24<sup>th</sup> (Church anniversary combined choir)

July 1<sup>st</sup> (Seniors Service), 22<sup>nd</sup>

August 26<sup>th</sup>

September 29<sup>th</sup>

October 28<sup>th</sup>

November 25<sup>th</sup>

December 2<sup>nd</sup>

December 16<sup>th</sup> (Senior's service)

December 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Other events

March 18<sup>th</sup> - Cowes Uniting Church.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Concert at Burwood Heights Uniting Church. Proceeds \$1400 in support of Possible Dreams International.

August 5<sup>th</sup> - Croydon Uniting Church. Proceeds approximately \$1775 in support of Lentara Welcome Centre.

September 9<sup>th</sup> - Concert at Glen Waverley Uniting Church. Proceeds \$1,735 in aid of GWUC programme.

October 20<sup>th</sup> – Silent auction at the Church Fete. Proceeds \$2667.

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## Appendix 3: Report to Church Council

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**Highlights of the year:**

9. Regular contributions of music to worship in Glen Waverley Uniting Church.
10. Participation in the Glen Waverley Uniting Church combined anniversary choir in June.
11. Visits to Cowes Uniting Church in March and Dingley-Heatherton Uniting Church in November to contribute to their worship. The latter was a special service devoted to companion animals.
12. Fundraising concerts at Glen Waverley Uniting Church, Burwood Heights Uniting Church and Croydon Uniting Church. A total of \$4910 was raised for Possible Dreams International, Lantara Welcome Centre, and the Glen Waverley Uniting Church programme.
13. Ran the silent auction at the fete raising approximately \$2667 in October and assisted with setting up and packing up.
14. Participating in special Easter and Seniors services at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

**Any needs that Church Council can assist:**

None identified.

**Report prepared by:**

John Snare

**Date:**

7/12/18

## 2019 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
24/2/19	11:00 am	O Love Go in the grace of the Lord	GWUC
24/3/19	9:15 am	Ticket to the kingdom O praise the name The stand	GWUC
6/4/19	2:30 pm	You are mine How beautiful May it be	GWUC
9/4/19	1:15 pm	10,000 Reasons I dreamed of Rain	Burwood Heights Uniting Church Funeral of Don Macdonald
19/4/19	9:15 am	Awake, Alone in Gethsemane Via Dolorosa O Praise the name first two verses and chorus	GWUC (Good Friday)
27/4/19	11:00 am	While we are waiting come I'm his witness now The Prayer	GWUC
26/5/19	9:15 am	Let not your heart be troubled My God is a rock Old Irish blessing	GWUC
23/6/19	10:00 am	Come, Gracious Spirit O God beyond all praising	GWUC Combined choir for Church anniversary
21/7/19	2:30 pm	Come holy spirit (introit) I will shout sing praise 10,000 reasons	GWUC Seniors service
11/8/19	10:00 am	As I went down to the river to pray Why I sing O praise the name (Anastasis) The rhythm of life Where shall I be Bunuwa	Hampton Park Uniting Church
25/8/19	11:00am	He who began a good work in you Your grace still amazes me Thuma Mina (TIS 749) You raise me up	GWUC
15/9/19	10:00am	Hallelujah! I love him O love Thankful (to bar 60) The peace of the earth You are welcome here At the riverside	Cowes Uniting Church

Date	Time	Title	Place
22/9/19	9:15am	God is all you need Where shall I be The peace of the earth	GWUC
27/10/19	11:00am	Live a humble Joy in the morning?	GWUC
24/11/19	11:00am	We will glorify O come, all ye faithful	GWUC
24/11/99	12:15pm	We gather together (Pope based on The cradle song) Be present at our table, Lord Go, tell it on the mountain Can't help falling in love Mary, did you know The glory of love Bring me living water (Silvie - new words) O come, all ye faithful	GWUC Munch with the Bunch
8/12/19	2:30pm	Mary, did you know? O Holy Night Rise up, shepherd, and follow Go, Tell it on the mountain	GWUC Seniors service
25/12/19	8:00am	Born on a new day Goin' to Bethlehem	Christmas Day

# Free Spirit AGM Report 2019-2020

Held on 11/12/19 in association with Christmas celebration at Glen Waverley UC (Highvale) Tennis Club.

## 1. Attendance:

Jenny Abraham, Joy Allen, Joanne Boldiston, Matthew Boldiston, Alan Cook, Jacob Davey, Stephen Emms, Yan Emms, Noelle Gibson, Maria Gillies, Lise Hales, Michael Kennedy, Mirini Lang, Russell Lang, Deb Leigh, Linda Li, Lyn Maslen, Irene Merta, Kaye Morgan, Lynn Peters, Robin Pope, John Snare, Geoff Willis

## 2. Apologies:

Michael Foo, Vida Foo, Helen Jackson, Jess Lang, Irene Merta, Lucy Lu, Fairlie Mackinnon

## 3. Agenda confirmation/update

Minutes of last year's AGM are available at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit2019>

## 4. Treasurer's report

a) Cash in Hand: \$1,615

b) Subs: - It was agreed that for 2020, subs will remain the same as for 2019 (and 2014) – i.e. \$25 for each half year, but with collection suspended until cash in hand is exhausted.

c) CDs remaining: About 220

## 5. Roles

Confirm Roles (2020)

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2. Music selection and purchase: Deb Leigh
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6. Roll & performance record: Robin Pope
7. Friends of Free Spirit register: Geoff Willis
8. Scarves and ties: Joy Allen
9. Prayer and care: Looking for someone. Deb does some of this, but would like someone to help.
10. Treasurer: John Snare
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12. Supper roster: Lyn Maslen
13. Hosting rehearsals: Mirini and Russell Lang
14. Stage managing events: Lyn Maslen

## 6. Attendance Report

Membership at the start of the year was 31. During the year we had some visitors and changes, and ended the year with 28 members.

For the first part of the year average practice attendance was 25, and for the second half of the year average practice attendance was 21.

Of some concern was that numbers were as low as 15 for some performances.

Joy Allen was the most regular attender missing only one practice; information greeted with applause.

## 7. Responsibilities reminder

For the record, all responsibilities will be included in the AGM report as a reminder to members. New choir members will be given a copy of the AGM report to help them understand how the choir operates.

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1. Regular attendance ... (but not if you are sick):

- Please don't skip the week after we sing or do a concert.

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- To be part of a performance, it is a requirement to attend at least the last two practices immediately before we sing (subject to variation by Deb in special circumstances).

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- Prior to rehearsals and especially when singing in church, please ensure punctuality leaving plenty of time to park when at church. We especially require our warm-up times to prepare for the services we sing in at church.

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- Music is expensive (and can be impossible to replace). It is important to hand back music on the day that we sing (even if you leave early).
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- Please do not put markings on copies of music that has someone else's name.

6. Borrowing music

- All choir members need to take responsibility to ensure music is written down (by Lise) when borrowing out a named copy of another choir member. Remind other members and visitors particularly (or new members) of this rule.

## 7. Mobile phones

- All phones should be switched off or to 'silent' during rehearsals, and at church.

## 8. Change of address, contact phone numbers

- Members need to advise both Robin (Roll) and John (schedule) promptly, when their details change. Current contact details (email, various phone numbers) are printed periodically and included as the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the Schedule, which is used as our emergency "ring-around" list.

## Folders

- The folders we use are part of our uniform. When we are singing, it is important to use the black folders provided by Free Spirit and not other folders. Anyone without a Free Spirit folder can get one from Deb.

## 8. Scheduling, major events & holidays

It was agreed that Free Spirit will continue to support worship at Glen Waverley Uniting Church on the fourth Sunday of each month, as for this year (alternating between 9:15 and 11:00am worship).

It was agreed to sing at the Dingley Uniting Church next year for the dog blessing service in November.

It was agreed to sing at Livingstone Gardens next year.

It was agreed to prepare for a concert at Glen Waverley Uniting Church next year with a repeat elsewhere, possibly a regional concert (e.g. Bairnesdale). The challenge for 'away' concerts is marketing so that we are well enough known for people to want to attend. One option is for us to offer to a hosting church to be their fund raising partner and support a local fund-raising initiative. It was suggested that a theme for the 2020 concerts could be 'Christmas in July'.

## 9. Recruiting/accepting new members

Please refer all requests to Deb so she may audition as required.

## 10. Annual report to Church Council

It was agreed that the annual report to Church Council will be prepared by John Snare, using the approach adopted for the 2019 report. A draft is in Appendix 3.

## 11. Any other business

### Free Spirit on-line (for information)

Free Spirit has its own wiki page - <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit> . From there, information is available about our schedule and member availability, supper roster, and contact details for Free Spirit members - <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritSchedule>.

There is an email group list that allows messages to be sent to all Free Spirit members ( [freespirit@gwuc.org.au](mailto:freespirit@gwuc.org.au) ) . This sends email to people on the [FreeSpiritGroup](http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritGroup) page (<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritGroup>).



Individual entries on the [FreeSpiritGroup](#) page are linked to pages containing contact information (typically email addresses and phone numbers).

John Snare is the contact for any changes.

### **Wiki Schedule**

John Snare urged everyone to make sure that their availability is accurate and up to date in the [FreeSpiritSchedule](#). It is wasteful and unfair for Deb to have to maintain a separate list because she can't be confident in what's in our published schedule. John Snare promised increased diligence to help anyone who is unable to update their availability.

### **WhatsApp**

"For anything you do with email, there is a better tool" (identity withheld). In this era of smart phones, WhatsApp is a good way to get messages quickly around a group. It combines the convenience of being able to send a message to a group of people (like email) with the immediacy of SMS. It is available at no apparent cost to anyone with a smart phone (Samsung, Apple and other). Vida Foo has set up a group 'Free Spirit'. (Thanks Vida). It was agreed that we will use the Free Spirit WhatsApp group to get messages quickly around between meetings. Currently missing from our WhatsApp group are: Geoff Willis, Irene Merta, The Langs, Lucy Lu, Linda Li, and possibly Michael Kennedy. Deb, John or Vida can help anyone who needs help to get up and running on WhatsApp.

### **2020 Fete**

It was agreed to support the 2020 GWUC fete in a manner similar to what was done in 2019:

- assist on the day with the silent auction;
- assist Mirini with the plant stall;
- assist with setting up and tidying up.

## **12. Close**

## **Appendix 1: Choir Members 2019**

### **Choir Director**

Deb Leigh

### **Sopranos**

1 Joy Allen  
1 Vida Foo  
1 Helen Jackson  
1 Lynn Peters  
2 Fairlie Mackinnon  
2 Marj Snare - part year  
2 Noelle Gibson  
2 Linda Li

### **Altos**

Lise Hales  
Maria Gillies  
Robin Pope  
Irene Merta  
Lyn Maslen  
Jenny Abraham  
Mirini Lan  
Lucy Lu

### **Tenors**

Jacob Davey  
Geoff Willis  
Matthew Boldiston  
Jo Boldiston  
Kaye Morgan  
Yan Emms

### **Basses**

Jesse Lang  
Alan Cook - part year  
Michael Kennedy  
John Snare  
Russell Lang  
Stephen Emms  
Mike Foo

## **Appendix 2: Free Spirit events 2019 (Total 21)**

### Glen Waverley Uniting Church services:

Free Spirit regularly sang at morning worship at Glen Waverley Uniting Church, usually on the fourth Sunday of the month, as follows.

February 24<sup>th</sup>  
March 24<sup>th</sup>  
April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>  
May 26<sup>th</sup>  
June 23<sup>rd</sup> (Church anniversary combined choir)  
July 21<sup>st</sup> (Seniors Service), 28<sup>th</sup>  
August 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>  
October 28<sup>th</sup>  
November 24<sup>th</sup>  
December 8<sup>th</sup> (Seniors Service), 25<sup>th</sup>

### Other events

April 9<sup>th</sup> - Burwood Heights Uniting Church funeral of past member Don Macdonald  
August 11<sup>th</sup> - Hampton Park Uniting Church  
March 18<sup>th</sup> - Cowes Uniting Church.  
November 24<sup>th</sup> - Munch with the Bunch  
December 7<sup>th</sup> - Assistance with Christmas Cioncert at Bluecross Livingstone Gardens (some members)  
December 14<sup>th</sup> - Christmas concert at Estia Health Manor (Grace Manor).

## **Appendix 3: Report to Church Council**

### **Group Name:**

Free Spirit (Choir)

### **Purpose, Aim or Mission of the Group:**

Music can warm the soul and bring us closer to the Lord! Free Spirit is a group of people who aim to enrich worship through music - and sometimes have some fun with other types of music as well. Free Spirit is regularly part of the worship at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church, but also likes to be part of worship with other congregations from time to time.

Free Spirit is self-funding; each member contributes \$1 per week, used to buy music and cover other expenses.

Free Spirit operates under a privacy policy in accordance with Glen Waverley Uniting Church guidelines.

### **Current Office Bearers:**

1. Music director: Deb Leigh
2. Music selection and purchase: Deb Leigh
3. Liaison with ministerial team: Deb Leigh
4. Librarians: Lise (borrowing) assisted by Marie Gillies
5. Music borrowing: Lise Hales assisted by Maria Gillies
6. Calendar/schedule: John Snare
7. Roll & performance record Robin Pope
8. Scarves and ties: Joy Allen
9. Prayer and care: vacant
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12. Friends of Free Spirit Register: Geoff Willis
13. Supper roster: Lyn Maslen
14. Hosting rehearsals: Mirini and Russell Lang
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### **Membership numbers:**

29 members plus some occasional visitors

### **Usual meeting attendance:**

23 members

### **Meeting times and days:**

Practice weekly on Wednesday evenings. Singing at worship or other events in both with Glen Waverley Uniting Church and elsewhere twice a month, including with Glen Waverley Uniting Church worship on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December and January) alternating between 9:15am and 11:00am services.

Locations used by Group: Practice is usually in the home of Russell Lang, and sometimes in the Church the week before an occasion when Free Spirit sings.

**Highlights of the year:**

1. Regular contributions of music to worship in Glen Waverley Uniting Church.
2. Participating in special Easter, Seniors and Christmas worship services at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.
3. Participation in the Glen Waverley Uniting Church combined anniversary choir in June.
4. Visits to Cowes Uniting Church in March and Hampton Park Uniting Church in August to contribute to their worship.
5. Participation in Christmas concerts at Bluecross Livingstone Gardens and Estia Health Manor (Grace Manor)

**Any needs that Church Council can assist:**

None identified.

**Report prepared by:**

John Snare Date: 21/11/19

## 2020 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
23/2/20	11:00am	Holy Ground You Are Mine	GWUC

In March 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic affected Melbourne and physical attendance at worship services and choir performances ceased. Free Spirit became an iso-zoom-choir and continued to meet and practice on-line using zoom video conferences. It was challenging to learn new music, and the Free Spirit repertoire expanded less than usual.

Free Spirit was able to contribute to worship by adding zoom video to the following previously recorded songs.

- Joy in the Morning
- Go Tell It On The Mountain
- May it be (Pam Cook's funeral in July)
- Irish Blessing (Pam Cook's funeral in July)
- And Wherever You Go
- He's Sweet
- Freedom is Coming
- Java Jive
- Rhythm of Life
- Breath of Heaven

Free Spirit was also able to prepare the following zoom-choir recordings where people individually recorded their parts, the parts merged and then a zoom video added.

- Born a Mighty King
- Amazing Grace
- Fall on Your Knees

Free Spirit also zoom-choir recorded two versions of 'Happy Birthday to You' that were used when Shirley White turned 100 and Bill Morgan turned 105.

For the latter part of 2020, members of Uniting Voices joined Free Spirit practices.

## Combined Free Spirit and Uniting Voices email list

Updated 2020/10/19

### Leader

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## 2021 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
2/4/21	9:30am	Were you there? Awake, alone in Gethsemane	GWUC (Good Friday)
25/4/21	11:00am	In Flanders Fields O praise the name	GWUC (Anzac Day)
23/5/21	9:15am	You say (with the Choir of Hope) Amen! Tell it on the mountain	GWUC
6/6/21	10:00am	Irish Blessing	Zoom choir
20/6/21	10:00am	10,000 reasons He's sweet I know	Zoom choir
27/6/21	11:00am	I will sing your glory and praise	GWUC
11/7/21	9:45am	Praise ye the name of the Lord For the beauty of the earth (Rutter) God's peace O praise the name (Anastasis) The peace of the earth	High Street Road Uniting Church
22/8/21	10:00am	Choir-led prayer	GWUC
29/8/21	10:00am	Joy in the morning – zoom choir	GWUC
5/9/21	10:00am	We will glorify – zoom choir	GWUC
19/9/21	10:00am	How beautiful – zoom choir	GWUC
30/10/21	7:00pm	Let's Go – zoom choir	Spring Thing - GWUC
28/11/21	10:00am	To Believe Siyahumba (Hymn 666)	GWUC
25/12/21	10:00am	Shepherds Carol O Holy Night Tiny Miracle	GWUC



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Held on 20/10/21 by Zoom (thanks Kaye).

## 1. Attendance:

Deb Leigh, Joy Allen, Vida Foo, Lynn Peters, John Snare, Russell Lang, Lyn Maslen, Sandy Tuininga, Yan Emms, Noelle Gibson, Jaqui King, Colin King, Herb Fleming, Lise Hales, Jacob Davey, Geoff Willis, Jenny Abraham, Matthew Boldiston, Mike Foo, Eileen Scott, Ann Wylie, Kaye Morgan, Margaret Colvin, Ling Huang, Fairlie Mackinnon, Mirini Lang, Maria Gillies, Mike Foo, Michael Kennedy, Robin Pope, Linda Li, Ken Coutts, Evelyn Fleming, Joanne Boldiston, Stephen Emms

## 2. Apologies:

Alison Hocking, Sandra Hutapea

## 3. Report of the last meeting

The last AGM was in 2019 and the report is available at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit2020>

## 4. Covid-safe requirements

Government mandated restrictions on gatherings including worship and church meetings are likely to remain in force for a while. Amongst other things this means that personal attendance at worship and choir practice will be subject to people having and reporting double Covid-19 vaccination.

No one reported that this would present them with a problem.

Joanne Boldiston and Vida Foo reported on plans the church has for opening up under the covid restrictions. (A pastoral letter to all members of the congregation explains the rationale and approach planned for our congregation.) As leaders in the congregation, all active members of Free Spirit need to provide covid vaccination details to the office.

It was agreed that it will help the choir-practice covid marshals if people provide the required information to the office before choir practice resumes. Joanne Boldiston to issue a reminder. Information about obtaining and using Covid vaccination certificates can be found at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CovidVaccinationCertificate>.

Vida Foo and John Snare volunteered to be choir-practice covid marshals when practice in the church resumes (included in the 'Roles' below).

## 5. Imagine 2022 - Weekly Practice and Contributions to Worship

The size of the choir and Covid-19 gathering rules mean that practice will need to be held in the church complex for the foreseeable future.

Joanne Boldiston to see if practice in the car park without masks (on warm nights) in the car park will be possible.

Current practice is to sing during worship on the fourth Sunday of each month, alternating between 9:15am and 11:00am worship. This arrangement will continue in 2022.

Now that there is no other choir, Free Spirit considered the formation of small groups to contribute music to worship perhaps once a month on weeks when Free Spirit is not singing.

A pool of volunteers was established from which small groups can be formed – a ‘group for the month’ – (sop): Noelle, Margaret, Vida, Joy, (alto): Jenny, Lyn, Joanne, Mirini, (tenor): John Colvin, Jacob, Ken, Yan and (basses): Mike, Stephen, Russell, John Snare. Lyn Maslen and Jacob are happy to lead such groups as well as Deb.

Small groups might practice after normal Free Spirit practice. The ‘group for the month’ might choose to practice some other time.

## 6. Imagine 2022 - Other Events

1. Free Spirit will take part in the ‘Together again’ event in May, possible 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – 22 May – after singing in worship).
2. Free Spirit will contribute to the Dingley Uniting dog (and companion animal) blessing service on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Social distancing may be an issue and this will be followed up closer to the event.
3. It was agreed to see if concerts at Livingstone Gardens, Grace Manor, and Strathdon might be possible. Weekends suit choir members, but it remains to be seen whether this suits the Aged Care activities staff. Timing from July onwards (Christmas in July?) will be offered. John Snare to follow up with Livingstone Gardens.
4. Burwood Heights Uniting Church may welcome a visit from Free Spirit
5. Hymn recordings. Joanne Boldiston told the meeting that she sometimes receives requests for recordings of hymns for funerals and the like. It was agreed to make an audio library of hymn recordings (old favourites) that could be used at funerals etc. Free Spirit will try to make perhaps one hymn recording a month – to be recorded on practice nights by Matthew Boldiston.

## 7. Roles

Roles for 2022 were confirmed as follows

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- Performance calendar/schedule: John Snare – updates on schedule on wiki (<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritSchedule>)
- Roll: Robin Pope - to hand over to Linda Li in 2022.
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- Covid marshals: John Snare and Vida Foo

## 8. Treasurer's report

- a) Cash in Hand: \$190
- b) Subs: - For 2022, it was agreed that subs will be increased to \$30 for each half year to give us additional funds to fill in the gaps in number of copies of music we have.
- c) Black folders cost \$15. John Snare stock.
- d) CDs remaining: John Snare has 7; Joanne has 21, Russell probably has the rest (there should be about 220 all up).

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# 12. Other business

## 12.1 – Managing Music

Lise Hales reported that the numbering system previously adopted for Free Spirit is hard to manage with the larger group. It was agreed to revert to the approach of naming music. Lise also reported that managing the music has become too big a job for just one person and requested assistance from a music monitor (or monitors) in each part to look after distribution, collection and tracking. The roles have been updated accordingly.

It would be convenient for all Free Spirit's music to be stored in the church complex. Joanne Boldiston to look into options for storage at the church.

## 12.2 - Free Spirit on-line (for information)

Free Spirit has its own wiki page - <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit> . From there, information is available about our schedule and member availability, supper roster, and contact details for Free Spirit members - <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritSchedule> .

There is an email group list that allows messages to be sent to all Free Spirit members ( [freespirit@gwuc.org.au](mailto:freespirit@gwuc.org.au) ) . This sends email to people on the [FreeSpiritGroup](http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritGroup) page ( <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritGroup> ).

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John Snare is the contact for any changes and help.

# 14. Close

The meeting closed at 9:45pm; it took a little longer than the 30 minutes estimated by John Snare.

# Appendix 1: Choir Members 2019

## Choir Director

Deb Leigh

## Tenors

## Sopranos

Sop (15)

- 1 [Joy](#) Allen
- 1 [Vida](#) Foo
- 1 [Helen](#) Jackson
- 1 [Lynn](#) Peters
- 1 [Evelyn](#) Fleming
- 1 [Sandy](#) Tuininga
- 1 [Margaret](#) Colvin
- 1 [Ann](#) Wylie
- 1 [Helena](#) Hannan
- [Ling](#) Huang
- 2 [Sandra](#) Hutapea
- 2 [Eileen](#) Scott
- 2 [Fairlie](#) Mackinnon
- 2 [Noelle](#) Gibson
- 2 [Linda](#) Li

## Altos

Alto (10)

- [Lise](#) Hales
- [Maria](#) Gillies
- [Robin](#) Pope
- [Irene](#) Merta
- [Lyn](#) Maslen
- [Jenny](#) Abraham
- [Joanne](#) Boldiston
- [Mirini](#) Lang
- [Jaqui](#) King
- [Alison](#) Hocking

Tenor (8)

- [Jacob](#) Davey
- [Geoff](#) Willis
- [Matthew](#) Boldiston
- [Kaye](#) Morgan
- [Yan](#) Emms
- [Ken](#) Coutts
- [Herb](#) Fleming
- [John](#) Colvin

## Basses

Bass (6)

- [John](#) Snare
- [Russell](#) Lang
- [Stephen](#) Emms
- [Mike](#) Foo
- [Michael](#) Kennedy
- [Colin](#) King

## Appendix 2: Free Spirit in 2020 and 2021

### 2020 contributions to worship

Free Spirit sang once in worship in 2020 – in February.

In March 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic affected Melbourne and physical attendance at worship services and choir performances ceased. Free Spirit became an iso-zoom-choir and continued to meet and practice on-line using zoom video conferences. It was challenging to learn new music, and the Free Spirit repertoire expanded less than usual.

1. Free Spirit was able to contribute to worship by adding zoom video to the following previously recorded songs.
  - o Joy in the morning
  - o Go Tell It On The Mountain
  - o May it be (Pam Cook's funeral in July)
  - o Irish Blessing (Pam Cook's funeral in July)
  - o And Wherever You Go
  - o He's Sweet
  - o Freedom is Coming
  - o Java Jive
  - o Rhythm of Life
  - o Breath of Heaven
2. Free Spirit was also able to prepare the following 'Zoom choir original' recordings where people individually recorded their parts, the parts merged and then a zoom video added.
  - o Born a Mighty King
  - o Amazing Grace
  - o Fall on Your Knees
3. Free Spirit also zoom-choir recorded two versions of 'Happy Birthday to You' that were used when Shirley Wise turned 100 and Bill Morgan turned 105.
4. For the latter part of 2020, members of Uniting Voices joined Free Spirit practices.

### 2021 contributions to worship

Date	Time	Title	Place
Apr 2 2021	9:30 am	Were you there? Awake, alone in Gethsemane	GWUC (Good Friday)
Apr 25 2021	11:00 am	In Flanders Fields O praise the name	GWUC (Anzac day)
May 23 2021	9:15 am	Amen! Tell it on the mountain You say (with Choir of Hope)	GWUC
June 6 2021	10:00am	Irish Blessing	Zoom choir
June 20 2021	10:00am	10,000 Reasons He's Sweet I Know	Zoom choir
June 27 2021	11:00am	I will sing your glory and praise Praise ye the name of the Lord For the beauty of the earth (Rutter)	GWUC
July 11 2021	9:45am	God's peace O praise the name (Anastasis) The peace of the earth	High Street Road Uniting Church
Aug 22 2021	10:00am	Choir-led prayer	GWUC
Aug 29 2021	10:00am	Joy in the morning	Zoom choir
Sept 5 2021	10:00am	We will glorify	Zoom choir
Sept 19 2021	10:00am	How Beautiful	Zoom choir
Spring thing		Let's Go	Zoom choir

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Place</b>
Nov 28 2021	10:00am	To Believe Siyahumba (Hymn 666)	GWUC
Dec 25 2021	10:00am	Shepherds Carol O Holy Night Tiny Miracle	GWUC

## **Appendix 3: Draft Report to Church Council for 2021**

### **Group Name:**

Free Spirit (Choir)

### **Purpose, Aim or Mission of the Group:**

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### **Current Office Bearers:**

1. Music director: Deb Leigh
2. Music selection and purchase: Deb Leigh
3. Liaison with ministerial team: Deb Leigh
4. Librarians: Lise (borrowing) assisted by Marie Gillies
5. Music borrowing: Lise Hales assisted by Maria Gillies
6. Calendar/schedule: John Snare
7. Roll: Robin Pope
8. Scarves and ties: Joy Allen
9. Prayer and care: Joy Allen (sop), Lyn Maslen (alto), Kaye Morgan (Tenor) and Mike Foo (Bass)
10. Treasurer: John Snare
11. Historian and performance record: John Snare
12. Friends of Free Spirit Register: Geoff Willis
13. Supper roster: Lyn Maslen
14. Stage managing events: Lyn Maslen

This year additional leadership was needed and provided to accommodate the circumstances of Covid-19 restrictions.

15. Kaye Morgan edited together video and audio of 'covid-choir' songs.
16. Russell Lang assembled and edited the audio for new 'covid-choir' songs.
17. Additional part choir leaders were needed to deal with not being able to meet together as normal. Lynn Peters helped the sopranos, Jacob Davey helped the tenors, Lyn Maslen sometimes helped the altos and sometimes helped the basses, and Deb Leigh helped the bases and sometimes the altos.

### **Membership numbers:**

39 members plus some occasional visitors



**Usual meeting attendance:**

30 members

**Meeting times and days:**

Practice weekly on Wednesday evenings. Prior to the Covid-19 restrictions the intent was as follows:

Singing at worship or other events in both with Glen Waverley Uniting Church and elsewhere twice a month, including with Glen Waverley Uniting Church worship on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December and January) alternating between 9:15am and 11:00am services.

**Locations used by Group:**

Practice is held in the Church.

**Highlights of the year:**

Free Spirit's contributions to worship were as follows.

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Oct 24 2021	10:00am	Happy Birthday to Bill Morgan (106)	Zoom choir
Oct 30 2021	7:00pm	Let's Go	Spring Thing – Zoom choir
Nov 28 2021	10:00am	To Believe Siyahumba (Hymn 666)	GWUC
Dec 25 2021	10.00am	Shepherds Carol O Holy Night Tiny Miracle	GWUC

The final version submitted was, in the style of previous years, the following.

1. “The Covid-19 pandemic continued to affect Melbourne in 2021 and for periods of time, personal attendance at worship was not possible.\As in 2020, Free Spirit practiced and contributed to worship together and virtually as circumstances demanded. Free Spirit was able to contribute to worship on site seven times in April, May, August, November and December.
2. A visit to the High Street Road Uniting Church in July was also possible.
3. Free Spirit added video to the following previously recorded songs: '10,000 reasons', 'He's Sweet I Know', 'We Will Glorify', and 'How Beautiful'.
4. Free Spirit contributed to the 'Spring Thing' virtual concert.
5. Free Spirit provided a version of Happy Birthday to help Bill Morgan celebrate his 106th birthday.
6. A zoom-choir recording of 'Little Drop of Heaven' was prepared for use in January 2022.”

**Any needs that Church Council can assist:**

None identified.

**Report prepared by:** John Snare **Date:** 25/11/21

## 2022 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
2/1/22	10:00am	Little Drop of Heaven – zoom choir	GWUC
13/2/22	10:00am	A Closer Walk with Thee	GWUC (small group led by Deb Leigh)
27/2/22	10:00am	Every Time I Feel The Spirit Forever Reign	GWUC
4/3/22	6:30pm	Every Time I Feel The Spirit Rhythm of Life Fire Down Below Humpty Dumpty The Glory of Love Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy	Hampton Park Uniting Church
13/3/22	10:00am	I Say Rejoice	GWUC (small group led by Lyn Maslen)
20/3/22	10:00am	Every Time I Feel The Spirit A Place in the Choir Canine Christmas Concerto  plus modified-word hymns: All Things Bright and Beautiful How I Need my Precious Canine (What a Friend we Have in Jesus) My dog - In Appreciation (Thank You) You Shall Go Out With Joy.	Heatherton-Dingley UC
27/3/22	10:00am	O Love Forever Reign	GWUC
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24/7/22	9:15am	“You are Mine”	GWUC
28/8/22	11:00am	As we sail to Heaven's Shore I Will Sing Your Glory and Praise The Prayer (chorus, bars 14-21)	GWUC
11/9/22	11:00am	His Word Will Stand	GWUC (small group led by Deb Leigh)
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16/10/22	10:00am	This is the Day Joyful, Joyful And Wherever You Go	GWUC (Alanee Hearnshaw farewell)
23/10/22	11:00am	Prayer of the Children The Stand	GWUC
13/11/22	11:00am	He is Jehovah	GWUC (small group led by Jacob Davey)
25/11 22	11:00am	You Raise Me Up Come Home	GWUC – Alan Cook’s funeral
27/11/22	10:00am	There is Peace	GWUC jointly with Choir of Hope
25/12/22	8:30am	Christmas Sanctus O Come, All Ye Faithful	GWUC

## Free Spirit AGM Report 2022

Held on 7/12/22 during the Christmas celebration.

### 1. Attendance:

[DebLeigh](#)

[JoyAllen](#), [VidaFoo](#), [LynnPeters](#), [EvelynFleming](#), [SandyTuininga](#), [AnnWylie](#),  
[EileenScott](#), [NoelleGibson](#), [RebeccaRemson](#), [AlisonHocking](#)

[LiseHales](#), [IreneMerta](#), [LynMaslen](#), [JennyAbraham](#), [JoanneBoldiston](#), [MiriniLang](#),  
[JacquiKing](#)

[JacobDavey](#), [GeoffWillis](#), [MatthewBoldiston](#), [KenCoutts](#), [HerbFleming](#)

[JohnSnare](#), [RussellLang](#), [MichaelFoo](#), [MichaelKennedy](#), [ColinKing](#)

### 2. Apologies:

[StephenEmms](#) [YanEmms](#) [FairlieMackinnon](#) [JohnColvin](#) [MargaretColvin](#) [MariaGillies](#)  
[KayeMorgan](#)

### 3. Agenda confirmation/update

The last AGM was in 2021 and the report is available at  
<http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpirit2021>

### 4. Imagine 2023 - Weekly Practice and Contributions to Worship

The size of the choir means that practice will need continue to be held in the church complex for the foreseeable future.

Current practice is to sing during worship on the fourth Sunday of each month, alternating between 9:15am and 11:00am worship

Now that there is no other choir, Free Spirit small groups have been continuing to worship at 11:00am on the second Sunday of most months. This will continue in 2023.

### 5. Imagine 2023 - Other Events

1. Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church November 19th 2023 at 10am
2. Fund Raising Concert for our Welfare group
3. Visit Burwood Heights Uniting Church
3. Members are invited to think of more options

### 6. Roles

## 6.1 Confirm Roles (2023)

- Music director: [DebLeigh](#)
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  - New music: [LiseHales](#) to stamp/number/name/prepare music, ready for use.
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## 7. Attendance Report

In the interests of desert, the attendance report was skipped.

The Free Spirit record for 2022 is in FS Attendance 2022.xlsx.

## 8. Treasurer's report

a) Cash in Hand: \$1605

b) Subs: - It is proposed that for 2023, subs will remain the same as for 2022 (and 2014) – i.e. \$25 for each half year.

c) Black folders cost \$15. John Snare has stock. There is also stock in the chapel (room 1) cupboard

d) CDs remaining: There are quite a few left. Some are held in the Church Office. Most of the rest are held by [RussellLang](#).

## 9. Responsibilities reminder

For the record, all responsibilities this is included in the AGM report as a reminder to members. New choir members will be given a copy of the AGM report to help them understand how the choir operates.

## Choir member responsibilities

### 1. Regular attendance ... (but not if you are sick):

- Please don't skip the week after we sing or do a concert.

### 2. When unable to attend practices or performance:

- At short notice: notify Deb directly (on her mobile 0411 778 417) - not via someone else.
- At longer notice: notify both Deb (via our shared calendar) and John Snare, so that our availability schedule can be kept current.
- In general, notify both Deb whenever availability changes.

### 3. Attend as many practices as possible.

- To be part of a performance, it is a requirement to attend at least the last two practices immediately before we sing (subject to variation by Deb in special circumstances).

### 4. Punctuality

- Prior to rehearsals and especially when singing in church, please ensure punctuality leaving plenty of time to park when at church. We especially require our warm-up times to prepare for the services we sing in at church.

### 5. Returning music

- Music is expensive (and can be impossible to replace). It is important to hand back music on the day that we sing (even if you leave early). Music should be returned to a part music monitor.
- Please do not mark original music scores with any permanent marker, only pencil is to be used. The score may be used by another part at times.
- Even though music (photo?) copies are named for convenience of making markings and notes, they still belong to the choir and should be returned when not in use.
- Please do not put any markings on copies of music that has someone else's name.

### 6. Borrowing music

- All choir members need to take responsibility to ensure music is recorded by the relevant part music monitor when borrowing a named copy of another choir member. Remind other members and visitors particularly (or new members) of this rule.

### 7. Mobile phones

- All phones should be switched off or to 'silent' during rehearsals, and at church.

### 8. Change of address, email address, contact phone numbers

- Members need to advise John promptly when their details change. Current contact details (email, various phone numbers) are in the wiki at <http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/FreeSpiritGroup> and can be printed on request.

### 9. Folders

- The folders we use are part of our uniform. When we are singing, it is important to use the black folders provided by Free Spirit and not other folders. Anyone without a Free Spirit folder can get one from John Snare.

## **10. Recruiting/accepting new members**

Please refer all requests to Deb so she may audition as required.

## **11. Annual report to Church Council**

The annual report to Church Council will be prepared by John Snare, using the approach adopted for the 2019 report. A draft is in Appendix 3.

## **12. Any other business**

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## **13. Close**

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#### Sop (11)

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## Appendix 2: Free Spirit in 2022

2022 contributions to worship and mission.

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#### **Locations used by Group:**

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#### **Highlights of the year:**

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8 May 2022	11:00am	Let There be Praise	GWUC (Small Group)
22 May 2022	9:15am	Goin' to the Promised Land	GWUC
22 May 2022	2:00pm	Introducing Free Spirit (chant) Requiem Where shall I be?	GWUC (concert)
12 June 2022	11:00am	African call to peace	GWUC (Small Group)
26 June 2022	10:00am	Joy in the Morning The Prayer	GWUC
10 July 2022	11:00am	Lamb of Glory by Greg Nelson and Phill McHugh, arranged by Don Marsh	GWUC (Small Group)
24 July 2022	9:15am	You are Mine	GWUC
28 August 2022	11:00am	As we sail to Heaven's Shore I Will Sing Your Glory and Praise The Prayer (chorus, bars 14-21)	GWUC
11 Sept 2022	11:00am	His Word Will Stand	GWUC (Small Group)
25 Sept 2022	9:15am	The Stand We Wait for Thee	GWUC
16 Oct 2022	10:00am	This is the Day Joyful, Joyful And Wherever You Go	GWUC (Alanee Hearnshaw farewell)
23 Oct 2022	11:00am	Prayer of the Children The Stand	GWUC
13 Nov 2022	11:00am	He is Jehovah	GWUC (Small Group)
25 Nov	11:00am	You Raise Me Up	GWUC – Alan Cook's

2022		Come Home	funeral
27 Nov 2022	10:00am	There is Peace	GWUC jointly with Choir of Hope
25 Dec 2022	8:30am	Christmas Sanctus O Come, All Ye Faithful (Pentatonix version)	GWUC

**Any needs that Church Council can assist:**

None identified.

**Report prepared by:**

[JohnSnare](#)

Date: 31/12/22

## 2023 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
26/2/23	11:00am	The Lord's my Shepherd (arr Townend) Never Gonna Walk This Journey Alone	GWUC
26/3/23	9:15am	Let There Be Praise (Introit) Make My Life an Alleluia	GWUC
7/4/28	9:30am	And the Crowd Cried Out (first half to bar 48) My Lord, My Love, Is Crucified	GWUC (Good Friday)
9/4/23	10:00am	Christ is Risen - He is Risen Indeed	GWUC Small Group Easter Sunday
23/4/23	11:00am	Lord, Lead Us On In Flanders Fields	GWUC
28/4/23	2:30pm	Deep Peace Come Home Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy	GWUC Small Group Jeff Woolhouse funeral
11/5/23	10:00am	Forever Reign	GWUC Indonesian festival
28/5/23	9:15am	Sweet Spirit Every Time I Fell the Spirit	GWUC
25/6/23	10:00am	This is the Day (Introit) We will Rise up Together (with the Choir of Hope)	GWUC (Church Anniversary)
23/7/23	9:15am	Holy Ground O God Beyond All Praising	GWUC
27/8/23	11:00am	Who You Say I Am	GWUC
10/9/23	2:30pm	Audience participation warm-ups: 1, 1-2-1; Whose pigs are these? Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy One Minute Madrigal Asikhatali He's Sweet Silent Hallelujah Chorus Audience participation: B A Bay, B E Bee It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Sing, Sing, Sing Chattanooga Choo Choo Danny Boy And Wherever You Go	GWUC Concert Raised \$2,653.30
24/9/23	9:15am	I Will Sing Praise Your Grace Still Amazes Me	GWUC

Date	Time	Title	Place
15/10/23	2:00pm	Lord, Listen to Your Children	GWUC (Chris Waddell induction)
22/10/23	10:00am	Little Drop of Heaven	GWUC
19/11/23	10:00am	Amen! Tell it on the Mountain Canine Christmas Concerto plus some hymns with alternative words	Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church (Service of thanksgiving for all that our dogs do for us)
26/11/23	9:15am	Hold on to the Rock	GWUC
17/12/23	10:00am	Mary, Did You Know? We Have a Savior	GWUC (Neil Peters Farewell)
24/12/23	10:00am	Fall on Your Knees The Work of Christmas	GWUC (Christmas Eve)

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## 2023 GWUC group report to Church Council

<b>Group Name:</b>	<b>Free Spirit</b>
<b>Purpose, Aim or Mission of the Group:</b>	<p>Music can warm the soul and bring us closer to the Lord! Free Spirit is a group of people who aim to enrich worship through music - and sometimes have some fun with other types of music as well. Free Spirit is regularly part of the worship at the Glen Waverley Uniting Church, but also likes to be part of worship with other congregations from time to time.</p> <p>Free Spirit is self-funding; each member contributes \$60 per year, used to buy music and cover other expenses.</p> <p>Free Spirit operates under a privacy policy in accordance with Glen Waverley Uniting Church guidelines.</p>
<b>Current Office Bearers:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Music director: <a href="#">DebLeigh</a></li> <li>2. Music selection and purchase: <a href="#">DebLeigh</a></li> <li>3. Music Database: to be maintained by <a href="#">JohnSnare</a> who will add music when it is purchased and upload a copy of the updated database in .numbers and .pdf formats to the <a href="#">FreeSpirit</a> wiki page.</li> <li>4. New music: <a href="#">LiseHales</a> to stamp/number/name/prepare music, ready for use.</li> <li>5. Music monitors: (at least 1 monitor for each part but other assistance will be required at times.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sop – <a href="#">EvelynFleming</a></li> <li>• Alto – <a href="#">MariaGillies</a></li> <li>• Tenor – <a href="#">YanEmms</a> &amp; <a href="#">JacobDavey</a></li> <li>• Bass - <a href="#">MichaelKennedy</a> &amp; <a href="#">MichaelFoo</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>6. Performance calendar/schedule: John Snare – updates on schedule on wiki</li> <li>7. Roll &amp; performance record: <a href="#">VidaFoo</a></li> <li>8. Friends of Free Spirit register: <a href="#">GeoffWillis</a></li> <li>9. Scarves and ties: <a href="#">JoyAllen</a></li> <li>10. Pastoral support (Prayer and care): <a href="#">JoyAllen</a> (sop), <a href="#">JacquiKing</a> (alto), <a href="#">KayeMorgan</a> (Tenor) and <a href="#">ColinKing</a> (Bass)</li> <li>11. Treasurer: <a href="#">JohnSnare</a></li> <li>12. Historian: <a href="#">JohnSnare</a></li> <li>13. Supper roster: <a href="#">MargaretColvin</a></li> <li>14. Stage managing events: <a href="#">LynMaslen</a></li> </ol>
<b>Membership numbers:</b>	34
<b>Usual meeting attendance:</b>	30
<b>Meeting times and days:</b>	<p>Practice weekly on Wednesday evenings.</p> <p>Singing at worship or other events in both with Glen Waverley Uniting Church and elsewhere up to twice a month, including with Glen Waverley</p>

	Uniting Church worship on the fourth Sunday of each month (except December and January) alternating between 9:15am and 11:00am services.
<b>Locations used by Group:</b>	Practice is held in the Church.
<p><b>Highlights of the year:</b></p> <p>Free Spirit regularly contributed to worship on the fourth Sunday of each month except January.</p> <p>Free Spirit contributed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter worship on Good Friday and Easter Day; and</li> <li>• The Indonesian festival in May</li> </ul> <p>Free Spirit and friends presented a fund-raising concert in September and raised \$2653.30 for our church welfare programme.</p> <p>Free Spirit contributed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The induction of Chris Waddell in October</li> <li>• The Heatherton-Dingley Uniting Church Service of thanksgiving for all that our dogs do for us.</li> <li>• The service of Release for Neil Peters in December</li> </ul> <p>Free Spirit members contributed \$1767 to support Choir of Hope members throughout the year.</p>	
<p><b>Any needs that Church Council can assist:</b></p> <p>None identified.</p>	
<b>Report prepared by:</b>	John Snare
<b>Date:</b>	2/1/24

## 2024 Performances

Date	Time	Title	Place
4/2/24	2:30pm		GWUC Ian Ferguson Induction
25/2/24	9:15am		GWUC