



# Wesley Music Foundation (ACT)

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Dear Friends of Wesley Music

This Newsletter provides a review of the year's activities, reports on recent developments, invites renewals of subscriptions and seeks your generous on-going support for our key projects in the promotion of music and music education.

## Activities in 2017-18

Friends of Wesley Music is an important activity of the Wesley Music Foundation and its operational hub, the Wesley Music Centre in National Circuit, Forrest.

In the year ending 30 June 2018 there is expected to be a total of 120 music performance events. These include 43 *Wednesday Lunchtime Live* concerts which are held from February to December and have become a notable series in Canberra's musical life.

Our *ACT Organ School* (ACTOS) has continued to flourish with outstanding results in examinations and with some notable public performances. Four students in the School are receiving support for their tuition - total value of \$6,500 in calendar year 2018. A number of ACTOS students are assisting regularly in church services in Canberra.

There are currently 11 talented Wesley Music Scholars studying voice (2), violin (2), organ (2), viola (1), cello (1), guitar (1) and piano (2). The WMF funds seven scholarships valued in total at \$10,550 and Wesley Uniting Church funds four valued at \$8,000. Two Scholars' Concerts are held each year in May and October. Scholars have performed and will continue to perform in a number of *Wednesday Lunchtime Live* concerts either as soloists or in varied ensembles. These performances have been greatly appreciated by Friends of Wesley Music and the general public.

Currently the Wesley Music Centre hosts teaching by Hilda Visser-Scott (piano), Christopher Wrench (organ), Gillian Pereira (cello) and Christina Wilson (voice)

For the year ending 30 June we expect a total of 150 University of the Third Age (U3A) sessions to have been held.

## Coming Events

The up-to-date source of information on our events is our web site [www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music](http://www.wesleycanberra.org.au/music). The website has a list of events through to the end of calendar year 2018 although changes and additions may occur, so always check for the latest information.

We particularly want you to note that this year is the 20th anniversary of the Wesley Music Foundation. There are plans for a couple of special events later this year.

## Your subscriptions and optional donations

We encourage you to renew your annual subscription for the financial year ending 30 June 2019, unless of course you are already a life member or are already financial to June 2019. Various membership rates are shown on the attached renewal form including life membership.

The Board of the Foundation has been greatly encouraged by the fact that many Friends have given generous tax-deductible donations at the same time as renewing their subscriptions. We particularly welcome donations for the ongoing scholarship program. We regard this as perhaps our most important activity.

## **Fund-raising projects for the promotion of music and music education**

A listing and brief description of specific Foundation projects is on the reverse side of the Membership Renewal form provided with this Newsletter. All donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

## **Your Ideas and Help**

If you have ideas on future events or programs or can assist us in any way we would like to hear from you. We have provided space on the attached form to indicate whether you could help as a volunteer in the year ahead with door sales, refreshments for music events or Office administration.

## **Discounts**

Friends will receive discounts of \$5 on door prices for Friends events and will also be able to take advantage of discounts for a range of other events at the Wesley Music Centre or Wesley Church, including the Art Song Canberra concert series. Duratone Hi-Fi, which has assisted with the promotion of our events, offers to Friends of Wesley Music 10% off accessories and 5% off all electronic goods such as speakers, CD players and TV screens.

We greatly appreciate your continued support.

On behalf of the Board of the Wesley Music Foundation

Stan Sismey  
Secretary