



Press Release

CABOOLTURE, QUEENSLAND

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Caboolture Community Choir Welcomes VIP Guest: Artist Chris Edwards

Following the receipt of a special 30th Anniversary gift from MP Mark Ryan—a magnificent painting of song birds by a local artist—the Choir was delighted to welcome the esteemed local artist, Chris Edwards, to their Wednesday evening rehearsal on 7th October.

A small group of singers were privileged to begin the evening viewing a selection of photos of Chris Edwards' many impressively creative and often surreal artworks. Chris advises his works can be viewed in the the Artisans' Guild of Caboolture and District located on the corner of Old Bay Road and Maitland Road, Burpengary East. Visitors viewing his works can expect a rare treat.

Chris advised that he had never heard the choir perform, and indeed hadn't known of it until Mark Ryan approached him to supply the painting. So, following a formal introduction, the Choir sang one of Chris's favourite Beatles songs, "Blackbird", as well as some of the Christmas songs they are currently rehearsing.

Chris answered questions about his painting, *Caboolture Song Birds*, which the choir had proudly displayed near the stage. After advising that the work took approximately 6 days of work over a period of two weeks, Chris said "This was painted in acrylics. Some people prefer oils. I like acrylics because I can work faster. I can do a bit. Ten minutes later it's dry. Doing it with oils, you can smudge it." He then explained how he had done the finer bits of the work using paint pens available at bargain stores.

Whispering the price he actually paid for the gorgeous gold frame, Chris said, "I got two of these frames, and they were an absolute steal.", but he went on to say that he'd experienced some challenges getting the canvas into the frame. He described the process in detail, ending with advice that he had fixed the paint with a spray before coating the work with a clear acrylic wood varnish to ensure longevity.

Asked about the inspiration for his work, Chris said he resisted the idea of painting a realistic impression of singers as he wanted to avoid the risk of a singer asking 'Do I really look like that?' So he decided to paint song birds instead.

Pointing at a bird in the lower left corner, Chris remarked that someone had asked what it was. He surprised his audience by identifying it as a drongo, and describing a bird that resembles a crow but is speckled, with a tail a bit like a fish tail. He added, "And it does have a beautiful song".

Chris decked his birds out in the Caboolture Community Choir's distinctive purple uniform T-shirt, properly decorated with treble clefs, and added a musical score in the lower centre of the painting.

Responding to his comment that he was familiar with St Laurence's Church, where the choir rehearses, Musical Director June Willoughby explained, "The choir is a true community organization with neither religious nor political affiliations, is non-competitive, and welcomes anyone over 18 who can carry a tune."

"It was a privilege for me to meet members of the Choir in such a delightful way," Chris said.

The Caboolture Community Choir performs regularly for civic events and, for a small donation, private businesses. The group sings regularly at Aged Care Homes and in local shopping centres. Rehearsals have just begun for Christmas performances, including the Caboolture Christmas Carols event held annually at Centenary Lakes (when it isn't rained out!).

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ABOUT CABOOLTURE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Established in June 1995, the Caboolture Community Choir is a not-for-profit community group with no religious or political affiliations, committed to sharing the joy of music with the wider community.

It is an unauditioned adult SATB choir, available for public events and, for a nominal fee, private functions.

The choir is non-competitive and welcomes all over 18 to join. Anyone who can carry a tune will be warmly welcomed. Prior experience and/or ability to read music is an advantage, but by no means a requirement. We understand and work around member health challenges, travel plans, work commitments, etc.

Rehearsals are held in St Laurence's Church Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:45pm to 9pm, from February through November. Interested persons are welcome to attend a rehearsal to learn more about the choir and meet the members.

PHOTOS ATTACHED:

- Chris Edwards at the Caboolture Community Choir rehearsal venue, beside his painting *Caboolture Songbirds*
- Chris Edwards speaking to the Caboolture Community Choir about his painting