

# Magical Music Moments

Alchemy Chorus COVID Newsletter #10

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## From the Committee

Welcome to our tenth edition of Magical Musical Moments – our ‘virtual’ weekly get together.

COVID-19 has a lot to answer for, but the health of our members, carers and volunteers is paramount. Say no more.

## Covid Conductor's Mask

## It's National Reconciliation Week



Well, maybe a bit more...from Wikipedia trivia:  
*'His lungs were so charred, his retinas so scarred, and his face so deformed he would forever need a mask to breathe and speak properly. Implanted in his chest is an annunciator linked to a processor that allows his damaged vocal cords to produce speech' ....!!!!!!!<sup>1</sup>*

## Magical Music Moment

It's hard to go past a repeat Handel moment; thanks to Daphne Hillery for this terrific recommendation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ag6CYY0cbFc&feature=youtu.be>

An Aussie favourite to kick-start the vocals: **#43** [I Am Australian](#) (when did The Seekers get to this golden age?)

<sup>1</sup> See <https://www.cbr.com/facts-darth-vaders-suit/>

## Member Spotlight

Stephen (aka Nanki Poo) Bailey **85 years young** on 20 May.



## Gloves on in the kitchen

Goes well with #90 from our songbook:  
[sweet cream eclairs](#)



## Out from the Linen Cupbored

Not an Alchemy session, but a group of friends celebrating a little release by the lake in late Autumn.



Really quick, no cooking, 2 ingredients and very, very naughty And only using a couple of ingredients, here's my suggestion.

### Ingredients:

1 or 2 Chocolate eclairs,  
1 can of "Squirty Cream"

### Method:

Send out Husband, Wife or other family member to collect eclairs (if desperate, Uber eats will deliver. Trust me it's true!)  
Once received, separate the 2 halves of the chocolate eclairs.  
Squirt as much cream inside as desired, (depends on how stressed you are!)  
Re-join the 2 halves and eat.

***'Sweet cream eclairs...good times never tasted so good'***

## Where is it...Travels with Tom

Since we're in armchair travel mode, go with Tom. Can you identify this location?



## Kerrie's Kwiz

Let's try some about our local area

1. What disaster befell the small village of Gundagai in 1852? Hear Slim Dusty sing about Gundagai here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P1KH9qBWK1E>

2. Grenfell is the birthplace of which Australian poet?

3. St Clement's monastery was opened by the Redemptorist order of priests in 1918. What was the building before it was given to the Redemptorists and who built it?

4. Less than 200 kilometres from Canberra is a town with a strong international aviation history: in the early days of aviation it was an international airport; in 1920 Ross and Keith Smith landed here following their record-breaking flight from England to Australia; and it was the distribution point for all international mail in and out of the country. What town is this? Here is the original theme song from the movie:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPgS26ZhqZs>

5. Three towns were deliberately flooded as part of the construction of the Snowy Hydro Scheme. One was uncovered 50 years later when the area was severely drought affected. What were the three towns and which was uncovered?

6. What is the connection between an imaginary baroque Italian Palace at Gundagai, the Dog on the Tuckerbox, and a pair of 7m high white marble monuments at Galong cemetery?

7. Joadja, in the Southern Highlands not far from Berrima, was a thriving mining town between 1870 and 1911. What was mined there?

8. Ned Kelly, a 1970 film, was shot mostly around Braidwood. Who played Ned?

9. Binalong was a frequent haunt of many bushrangers but which one is buried near Binalong in what was the Police Paddock? Clue – he was a member of Ben Hall's gang and you can hear the Ballad of Ben Hall here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXk-yh\\_a7to&list=PL8vf8lvkLrin-HE7cmsunH6qWWN3luR6q&index=10](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SXk-yh_a7to&list=PL8vf8lvkLrin-HE7cmsunH6qWWN3luR6q&index=10)

10. What do Peter Sterling, Michael Slater and Geoff Lawson have in common (apart from being well known sportsmen)

Now join the kids from Broome Primary School for an encore

[I am, you are, we are.....](#)



## Answers

1. Disastrous flood which killed between 80 and 100 people – in a town with a population of about 250. For more information go to the National Museum of Australia site <https://www.nma.gov.au/defining-moments/resources/gundagai-flood-1852>

2. Henry Lawson

3. It was the home of Ned Ryan (1786-1871), so called King of Galong Castle. Ned was a convict, a squatter, a very generous host, a hard task master. In the 1830s Ned made claim to a vast track of land that stretched from Stockinbingal to Binalong – Ned was said to have owned 100,000 square miles but, of course, he owned none of it but was an illegal squatter on Crown land. Over time he consolidated his holdings and became very successful.

4. Cootamundra

5. The towns were Adaminaby, Jindabyne and Talbingo (all were relocated) and it was the original town of Adaminaby that was uncovered by drought.

6. Frank Rusconi (1874-1964), monumental mason, created/carved each of these. He was born in Braidwood and died in Cootamundra. At age 15 he was apprenticed to the marble trade in Verquinto, Italy and honed his skills in Switzerland, Sweden, France and England before returning to NSW.

7. Oil shale from which kerosene was extracted. It is a heritage site and fascinating place to visit (but not during Covid19 time). Their website is <https://www.ioadjatown.com.au/>

8. Mick Jagger

9. Johnny Gilbert

10. All sons of Wagga

**Don't forget your contributions; send (almost) anything to Trish at this address: [alchemychorus@gmail.com](mailto:alchemychorus@gmail.com)**