The 2020 Festival is now 14 months away and the MCAA organizing committee is busily ticking boxes of jobs to be done. Please see below an update on the various aspect of the Festival.

1. **Festival Conductor**
   - Paul Jarman has been engaged to be the conductor [http://www.pauljarman.com/](http://www.pauljarman.com/)
   - The Accompanist will be Tim Cunniffe who was raised in Busselton, Western Australia, Tim took his first paid gig at age 15 in a local piano bar, before moving to Perth to complete a degree in classical piano at WAAPA. He forged his career in Western Australia, where he is best known as Music Director of more than 30 stage shows, co-creator of more than 80 cabaret shows presented around the world, lecturer in Music Theatre at WAAPA, conductor of the Churchlands Choral Society, and for his long association with His Majesty’s Theatre.

2. **Venue**
   - The Sydney Town Hall [https://www.sydneytownhall.com.au/](https://www.sydneytownhall.com.au/) has been booked and will hold up to 500 choristers on stage.
   - We have engaged the services of Willoughby Brass band.
   - The MC for the concert will be Paul Jarman.
   - We will engage a Soprano

3. **Song Books**
   - The printed and digital song books have been distributed to Choirs so if you do not have them, then please contact MCAA Secretary Brian Buckley on (02) 6931 1390

4. **Proposed schedule**
   - Friday 30th October 2020 – Choristers arrive in Sydney and settle into accommodation
   - Saturday 31st October 2020 – Choristers attend a rehearsal at the Pitt St Uniting Church
   - Sunday 1st November 2020 – Concert day
   - An “Afterglow”, similar to that at Wollongong, will be considered.
   - Monday 2nd November 2020 – Choirs depart for home
5. Rehearsal tracks
   - Currently being prepared and should be available in the next month.

6. Accommodation
   - It is probably a good idea to start investigating your accommodation options by visiting sites such as [www.booking.com](http://www.booking.com) or [www.trivago.com](http://www.trivago.com).

Look forward to seeing you in Sydney

Brother in song

Neil Kinsey

President

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