



# **Endeavour Harmony Chorus Fact Sheet**

**Established:** August 1996

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## **Director facts:**

- Lea Baker (founder and Musical Director)
  - Qualifications – Master Director, vocal coach, member of both the Regional and International Faculties of Sweet Adelines International. 20+ years experience with a-cappella singing.
  - Personal Goal for Chorus: “To be the very best female a-cappella group in Australia”
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## **Chorus Mission:**

We are a world class a cappella chorus passionate about excellence in entertainment.

## **Chorus Vision:**

To be Australia's premier a cappella chorus, resonating across Australia and the world.

The chorus is a registered not-for-profit incorporated group, with tax deductible status.

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## **Current Membership:**

- 94 singers
  - 5 quartets registered for public performance.
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## **Membership facts:**

- Women aged from 26 to 75 years approx.
  - Members are drawn from Sutherland Shire, St George Shire and as far as Hornsby and Wollongong.
  - Individual backgrounds include: nurses, teachers, doctors, vet, fire fighter, scientists, mums and many more.
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## **Awards**

### **Vocal Australia Contemporary Acappella competition 2013**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place community Choir
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place People's Choice Award
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Best Barbershop Song

### **Sweet Adelines Australia**

Australian champion chorus 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2014.

### **Sweet Adelines International Competition**

- November 2013, Hawaii - 13<sup>th</sup> place world wide.
- October 2010, Seattle - 15<sup>th</sup> place world wide.
- October 2007, Calgary– 27<sup>th</sup> place world wide.

## **Other Awards:**

- McDonald's Performing Arts Challenge - 1st place in the John Lamble Australasian Championship for Community Choirs in 2005 and 2007.
- Finalist, ABC Classic FM Choir of The Year - August 2006
- Sydney Eisteddfod - 1st Place Open Show Choir 2008

In October 2009 Lea Baker was selected by the world wide recipient of the Ann Gooch award for outstanding contribution to singing, presented by the International Board of Directors of Sweet Adelines International.

The chorus has achieved many more awards (See our website – [www.endeavourharmony.com](http://www.endeavourharmony.com) for a more extensive list of which we are extremely proud).

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### Recent Performances:

- Australia Day Celebrations (Carr's Park)
- St Mary's Cathedral 'Lights of Christmas'
- Qantas Community Grants Awards Evening
- Sydney Choir Expo
- Singleton Music Festival

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### Style of Music:

Close 4 part harmony a-cappella (unaccompanied) barbershop style.

### Style of Songs

Contemporary, ballads, gospel, Australian, show tunes, jazz, comedy.

### CD's

'As Long As We're Singing' 2013

'Sound Celebration' – 2007

'Endeavour Entertains' – 2005

'Endeavour Sings The Best Of Christmas' – 2004

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### Rehearsals:

Tuesday evenings.

Keller Hall,

Our Lady of Fatima Church,

389 Port Hacking Road South, Caringbah.

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**Website:** [www.endeavourharmony.com](http://www.endeavourharmony.com)



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