 **OWLS 2023-24 Scholarship**

 **O**lder people **W**ho **L**ove **S**inging (OWLS)

 **The OWLS scholarship**

* Is worth **$1000.** & made possible through a generous donor
* Is open to all Victorian residents 32 years and older.
* Is now open for applications until 20th February 2024.
* aims to assist a mature-aged singer on their singing journey .
* must be spent on lessons/workshops/courses pertaining to singing (e.g. voice lessons, languages, body-awareness techniques).
* People of all levels of singing experience may apply, but the applicant must **not** be a professional singer or voice teacher

Application deadline is **20th February 2024**. Please email to **julianafisi@optusnet.com.au** or post to c/o ANATS Victorian Chapter,

* 229 Booran Road, Caulfield South VIC 3162.
* Applications shall consist of:
	+ A letter of application detailing why the applicant should be awarded the scholarship (approx. 300 words) along with a simple budget showing how the money would be spent.
	+ If appropriate, please indicate whether they are experiencing financial hardship as this will be one of the criteria considered when assessing applications.
	+ A link to a video recording of the applicant singing **two contrasting songs or song excerpts.**

The recording can be of the applicant singing unaccompanied OR using a backing track OR live accompaniment (bearing in mind COVID-19 related considerations).

* + The recording shall be uploaded as a private video on YouTube and the link provided.
	+ There is no expectation of a polished performance, but that we simply want to hear you sing and get an overall impression of the applicant.
* Applications will be viewed by a panel of three, comprising two members of the Victorian Chapter committee of ANATS Ltd and one independent industry professional who is not necessarily a member of ANATS Ltd.
* The criteria upon which the selection will be made are:
	+ The applicant’s musicality and expressivity evident in his/her performance.
	+ The merit of the applicant’s argument in outlining their circumstances, including any hardship.
	+ The viability and merit of the study plans outlined by the applicant.
* All applicants will be notified of the outcome within two weeks of the closing date of applications.
* The successful recipient must submit an acquittal detailing how the money has been spent within 12 months of award of the scholarship