

President's Report ANATS (WA) AGM 2023

The ANATS “year” of 2022 / 2023 has been my first year as President and has been much smoother than the previous year with all of the Covid cancellations at the start of 2022. We managed to host all the events in 2023 that we had planned and even added in the recent Master Class with Janice Chapman.

LOOKING BACK:

August 2022: Sing into Spring XII. The WA committee hosted this event in its “double” format of Twilight Showcase and ATAR Soiree. It was a well numbered event for both programs. The 12 singers and their families appreciated the opportunity to gain performance experience in a low-stress environment, and the 6 ATAR students presented their full programs. ANATS WA started 2023 with plenty of energy and drive. Our first event in March with vocal Physiotherapist Jenny Nash was very well attended and received. The Session on Contemporary Recording Process’ with Koert van der Laan was aimed at more of a niche clientele and was an interesting event to have. The additional event capitalizing on the visiting artist Janice Chapman was a bit of a coup for WA and the committee jumped into action with the efforts of Penny and Robert who set up the posters and Trybooking very quickly making for a very successful event. Having the sponsorship from Jenny Nash was an added bonus allowing for ANATS to make a nice profit. ANATS WA continued to sponsor the North of Perth Festival, and although Fremantle Eisteddfods didn’t ask for any monetary contribution, still listed us as a sponsor? This was the first time Fremantle used the Town Hall for their Eisteddfods since 2018 and I believe the future numbers will continue to grow again.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Performance afternoons and evenings have been a tradition for ANATS WA over the 30+-year history of ANATS. Sing into Spring XIII, in Twilight Showcase + ATAR Soiree mode, is scheduled to take place on Saturday 26 th August. This is the first year we have gone to a Trybooking event application format, and we have seen 3 registrations so far and we are hopeful that this will be well-supported this year. Community engagement and singer availability remains to be seen. Finally, 2023 / 2024 will see me continue as President of ANATS WA (should you wish). I have thoroughly enjoyed my year at the helm, with so much help from Rebecca and the committee to ensure things ran as smoothly as they could have with me in my new role.