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Financial constraints have meant that black and white photographs and reproductions have to suffice many times when color would better do justice to a production, a set or a costume; readers will need to use coloring pencils to get the full effect or just use their imaginations.

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DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to the men and women who, by their hard work and belief, created the Tatura Male Choir and then the Turaton Music Company which produced excellent concerts and productions over a long period for the people of the Goulburn Valley and beyond. Some of their efforts are recorded here and the results are for all to see and hear.

It is also dedicated to everyone who loves to sing – how many unhappy singers do you know?

Cover photograph: “Die Fledermaus” cast 1972

APPENDIX

TATURA MALE CHOIR PERFORMANCES - 1944-67

1944

- June 1 Formation of Tatura Male Choir
July 17 Tatura: "An Amateur Hour Night"
24 No 2 Internment Camp
Aug 4 Cooma
Sept 2 No 3 Internment Camp
20 Dhurringile P.O.W. Camp Oct 7 Tatura
Nov 30 No 1 Internment Camp

1945

- May 4 Corowa Eisteddfod
June 16 Stanhope
July 18 Kyabram
Aug 22 Undera
Sept 3 Kyabram
10 No 13 P.O.W. Camp
28 Cooma Oct 6 Tatura
Nov 13 Shepparton
Dec 4 Merrigum

1946

- June 27 Tatura concert (see program and members' list)
Corowa Eisteddfod (6 firsts, 3 seconds)

1953-2004 Tatura Anzac Day performances

1955-59 South Street, Ballarat under Jim Neave

1960

- Sep South Street Ballarat, 3rd place
Nov 8 Star Theatre Shepparton (program and photo)

1961 Bendigo Eisteddfod, 1st place

- Nov 14 Star Theatre Shepparton (program and photo)

1962-4 South Street Ballarat under Charles Hamilton

1963 Bendigo Eisteddfod

1964 Wangaratta Arts Festival

1966-7 South Street Ballarat under C. Hamilton, final appearance 1967.

- 1946-67 Eisteddfods and festivals at Corowa, Bendigo, Ballarat, Wangaratta, Wagga

TATURA MALE CHOIR AND LADIES CHORUS

1968	Nov 12	H.M.S. Pinafore	Town Hall Shepparton
1969	Nov 4-5	The Mikado	Town Hall Shepparton
1970		Iolanthe	Town Hall Shepparton
1971		Lilac Time (Concert Version)	
		The Gipsy Baron	Town Hall Shepparton
1972		Die Fledermaus	Town Hall Shepparton
1973	Oct/Nov	Orpheus in the Underworld	Town Hall Shepparton
1974	Oct/Nov	The Pirates of Penzance	Town Hall Shepparton
1975	Jan 21	The Pirates of Penzance (Darwin Appeal)	Town Hall Shepparton
	Nov 5-8	The Yeomen of the Guard	Town Hall Shepparton

TURATON MUSICAL COMPANY

1976	July	Australian Choral Music Association Festival	Melbourne
	Nov 3-6	The Desert Song	Town Hall Shepparton
1977	Oct 25-8	The New Moon	Town Hall Shepparton
1978	May 10	Requiem and Gloria	Wesley Hall
	Oct 25-8	Land of Smiles	Town Hall Shepparton
1979	May	Favorites Old and New	Vibert Hall
	Oct 12-20	The Gondoliers	Town Hall Shepparton
1980	June 3-6	Ye Olde Music Hall	
	Oct 10-18	The Merry Widow	Town Hall Shepparton
1981		Music '81	
	Oct 14-17	The Mikado	Town Hall Shepparton
1982	June 4-5	Let's Say It With Music	
	Oct 13-16	Naughty Marietta	Town Hall Shepparton
1983	July 6-9	Die Fledermaus	Town Hall Shepparton
	Oct/Nov	Requiem and Gloria	
1984	June 20-23	H.M.S. Pinafore	Town Hall Shepparton
	Nov	Turaton in Concert (Victoria's 150 th)	
1985	Feb 23	Turaton in Concert (excerpts)	Toolleen
	March	National Ladies Bowls T'ment concert	Town Hall Shepparton
	Mar 31	Victoria Victoria	Royal Exhibition Building
	Oct 16-19	Showboat	Town Hall Shepparton

TURATON MUSICAL COMPANY

1986	June 18-19	A Concert of Sacred Music	St. Augustine's/St. Mel's
	Oct 15-8	Fiddler on the Roof	Town Hall Shepparton
1987	May 15	Turaton in Concert	Town Hall Shepparton
	Oct	Brigadoon	Town Hall Shepparton
1988	May 14	Turaton Choral Concert	High School Hall
	Sep 24-25	Australia Australia	Royal Exhibition Building
	Oct	The Drunkard	Town Hall Shepparton
1989	May 24-26	Turaton Choral Concert	St. Augustine's/St. Mel's
1990	May/June	A Night of Memories and Song	
	Oct 24-27	A Choral and Comedy Conglomeration	Town Hall Shepparton
	Dec 11	Sing Christmas	National Tennis Centre

TURATON MUSIC COMPANY (continued)

1991	May 16-17	Turatón in Concert	Alex Rigg/Katandra West
	Oct 23-26	Camelot	Town Hall Shepparton
1992	May 22	Singing Through the Ages	Victory Hall, Tatura
	June 4-5	Singing Through the Ages	Alex Rigg Theatre
	Oct 31	Concert with Welsh Choir	Town Hall Shepparton
1993	June 24-26	A Turatón Old Time Music Hall	
	Sep 23	A Tribute to Sir Edward Weary Dunlop	Town Hall Shepparton
	Oct 23-24	Rookies Re-union	
1994	April 16	Byrneside Hall Centenary Celebrations	Byrneside Hall
	May/June	Turatón Music Hall	Rushworth/Alex Rigg
	June 25	Concert with Victorian Welsh Choir	Croydon SDA Hall
1995	June/July	Voices of Victory Concert	Alex Rigg/Town Hall
	Oct 5-6	Turatón/Brass Band/GV Academy Ballet	TAFE Storey Campus Hall
1996		Pleasant Sunday Afternoon	Shire Offices, Tatura
	Oct 24-26	For the Love of Gilbert and Sullivan	Alex Rigg Theatre
	Nov 29	Shepparton Brass Band/Turatón Concert	St. Augustine's
1997	May 31	Victorian Welsh Choir/Turatón Concert	Town Hall Shepparton
	June 20,22	TMC Concert	Murchison/Assembly of God
	Oct 24-25	Showstoppers with Brass and Voice	
1998	April 1,5	Opening Concerts	WestSide P. A. Centre
	Oct 16-24	Murder at the Music Hall	Murch./Rushy/Town Hall
1999	June 4-5	A Salute to Broadway	WestSide PAC
	Nov/Dec	Rome Sweet Rome	Shepp. Football Clubrooms
2000	June 22-24	Music Maestro Please	WestSide PAC
	Nov/Dec	Ma Baker's Tonic	Shepp. Football Clubrooms
2001	May 18-20	Australia My Country	WestSide PAC
	Nov/Dec	Mystery on the Orient Express	Shepp. Football Clubrooms
2002	May 24-6	The Best of British	WestSide PAC
	Nov/Dec	Robin the Hood	Shepp. Football Clubrooms
2003	May 16-25	A Tour of Europe	Tatura/Rushworth/Ardmona
			Wesley/Dookie/Tongala
	Nov/Dec	Jest at the West	Shepp. Football Clubrooms
2004	May 14-30	Diamond Jubilee Concert	Tatura/Rushworth/Wesley
			Kyabram Plaza Theatre

TATURA MALE CHOIR AND TURATON OFFICE-BEARERS

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Conductor	Accompanist
1944	Tom Hastie	Eric Welsh	R.O'Brien	Jim Harford	Mrs H M Reed/Mrs Wilson
1945	Tom Hastie	Eric Welsh	R.O'Brien	Jim Harford	Edna Reed
1946	Tom Hastie	James Stewart	R.O'Brien	Jim Harford	Edna Reed
1947	Tom Hastie	James Stewart	R.O'Brien	Jim Harford	Edna Reed
1948	Tom Hastie	JA McIntosh	JA McIntosh	Jim Harford	Edna Reed
1949	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	Geo. Kidman	Jim Harford	Edna Reed
1950	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Harford	Thelma Lockwood
1951	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Thelma Lockwood
1952	Eric Welsh	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Mr R Smith
1953	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Mr R Smith
1954	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Mary Harrison
1955	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Mary Harrison
1956	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Mary Harrison
1957	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Marj. Newnham
1958	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Elsie Andrew
1959	Tom Hastie	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	Jim Neave	Elsie Andrew
1960	C. Norton	GJ Kidman	G Kidman	R. Westerman	Elsie Andrew
1961	B. Thompson	Eric Payne	John Austin	R. Westerman	Elsie Andrew
1962	Geo. Taylor	Eric Payne	John Austin	C. Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1963	Geo. Taylor	J. Burke	Brian Longton	C. Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1964	David Vibert	Peter Vibert	H. Reynolds	C Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1965	David Vibert	Peter Vibert	H Reynolds	C Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1966	David Vibert	Peter Vibert	H Reynolds	C Hamilton	Marilyn Banfield
1967				C. Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1968				C. Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1969				C. Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1970				C. Hamilton	Elsie Hamilton
1971				C. Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1971	Sam Williams	Hugh Neil	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Elsie Andrew
1972	Ray Phillips	Hugh Neil	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Andrew/Ferguson
1973	Bert Gale	Hugh Neil	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Shirley Ferguson
1974	Bert Gale	Hugh Neil	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Shirley Ferguson
1975	Ray Phillips	Hugh Neil	Rudi Kuhnle	Alan Every	Shirley Ferguson
1976	Ray Phillips	Hugh Neil	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Audrey Keeley
1977	Graham Clapp	W. Hanna	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Audrey Keeley
1978	Graham Clapp		Rudi Kuhnle	W. Hanna	Audrey Keeley
1979	Geo Ferguson	Warwick Hanna	Rudi Kuhnle	R. Elliott	Audrey Keeley
1980	Ian Wilson	Marilyn Banfield	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Audrey Keeley
1981	Ian Wilson	Marilyn Banfield	Rudi Kuhnle	K. Wilson	Audrey Keeley
1982	Kaye Weilandt	Marilyn Banfield	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Audrey Keeley
1983	Chas Hamilton	Lyn Parsons	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Audrey Keeley
1984	Chas Hamilton	Lyn Parsons	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Audrey Keeley
1985	Graham Pugh	Sandra White	Rudi Kuhnle	C. Hamilton	Audrey Keeley
1986	Graham Pugh	Sandra White	Rudi Kuhnle		Audrey Keeley
1987	Kevin O'Brien	Sandra White	Rudi Kuhnle	J. Ferguson	Audrey Keeley
1988	Olive Paez	Sandra White	Rudi Kuhnle	J. Ferguson	Audrey Keeley
1989	Olive Paez	Sandra White	Rudi Kuhnle	J. Holmes	Audrey Keeley
1990	Lyn Parsons	Phil Banfield	M. Muller	Russell Burton	Audrey Keeley
1991	Lyn Parsons	Phil Banfield	Bill Mouser	Geoff Cabble	Audrey Keeley
1992	Keith Bryant	Phil Banfield	Bill Mouser	Jo Roberts	Shirley Ferguson
1993	Keith Bryant	Roberta Forrest	Bill Mouser	Jo Roberts	Shirley Ferguson
				Lindy Tennant	
1994	Geo Ferguson	Roberta Forrest	Bill Mouser	Lindy Tennant	Shirley Ferguson
1995	Geo Ferguson	Jan Doherty	Bill Mouser	S. Ferguson	Audrey Keeley

Year	President	Secretary	Treasurer	Conductor	Accompanist
1996	Geo Ferguson	Jan Doherty	Bill Mouser	S.Ferguson	Audrey Keeley
1997	Jeff Baker	Mick Muller	Bill Mouser	S. Ferguson	Audrey Keeley
1998	Jeff Baker	Mick Muller	Bill Mouser	S.Ferguson	Geoff Cabbie
1999	Jeff Baker	Mike Condon	D.Robertson	S.Ferguson	Geoff Cabbie
2000	Jeff Baker	Mike Condon	D.Robertson	G.Cabbie	Geoff Cabbie
2001	Jeff Baker	Mike Condon	D.Robertson	G.Cabbie	Geoff Cabbie
2002	Jeff Baker	Mike Condon	D.Robertson	G.Cabbie	Geoff Cabbie
2003	Jeff Baker	Megan Walker	D.Robertson	G.Cabbie	Geoff Cabbie
2004	Jeff Baker	Megan Walker	Jan Doherty	G.Cabbie	Geoff Cabbie

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LIFE MEMBERS

Marilyn BANFIELD	Phil BANFIELD	Graham CLAPP
Heather CLAPP	George FERGUSON	Bert GALE
Liz GALE	Charles HAMILTON	Rudi KUHNLE
Ruth McCRACKEN	Olive PAEZ	David VIBERT

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ACCOMPANISTS TO TATURA MALE CHOIR AND TURATON MUSIC COMPANY

1944 to 1949	Edna REED	1950 to 1951	Thelma LOCKWOOD
1952 to 1953	Ray SMITH	1954 to 1956	Mary HARRISON (Raymond)
1957	Marjorie NEWNHAM	1958 to 1972	Elsie ANDREW
1965	Marilyn BANFIELD	1973 to 1996	Audrey KEELEY
1984 to 1998	Shirley FERGUSON	1991, 1999 to 2004	Geoff CABBLE

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CONDUCTORS/MUSIC DIRECTORS

1944-50	Jim Harford	1951-59	Jim Neave
1960-61	Redfern Westerman	1962-86	Charles Hamilton
1984	Marilyn Banfield	1987	John Ferguson
1988	Marilyn Banfield	1989	Charles Hamilton
1990	Russell Burton		Marilyn Banfield
1991	Charles Hamilton		Geoff Cabbie
1992	Joanne Roberts		Charles Hamilton
1993	Joanne Roberts/Lindy Tennant	1994	Lindy Tennant
1995	Geoff Cabbie		Shirley Ferguson
1996-7	Shirley Ferguson	1998-2004	Geoff Cabbie

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