

Lloyd Webber song features in . . . Choir's concert treat

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ANDREW Lloyd Webber fans are in for a treat tomorrow morning when The Dee Why School for Seniors Choir will perform *Love Changes Everything* from *Aspects of Love* at its end-of-term concert.

The choir practises and performs a wide musical repertoire accompanied by pianist Elisabeth Heffin, choirmistress Barbara Braithwaite said.

At the Christmas performance, the four tenors' rendition of *There's Nothing like a Dame*, from *South Pacific*, brought the house down.

"We have excerpts from a musical at Christmas. We dress up, too, so it's more special – the whole school comes along to support us," Barbara said.

For traditionalists, the choir also sings a selection of festive favourites and carols.

Barbara's involvement with the choir spans two decades.

"Music has always been a great part of my life," she said.

"I was asked to start a choir. I took over from a retired minister who was doing musical appreciation."

The choir now has seven bases, four altos, four tenors and 13 sopranos and Barbara is always looking for more members –



Barbara Braithwaite leads the Dee Why School for Seniors Choir.

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particularly more ladies to swell its ranks.

Reading music is an advantage and all newcomers can come along for a trial run before committing to the choir, she said.

Tomorrow's concert will be held in the hall of the Uniting Church, corner of Avon Rd and Howard

Ave, Dee Why, at 11am. All are welcome to attend.

To join the choir, or sign up for the 39 other activities at the Dee Why School for Seniors, members must be 55 plus. Fees are \$15 per term (or \$40 for a full year).

■ For more information, call school secretary Rosemary Pearman on 9984 0947.

Tea and scones in tranquil setting

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MORNING tea in a lovely bushland setting will be on offer tomorrow morning when Pittwater Church's Cafe Jacaranda is hosting carers.

Cafe Jacaranda specialises in catering for seniors groups, especially the frail aged. Co-ordinator Louise Lorimer hopes that tea and scones in the tranquil setting will give both carers and the elderly a little time out.

"Our venue is so beautiful, the gum trees are so peaceful," she said. "Cafe Jacaranda is a haven for people to get away from their everyday lives. The morning tea will give carers time to meet other carers in a relaxed setting. It would be great to see some new faces along. Carers often feel very isolated and alone."

Louise is always looking for more community volunteers, from bus drivers to transport guests to retired musicians to operate the popular venue. Extra hands in the kitchen would also make cafe life easier.

"Our cooking is very much old style – the Margaret Fulton days of good, hearty cooking, which



Michael and Mary Lipscombe share a dance at Cafe Jacaranda.

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people love. If anyone can help, that would be great."

Cafe Jacaranda's networking morning tea with entertainment is on from 10.30am and 11.30am with a special price of \$5 for two. Cafe Jacaranda has Devonshire teas and lunches every Tuesday and Thursday.

Bookings are essential. For more information on volunteering or to book, call Louise on 0409 879 099 or 9999 1217. Cafe Jacaranda is at 10 Jubilee Pl, Warriewood.