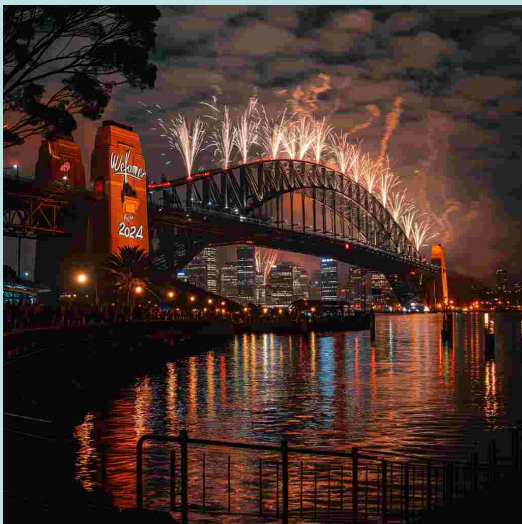


# December 2025 Newsletter

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## Auld Lang Syne



**Auld Lang Syne** is traditionally sung to bid farewell to the old year on the stroke of midnight on Hogmanay/New Year's Eve.

The poem was written by Robert Burns in 1788 in Scots-language and is based on an older Scottish folk song.

The first verse of the English standard version of the song is listed below:

***Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
and never brought to mind?  
Should old acquaintance be forgot,  
and auld lang syne?***

Chorus:

***For auld lang syne, my dear,  
for auld lang syne,  
we'll take a cup of kindness yet,  
for auld lang syne.***



## Silver Memories Christmas Spectacular

Silver Memories is providing the opportunity to view a recording of Silver Memories Christmas Spectacular which features **Mirusia, Jason Barry-Smith, Brisbane Symphony Orchestra, The Queensland Choir**, and was conducted by **Stefanie Smith**.

The concert is approximately 45 minutes in length and includes Christmas favourites: ***It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year, White Christmas, O Come All Ye Faithful, Silver Bells, O Holy Night, Joy To The World, My Favourite Things, Silent Night, Mary's Boy Child, Il Bacio, Hallelujah Chorus*** and ***Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas***.

To view the concert, Visit the Silver Memories YouTube Channel and search for the Christmas Spectacular or simply click on the link below if you are reading via a screen:

### [Silver Memories Christmas Spectacular](#)

This year's **Christmas Spectacular** will occur on 7 December at Brisbane City Hall and will feature **Mirusia, Teddy Tahu Rhodes, The Queensland Choir, Christmas Vocal Quartet (Jenny Gunnarsson, Ava Ryan, Liam Waldoock, Kristian Scott), Brisbane State High Carollers, Brisbane Symphony Orchestra** and will be conducted by **Stefanie Smith**.

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## Silver Memories BLOG

Holiday music brings back happy memories. There is a great power that seasonal songs have in connecting shared memories and allowing people to sing along to well-known songs.



Having the family together is important at Christmas time but it is also important to listen to and sing along to the songs which we know and have become accustomed to.

To read more information, visit the Silver Memories website in the articles section or click on the link below if you are reading via a screen:

### [The Power of Holiday Music](#)

## Famous Australians



**Dame Quentin Bryce** was born in Brisbane on 1 December 1942 and was raised in Ilfracombe, Queensland.

In 1968, Bryce was the first woman appointed as a faculty member of the law school at University of Queensland.

In 1978, she was appointed to the National Women's Advisory Council and in 1984, she became the first director of the Queensland Women's Information Service. Bryce was also appointed as the Queensland Director of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and in 1988 became the Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner.

Dame Quentin Bryce was Governor of Queensland (2003-08), Governor General of Australia (2008-14) and is the Patron for Silver Memories.

## The Year That Was

Broadcast Thursdays at 10am (AEST), 11am (AEDT) and 10.30am (ACDT), **The Year That Was** presents an excellent opportunity to reminisce about past happenings from a specific year. We remember the following years:

[1972 on Dec 4](#)  
[1962 on Dec 11](#)  
[1980 on Dec 18](#)  
[1958 on Dec 25](#)  
[1942 on Jan 1](#)  
[1977 on Jan 8](#)  
[1952 on Jan 15](#)  
[1960 on Jan 22](#)  
[1969 on Jan 29](#)  
[1956 on Feb 5](#)  
[1970 on Feb 12](#)  
[1973 on Feb 19](#)  
[1955 on Feb 26](#)

Activity Session plans for the programs are available from the Silver Memories website.

There are a variety of programs available on the Silver Memories App as well.

## Robert and Elizabeth

Songs from the musical, **Robert and Elizabeth**, will be broadcast on Thursday, 18 December at 2pm (AEST), 3pm (AEDT) & 2.30pm (ACDT).

The original 1964 London production was a success starring John Clements as Barrett, June Bronhill as Elizabeth and Keith Michell as Robert. This recording features the cast from the original London production.



**The Sentimental Bloke** will be the featured musical to be broadcast on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (AEST), 3pm (AEDT), and 2.30pm (ACDT), 15 January.

**Funny Girl** will be broadcast on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (AEST) and 3pm (AEDT), and 2.30pm (ACDT) 19 February.