

Convention and Competition Report - 2011

Brisbane City Sounds (BCS) recently returned from a very exciting Sweet Adelines Regional Convention and Competition held in Newcastle, NSW.

We are pleased with our results and look forward to next time.

Convention is more than just competition. It's about renewing old friendships, making new ones and singing – anywhere the moment is right. At Brisbane airport, BCS joined Redland Rhapsody in an impromptu rendition of *Tuxedo Junction* to the delight of the waiting passengers – almost a YouTube moment! At our Convention dinner we entertained a 18th birthday group at the adjoining table with “*Happy Birthday*” and other songs. The amazing thing about being at Sweet Adeline Conventions is once one group starts to sing, other Sweet Adelines tend to join in.

In Newcastle we were in a really happy place with our wonderful Co-Directors, Leanne Shannon and Maree Connors. For the past 12 months, after being invited to step down from the risers, they have worked hard to get us ready for competition. We endorse the Showmanship judge Becky Hines's comments – “Director: dynamic duo – you work well together”.

Saturday 21st May – competition day. BCS is number 3 on the program. Check the BCS handbook - rehearsal time, primp time; 12.24 pm on stage – woohoo! It was so reassuring to feel we had done everything possible for this moment. Maree and Leanne had done their job and we were ready. Of course this does not necessarily stop the nervous anticipation.

Two directors, twenty five singers, two songs, four judges, a fantastic Sweet Adelines audience, lights, camera, action, it's time to shine.

Our special thanks to our superb mentor and coach, Rose McGee, who has guided our two novice directors from riser singers to confident directors in a short period of time. Rose has encouraged us all to do the work and believe in ourselves.