

Viv's Last Gig

A celebration of Viv's voice and her contribution to our lives and the world



Good Shepherd Chapel

Abbotsford Convent

Friday 8 November 2019

11:30am

Dr Vivienne Waller

20 May 1963 - 24 October 2019



Viv loved singing more than anything. It grounded her, gave her energy, and fed her soul. She especially loved singing jazz, funk and soul with her band VW Kombo at local pubs here in Melbourne. She loved writing her own songs, and collaborating with Simon on their Amorefish album. She often talked about how much fun she had when she was living in Canberra and sang with Sara, Manthe, Gilly and Rachel as part of their acapella group called On. She was also well known in Canberra as a singer in Dorothy's Dance Band and Elbow Through My Rothko.

When Viv was diagnosed with lymphoma in 2017 she said that one of the hardest things was the way her illness affected her voice. She was incredibly humble about her talents as a singer. We are lucky that she has left us all the gift of her voice through her many recordings. Today is her 'last gig' here in Melbourne. So the only music you will hear in the chapel is of Viv singing. It felt like the only possible way to honour her life and the gifts she has given us.

Gig Guide

1. Welcome – Libby Bunyan

A message from Rod Laver to Viv – January 2019

Music: Viv sings 'Look the Moon' (lyrics: V Waller 2002)

2. My beautiful Viv – Penny Duckworth (Viv's partner and wife)

Music: Viv sings 'Dive' (lyrics: V Waller 2002)

3. Our little sister – Carolyn and Richard Waller

Music: Viv sings 'Whisper' (lyrics: V Waller 2002)

4. Friends and activism – John Cox

Music: Viv sings 'A Change is Gonna Come'

5. From chocolate factory to academia – Professor Karen Farquarson

Viv's CRC compost project (video)

Music: Viv sings 'The Less You See' (lyrics: V Waller 2002)

6. Vibrant and vivid – Snapshots of Viv doing things she loved

Music: Viv sings 'I'll Be Seeing You'

7. Reflections and Blessing – Libby Bunyan

8. A final farewell from Viv as she leaves the chapel

Music: Viv sings 'It's Over' (lyrics: V Waller 2002)

A special message from Ming - Viv's Khmer son

"Since I met you at TVU, you have changed me a lot. You said I am a potential leader in my community - and I have been trying to prove that.

Mom, you're the most beautiful flower in the garden. You know why you left us behind so early? Because God also loves people with beautiful hearts. He wants you to become his friend and he tore my heart. Mom, you're just somewhere that people can't see. Please let me dream of you, let me see you again just one more time

May you rest in peace.

Tam, Ngan Ha and I will always remember you.

We love you.

I know you have never gone".



Viv and Penny travelled to Vietnam in April 2018 to attend Ming's wedding to his beautiful girlfriend Tam. It was an amazing two day event in two small villages in the Mekong Delta.

Ming and Tam have since had a baby girl called Ngan Ha. Ming would regularly send Viv lovely messages of support over the last two years. He has been very concerned about her health. Viv would skype Ming regularly until she became too unwell.

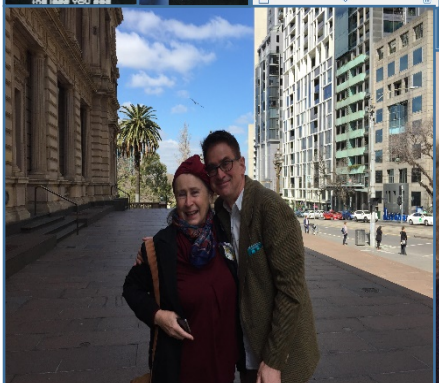


Family album: Viv, Richard, Carolyn, Eric, Joy, Joanne, Millie, Napier, and Mandy





*"You have been my friend.
That in itself has been a tremendous thing"
(EB White, Charlottes Web)*



From Easter Egg Wrapper, to Parliament House Kitchen Hand to Academic



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Sunday afternoon jazz and grooves, The Fox Hotel Collingwood - 4:00-7:00pm (2015)

Gig Set List

<i>Set 1</i>	<i>Set 2</i>	<i>Set 3</i>
<i>Riders on the Storm</i> <i>Georgia</i> <i>Nature Boy</i> <i>I'll Be Seeing You</i> <i>Fruits of My Labour</i> <i>A Change is Gonna Come</i>	<i>Black Coffee</i> <i>Light My Fire</i> <i>Watch What Happens</i> <i>My Baby Just Cares for Me</i> <i>At Last</i>	<i>All Blues</i> <i>Up Above My Head</i> <i>People Get Ready</i> <i>Witchita Lineman</i> <i>Son of a Preacher Man</i> <i>Ring of Fire</i> <i>Stop Draggin' My Heart Around</i>



*Into the freedom of wind and sunshine
 We let you go
 Into the dance of the stars and the planets
 We let you go
 Into the wind's breath and the hands of the star makers
 We let you go
 We love you, we miss you, we want you to be happy
 Go safely, go dancing, go running home.
 Untitled-Ruth Burgess*

