

# Beyond the Risers Micro-Contest Winner

**BEYOND**  
*the*  
**RISERS**  
*Micro-Contest*

**Congratulations,  
Coastal a Cappella  
Chorus!**



*Submission:*

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Our story of Beyond the Risers covers a 15 year journey of one member.

The story starts when a 20 year old joins the chorus and is immediately embraced by the chorus members. The choreographer sees her potential and encourages her to join the visual team, the Director sees her potential & encourages her to join her in Seattle for International Competition & to sing in the Young Women in Harmony Chorus. Another member, a School Principal, sees her potential & offers her a placement during her teaching degree .

The young woman graduates Uni & takes a job 900 kilometers from her chorus at a school with 13 students. She asks her Sweet Adeline sisters around Australia to help her school by sending vouchers collected at their local supermarkets. Sweet Adelines rally and send 40,000 vouchers.

15 years later she has taken with both hands all the opportunities that SA has given her. She has been the Assistant Competition Coordinator, the Competition Coordinator and MC at Region 34 competitions. She became a School Principal at a small school at 24 years of age & is currently the Deputy School Principal at a school with 700 students.

She has taken what she learnt and received on the Risers and is using this in her life beyond the risers. The chorus recognised her potential, nurtured it and loves that she is back where she belongs, singing with us, promoting us to the wider community through Social Media, leading physical warm-ups and shining in the front row.

