

## DUTCH CHOIR & FOLKLORIC GROUP DEE WHY

There is a small but very dedicated group of 25 people, who do their utmost to promote and represent Holland where and whenever necessary. Without any financial support from 'the outside', they perform on many occasions, for instance, the Cultural Display at the Domain during Carnivale, and more glamorously, the appearance in the Opera House during the Shell Folkloristic Festival. Other highlights are partaking in the Warringah Eisteddfod and winning prizes, performing on Australia Day in Canberra, Carols by Candlelight, and on many other occasions. The national costumes of the choir drew much attention. It also participates in the yearly Holland Festival.

The choir was founded within the Presbyterian Church, Dee Why (Dutch Charge), in March 1958. It was sung initially in the Church to enhance the services, but over the years, the accent has shifted from purely religious to more general songs, although singing during church services is still being done. This change took place to establish a wider circle of activities. The younger generation only takes part in the folk dancing. In 1973 the choir changed its name to "Dutch Choir and Folkloric Group, Dee Why".

The outstanding reputation of this choir is mainly due to only a small number of members.