

No split hairs for the Minor Chords

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IN TUNE: Chris Toussaint, Kevin Prout, Mark McCosker, Howard Kennedy and Dennis Boothby are the Miner Chords.

Rob Williams

ANYONE of any age is free to have a crack at barber shop singing with the Miner Chords, but it just so happens that its core demographic is also the most at risk of one of the biggest killers of Australian men.

The Miner Chords have first hand experience with prostate cancer, losing two members - Graham Vass and Mike Noble - recently, with member Chris Toussaint overcoming the disease himself several years ago.

That struggle has inspired the singing group to stage a fundraising concert in Ipswich this month, featuring a host of barbershop talent to coincide with International Men's Day celebrations.

Miner Chords singer Mr Toussaint, who had a tumour removed and has since been cancer free, said the most important aspect of what the group was doing was raising awareness.

"Awareness is the main thing, as well as convincing men to act on it because many people don't realise that they are sick," he said.

The benefit concert will be held at the Old Ipswich Courthouse, from 7pm on Wednesday, November 20.

Performers will include East Street Court, Connect 4, Sound Connection, High Altitude Harmony and the hosts, Miner Chords. Entry costs \$10.

Funds raised from the night will go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia.

For more information about the event or Miner Chords, phone Howard Kennedy on 3389 5633.