

ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held 26th November 2024 @ 7.15 pm at Latter Day Saints Church, 68 Frost St.

MINUTES

- 1 **ATTENDANCE:** Chris Mills (CM), Mike Collett (MC), David Woodside (DW), David Kennedy (DK), Nigel Sethack (NS), Rocky Rochelli (RR), Rachael Brooking (RB), Bruce Middleton (BM).
- 2 **APOLOGIES:** Keith Peasley.
- 3 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**
Motion: "That the minutes of the previous meeting (15th October 2024) be approved" Moved: BM, Seconded: DK, Carried
Signed off by: M Collett.
- 4 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (except later agenda items)**
 - 4.1 Current Action items: Progress recorded in Attachment 2
 - 4.2 Ex-Services grant thanks - **Done**
 - 4.3 WWCC - Notify members who need to follow up. **Action: BM.**
It is useful for renewals to be done before the previous one expires
Explanation added to Info for Prospective Members by DK - **Done**
 - 4.4 Centenary planning document was disseminated by DW. Planning still needs to be done, and focus groups/committees organised early
 - 4.5 Ideas for annual Dinner. RB & CM have discussed some ideas.
Options to go somewhere fully catered or to hire a hall and a caterer were discussed.
Action: RB, CM to follow up and bring back costings and availability
 - 4.6 Promoting Men's singing. Brian Irvine is not in a position to assist with this. We noted the importance of personal contacts in collaborating with schools. **Take off**
 - 4.7 Thanks re Annual Concert - **Done**
 - 4.8 Meeting with Musical Director. This is still being planned but MC does not believe it is the right time yet. **To Action List**
 - 4.9 Annual Concert Evaluation. BM sent out a summary of the discussions at the October meeting. **Done**
Next year's Annual Concert proposed for Oct 31/Nov 1. **Action: RB**
 - 4.10 Availability for Dec 6th. **Action: RB** to let us know.
Action: BM to check with Phil
 - 4.11 Honorariums. Proposal listed in Treasurer's Proposed Budget
- 5 **CORRESPONDENCE** (see attachment 1) was accepted
6. **TREASURER'S REPORT & Proposed 2025 Budget**
We are fairly comfortable financially, \$3000 better than September.
Motion: that Treasurer's Report and accounts for payment including \$1440 reimbursement for DW be accepted and approved.
Moved: DW Seconded: DK, Carried.
Proposed Budget for 2025
Recommending increase in fees by \$50 (Membership \$200, Music and service fee \$50), forecasting \$1549 surplus but costs for Centenary are

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unknown. Honorarium amounts were recommended.

Motion: that the proposed budget as circulated be accepted.

Moved: DW, Seconded: CM, Carried.

7. MUSIC REPORT

Phil will be invited to the Centenary Planning meeting.

8. REVIEW OF RECENT PERFORMANCES

* Salvation Army: was well received, performed well and sounded good.

9. UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

- **6th December** Christmas Gathering at Sprinside

Action: BM to send info to DK for notification to be sent to members

- **29th December** Singing for Birthday in City Centre. We don't believe there is time to learn new songs sufficiently; suggested instead Make You Feel My Love and God Only Knows. RB available.

Action: BM to follow up Walter Pluis, and check PR's availability

10. ACTION PLAN

Discussed in Action List

11. MEMBERSHIP

Action: DW, NS Section Leaders to check re new attendees (Jordan, Vincent and Craig) applying for membership

12. PERPETUAL CALENDAR

- Budget meeting, incl. consideration of grant applications (e.g. OCC) - **Done**
- Identify new Life Members for new year. **Action: DK** to check database
- Set dates for new year (AGM, Annual Dinner) - **Done**
- Committee to consider submissions for R.G. Service Award. **Action MC**
- Christmas Party. Claim the date - **Done**

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 More MCAA books for new attendees.

Action: DK to check if more books or electronic copies are available.

13.2 Invite Mayor to be patron after AGM. **Action: BM** to check with council likelihood of new mayor continuing in this role

13.3 Christmas nibbles will be held at the last rehearsal of 2024

14. LATE BUSINESS

14.1 Request to sing at Orange Grove for Christmas

Action: MC, RB to investigate

14.2 Scholarship holders story in OCL. **Action: BM** to ask Roy to pursue.

14.3 Summer break. Last rehearsal to be 16th December, and first one after new year to be 13th January 2025, if Phil is available.

Action: BM to check Phil's availability for 13th January 2025

15. NEXT MEETING: 17th December

Meeting Close: 9.36pm

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Attachment 1 Items of Correspondence

DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	RECIPIENT
IN			
19/10/2024	Niall Futcher	Enquiry re the joining / checking out choir	OMVC Sec
21/10/2024	ANCA	Conducting School 21-23 February 2025	OMVC Sec
25/10/2024	AWMC	Newsletter	OMVC Sec
28/10/2024	Evan Patten	Updated documents for MCAA festival, Letter to MDs including Program, & Comments to MDs, Music notes Action: BM to send to PR, and give Evan his email address	OMVC Sec
31/10/2024	Harry Koning	Free choirmusic available at www.choirmusic4free.com	OMVC Sec
1/11/2024	ANCA	October eNews, Dr Christopher Kiver tour June-July 25, ANCA Int Research Conf Feb 25	OMVC Sec
6/11/2024	ANCA	Morton Australian Choral Music	OMVC Sec
8/11/2024	wix	October analytics, all down - site sessions (-68%), new (-62%) & returning (-27%) visitors	OMVC Sec
11/11/2024	Walter Pluis	Request to Sing for \$500 donation	OMVC Sec
14/11/2024	ORC	What's on	OMVC Sec
14/11/2024	NSW Gov't	Free AI courses	
15/11/2024	Festival of Voices	2025 major workshops and choir packages	OMVC Sec
OUT			
19/10/2024	OMVC Sec	Info on choir, rehearsals invitation to attend	Niall Futcher
22/10/2024	OMVC Member Liaison	Welcome letter to Vincent's parents	A & T Duncan
24/10/2024	DW	Instruction to Bank Orange to transfer \$15,093.75 to S97 account	Bank Orange
22/11/2024	OMVC Sec	Reply to request to sing	Walter Pluis
25/11/2024	OMVC Sec	Thanks for Grant	OESC, Justeene Cleary
25/11/2024	OMVC Sec	Thanks for assistance and participation in Annual Concert	Orange High, Music Dept
26/11/2024	OMVC Sec	Thanks to Latter Day Saints Church for hall	MC

Attachment 2

Current Action Items

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WHO	ACTION	OUTCOME/ COMMENT
DK	Friends of OMVC; Retired Life Members plan for ongoing contact. Partners of Life members to be added. Members register updated	Ongoing
RR/MC/RB Music Comm	Centenary Year planning: Partners in sub-committee ? Let Civic Theatre know re Subscription book by July 2025. RB tentatively booked Civic Theatre for 31/10/2026. Put to members roles they can take on, Brainstorming material, arrange PR's input, modern song (post 2000), other performers, other including previous conductors, other performers, Museum involvement	Action: RB to secure booking and other details. Motion: that we support Centenary concert being held on 31/10/2026. Moved: DW, Sec: NS, Carried
CM	Follow up new members' Badges and Badges for partners. Tim's and Graham's still to be done ? Ian Anderson	Action: CM talk with Ken F re who will do
BM	Badge cost needs to be clarified. \$27.39 inc GST for formal badge, ? ladies badges.	Action: BM to discuss with CM
DK / RB	Annual/Strategic Plan review- DK updated and circulated We should think about what we want to achieve in the next 2 years. Comments were made by DW and DK will redraft. Needs to have a focus on Centenary.	Motion: committee to give feedback on Strategic Plan and DW's comments by mid December: M: DK Sec: RR
Committee	Christmas repertoire / Carols by Candlelight. Re Christmas this year possible singing at Gosling Creek 20 th or 21 st December, Orange Cinema and Hark. Repertoire to be practiced at extra rehearsals	Chase up next year. Action: RB to book Gosling Creek, & send other details to DK
RB	Mr Perfect. RR will follow up if we want to do this in 2025.	Take off
Music committee	Consider grant applications: ? OCC large grant for 100 th yr For Greater Bank grants we'll need to arrange support,	Investigate Arts Out West for Centenary
Committee	Increase attendance at Social Events:	Ongoing
BM Music Ctee	Clean out of space at ORC: Perhaps use a 1925 song at Centenary - scanning music: music samples to obtain quotes - cull music: bring recommendations to meeting	Get together in January 2025.
RR	Visitor's Centre video: who to contact.	
DK	MCAA arrangements: Family tickets arranged (32), many have booked accommodation. 21 Members have indicated will attend.	Action: Section Leaders to check if any new members want to attend.
Music Ctee	Follow up songs of M Sirrett	
Treasurer	Public Liability: compare Duck for Cover with current policy	For review mid 2025

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Calendar

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6 th December	Springside Progress Assocn Christmas gathering 6.00pm, bring a plate to share, 716 Cadia Rd, Springside (cnr Kearn Rd)	BM
29 th December, Sunday	Request to sing for \$500 donation, 11.00am, Orange City Centre Newsagency	BM
8/02/2025	2025 Annual Dinner	
10/02/2025	2025 AGM	