

**ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR  
MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**12th APRIL @ 7.00 pm @ ORC**

**MINUTES**

**1 ATTENDANCE:** M Collett (Chair), R Rochelli, D Woodside, P Rees, R Brooking (till 8pm), P Mullins, B Middleton, C Mills & D Kennedy.

**2 APOLOGIES:** J Mealings..

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion "That the Mgt Committee approves the minutes of the previous meeting (8th March)"

Moved: DK

Seconded: RB

Signed off by: M Collett.

**4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES (except later agenda items)**

**4.1 Current Action items**

Progress recorded in Attachment 2

MOTION: That C Mills be appointed to fill a casual vacancy on the Mgt Ctee.  
DW/RR. Carried.

**5 CORRESPONDENCE**

See Attachment 1

Motion "That the correspondence be accepted"

Moved: DK

Seconded: DW

Carried.

**ACTION:**

**PR:** Advise his song choices for MCAA 2025 from the list of past songs.

**JM:** Circulate MCAA Bulletin #2 to membership.

**6 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion "That the Treasurer's Report be accepted"

Moved: DW

Seconded: PM

Carried.

The ongoing need for a PO Box was raised and will be considered at start 2024.

**7 MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**7.1 Options for increased participation of Accompanist (RB) in rehearsals.**

Rehearsal night and venue would have to be changed to enable RB to routinely accompanying rehearsals. PR is only available on Wednesdays but ORC auditorium is used by others. He has classes till about 7pm and is not available to rehearse earlier. Alternative venues include the Uniting Church Hall in Anson St and Mormon Church Hall in Frost St. It was agreed that OMVC wants to maintain a strong relationship with ORC and would opt to rehearse in the auditorium if a mutually suitable day/time became available.

**ACTION:**

**MC:** Canvass members' Wednesday availability at next rehearsal.

**PR, RB & MC:** Inspect alternative venues and recommend to Mgt Ctee.

## **8 REVIEW OF RECENT PERFORMANCES**

Nil

## **9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES**

### **9.1 Probus at Duntryleague, 11am 26/4.**

Assemble 10.45am, full uniform, DW talk. Sing: *Friendship, Shelter, Eye of the Needle*.

### **9.2 OCC Citizenship Ceremony, Orange Council Chambers, 2.00pm 27/4.**

Assemble 1.30pm. Full Uniform. Repertoire to be decided, plus *Advance Aust Fair & Shelter* after ceremony.

**ACTION: JM:** advise OCC that we accept a \$200 fee plus afternoon tea for this initial event but wish to negotiate the longer term commitment suggested by OCC and future fees. Check availability of a piano.

### **9.3 Forbes and Molong**

DW advised that he had no firm commitments from Forbes or Molong. Agreed that proposed dates would be cancelled next Monday unless evidence of advanced planning is received beforehand. Suggested a later date (eg 18 June) for a concert in Orange.

**ACTION:**

**DW:** advise Forbes and Molong contacts of cancellation and alternative dates next week.

**JM:** Commitment Sheet for next rehearsal for potential June dates (18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>).

**PR/DW:** Liaise with Gabe Rae about alternative dates and a possible local joint concert.

### **9.4 Blackheath Choral Festival – Decision.**

Organisers seeking confirmation and promo material but PR not available and chorister commitment is currently low, with still 4 months to go. Agreed that we seek a strong commitment at next rehearsal or otherwise reluctantly withdraw and advise organisers.

**ACTION:**

**MC/RB:** Promote benefits of performing at Monday's rehearsal.

**JM:** New Commitment Sheet for next rehearsal and advise Blackheath organiser.

### **9.5 Joint concert with Wagga and ARC.**

PR and DW have independently spoken with ARC and Wagga and gained in-principle agreement to hold a joint concert in 2024, probably in Wagga.

### **9.6 Sydney Male Choir, 22/10 – Venue**

PR advised OPRC auditorium is available from about 2.30pm that day.

**ACTION: JM:** Recommend venue to Mgt Ctee and advise SMC.

### **9.7 Orange Grove Nursing Home, 11am 17 May**

Expect to sing about 10 songs over 45 mins. PR is not available.

**ACTION:**

**JM:** Commitment Sheet for rehearsal and advise Orange Grove.

**MC/RB:** Decide on Orange Grove repertoire.

## **10 ACTION PLAN**

### **10.1 Updated Plan**

The updated plan has been circulated to Mgt Ctee and will be posted on the Members website. RB with E+

### **10.2 Publicity Tasks**

In the past month there has been increased publicity activity with *Friendship* video shooting, Facebook posts and massive increases in *hits* and *likes*. H Pankhurst has agreed to assist RB with Instagram. Agreed to approach Community Radio 107.5 which has expressed interest in a regular segment on choral singing and OMVC.

**ACTION:**

**DK:** Discuss options for promotion and charges with FM 107.5 and make recommendation to Mgt Ctee.

### **10.3 Charity to support**

DW spoke favorably about the Orange Huntington's Disease Awareness group as a worthy charity for OMVC to support as part of the Plan. (Note: RB is the coordinator but was absent from the discussion of this item).

**MOTION:** That OMVC support the *HD Awareness Orange Inc.* as its charity for 2023. DW/PM. Carried.

## **11 MEMBERSHIP**

### **11.1 Results of fees survey**

DW reported near-unanimous support from respondents to increase the 2023 Membership Fee, by \$30 to \$80, with most recommending \$50.

**MOTION:** The 2023 Membership Fee will be increased by \$50, which will be due for payment on 1 July 2023 with consideration to be given on a case-by-case basis where members seek it. DW/RR. Carried.

**ACTION:**

**MC:** Obtain generic information on indicative social services and NDIS allowances to assist consideration of "special circumstances" that might be considered.

**JM:** Advise members in writing of fees due on 1 July 2023

### **11.2 Fees for students**

Following discussion about perceived value and ability to pay, it was agreed that the current fee of \$5 for a full-time student was too low and that a greater contribution for music and services is warranted.

MOTION: That the *Music and Service Fee* for a full-time student be \$30 and the *Membership Fee* NIL. DW/MC. Carried.

### **11.3 Golden Rose: Membership application**

MOTION: That Golden Rose be accepted as a Member of OMVC. DK/RR. Carried.

ACTION: **JM:** Ask K Fishpool to organise a uniform for GR in consultation with PR.

### **11.3 Members' Update**

J Spencer & D Hillier are on leave.

A Quan, D Ferrie, B Patterson, S May, M Priest and P Reid have not renewed their Membership and have been removed from the updated list on the website.

ACTION: **JM:** Organise and confirm the return of their jackets and ties.

## **12 PERPETUAL CALENDAR**

NIL

## **13 OTHER BUSINESS**

### **13.1 Covid Policy - Review**

With changes to advice (eg on timing and benefit of boosters) the current policy may require updating.

ACTION: **DK:** Review and recommend changes to policy in light of recent medical knowledge and advice.

### **13.2 Mayor as Patron**

The Mgt Ctee is very pleased that Cr Hamling has accepted our invitation to be a Patron of OMVC. This is to be recognised on the website and Facebook page.

ACTION: **JM:** Write to OCC requesting a photo and profile of Cr Hamling to post on OMVC website and Facebook page.

### **13.3 OCC Invitation for commitment to perform at civic events & fees.**

(See item 9.2.)

### **13.4 Accommodating choristers with restricted mobility at performances.**

It was agreed that it was in the interests of individual members and the Choir that procedures be developed to assist those with restricted mobility to move on and off stage and to be "seated" during performances.

ACTION:

**DW/RR:** Investigate the availability and cost of adjustable and transportable stools.

**MC:** Seek interest in position of Stage Manager at next rehearsal.

**14 LATE BUSINESS**

**14.1 OCU Grants and Cadia Community Investment.**

ACTION:

**DW/DK:** Develop application for OCU grant with reference to Strategic Plan 2023-24.

**DW:** Initiate liaison with Cadia to develop mutual relationship.

**15 NEXT MEETING**

7.00pm on Wed 10 May 2013 in ORC Library

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**

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## Attachment 1

### Items of Correspondence

- In:** Beth Pratley (10/3) re Central West Sings  
Cr Jason Hamling (22/3) re Patron of Choir  
Sydney Philharmonia Choirs (22/3) re June concert  
ORC (22/3) re concert on 24/3.  
Mick O'Neill, Blackheath Choir Festival Coordinator (1/4)  
Neil Fleming (5/4) re MCAA Festival 2025 (Bulletins #1 & 2)  
Neil Fleming (5/4) re MCAA Repertoire Selections  
Ramanpreet Kaur (10/4) re performance Orange Grove 11am 17/5
- Out:** Amanda Mooney (10/3) re use of JSCHS PAC  
Beth Pratley (10/3) re Central West Sings  
Cr Jason Hamlin (14/3) re Patron of Choir  
D Prince (20/3) re involvement with the Choir  
Doug Hillier (22/3) re Kerry's health  
Moina McDonald (3/4) commiserations re JM's passing

## Attachment 2

### Current Action Items

Updated 16TH APRIL 2023

WHO	ACTION	OUTCOME/ COMMENT
MC	<b>Next Rehearsal:</b> 1. Canvass members' availability for rehearsals on Wednesdays. 2. Promote benefits of performing at Blackheath (with RB). 3. Seek interest in position of Stage Manager.	
JM	<b>Commitment Sheets at next rehearsal:</b> 1. Orange Grove 17/5 (and advise organiser). 2. New Blackheath Commitment Sheet (and advise organiser). 3. Potential June dates for joint Forbes or Orange concert ( 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> ).	
PR	Advise his song choices for MCAA 2025 from the list of past songs.	
JM	Circulate MCAA Bulletin #2 to membership.	
PR, RB & MC	Inspect alternative rehearsal venues and recommend to Mgt Ctee.	

<b>JM</b>	Advise OCC that we accept a \$200 fee plus afternoon tea for this initial event but wish to negotiate the longer term commitment suggested by OCC and future fees. Check availability of a piano.	
<b>DW</b>	Advise Forbes and Molong contacts of cancellation and alternative dates next week.	
<b>PR/DW</b>	Liaise with Gabe Rae about alternative dates and a possible local joint concert.	
<b>JM</b>	New Blackheath Commitment Sheet for next rehearsal and advise organiser.	
<b>JM</b>	Recommend SMC October venue to Mgt Ctee and advise SMC.	
<b>MC/RB</b>	Decide on Orange Grove repertoire, 17 May.	
<b>DK</b>	Discuss options for promotion and charges with FM 107.5 and make recommendation to Mgt Ctee.	
<b>MC</b>	Obtain generic information on indicative social services and NDIS allowances to assist consideration of "special circumstances" that might be considered.	
<b>JM</b>	Advise members in writing of fees due on 1 July 2023	
<b>JM</b>	Ask K Fishpool to organise a uniform for GR in consultation with PR.	
<b>JM</b>	Organise and confirm the return of former members' jackets and ties.	
<b>DK</b>	Review and recommend changes to policy in light of recent medical knowledge and advice.	
<b>JM</b>	Write to OCC requesting a photo and profile of Cr Hamling to post on OMVC website and Facebook page.	
<b>DW/RR</b>	Investigate the availability and cost of adjustable and transportable stools.	
<b>DW/DK</b>	Develop application for OCU grant with reference to Strategic Plan 2023-24.	
<b>DW</b>	Initiate liaison with Cadia to develop mutual relationship.	
<b>DK/RR</b>	CD Recording. Chase up RR re this issue.	Ongoing
<b>DK</b>	Friends of OMVC. Organise to replace Associate Member class. Retired Life Members . Develop plan for ongoing contact.	
<b>JM/RR</b>	Contact RW re addressing next meeting re Centenary Year	
<b>PR &amp; c'mttee</b>	Liaise with COBB about possible concert(s) next winter (June/July?).	

<b>JM</b>	Section Leaders. Approach to confirm 2023	
<b>RB</b>	Contact Rotary Daybreak re Choir engagement.	



## Calendar

Updated 13TH APRIL 2023

DATE	EVENT	COORDINATOR
April 26th	Probus Presentation 11am	
April 27th	OCC Citizenship Ceremony 2.30-4pm	
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Orange Grove Nursing Home 11 am	
May 21st (tbc)	Cabonne Council concert for flood victims	
Aug 26th	Blue Mts Choir Festival: Rehearsal 2.10pm, Perform 3.00pm	
Oct 22nd	Concert with Sydney Male Choir	
Nov 12th	Central West Sings @ Blayney	