

ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR
MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
15th July 2022 at 10:00 am, 15 National Avenue
MINUTES

1 **ATTENDANCE:** C Mills, M Priest, P Rees, S Jackson, D Woodside, D Kennedy,
J Mealings,

2 **APOLOGIES:** K Fishpool, D Harvey,

3 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion "That the Mgt Committee approves the minutes of the previous meeting (8/6)"

Moved: JM

Seconded: DW

Signed off by: DK

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

4.1 Current Action items

Progress recorded in Attachment 2

5 **CORRESPONDENCE**

See Attachment 1

Motion "That the correspondence be accepted"

Moved: JM

Seconded: CM

Motion "That OMVC donate \$250 to to Huntingtons Disease fundraiser *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*"

Moved: DK

Seconded: DW

CM to be responsible for return of trophies to Eisteddfod committee

DW to inform Rachael of Choir's donation and payment of such

6 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion "That the Treasurers Report and accounts for payment be accepted"

Moved: DW

Seconded: DK

The committee noted and thanked DW for his loan of \$3500 (made on 06/07) from his personal account to cover Eric Bogle expenses. These funds were then reimbursed by OMVC on 14th July.

The Bogle/Jarman Financial Report 2022 was also tabled and discussed. This showed an overall loss of \$2752 across both concerts. (See attachment)

Motion: "That the Bogle/Jarman Financial Report 2022 be accepted"

Moved: DW

Seconded: DK

7 **MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

On 14th July DK and PR had a constructive meeting re the direction and future of the Choir. Key points arising were:

* The need to strengthen the Conductor's leadership role, and differentiate it from accompanying rehearsals, was supported.

* The desire is to also have a full-time Accompanist. Rachael Brooking is very keen to be the Choirs Accompanist but has other commitments at present that limit her availability. PR and DW to liaise with RB about expanding Rachael's role as Accompanist if possible.

* With the upcoming MCAA concert, there is a need to learn items from the Red Book but PR is keen to also work on some additional songs. Rehearsals from July 18th will be concentrating on the Red Book items.

* To assist choristers more easily learn the songs, it was agreed that there should be a "holistic" approach to learning songs rather than covering only small

sections of each item. Covering songs in their entirety will make it easier for choristers and provide more continuity and security.

- * A greater effort and commitment is required from some choristers, especially in learning the repertoire between rehearsals. Having audio tracks for each song is important for this.
- * As a Patron, Paul Jarman is very keen to be more involved with the OMVC's "rejuvenation" and possibly in preparing for the MCAA concert. DK to continue liaising with Paul about planning his involvement, in the spring if possible.

8 REVIEW OF RECENT PERFORMANCES

8.1 Bogle concerts

On behalf of the committee, DK expressed his thanks to the sub committee for all the hard work put into the Eric Bogle concerts. Although not producing a surplus, the concerts were seen as a success in terms of the performances and in engaging with the public after a lengthy hiatus.

9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

9.1 MCAA.

Survey of members attending choir concert and dinner to be conducted at rehearsal. An assessment of interest in group accommodation in Sydney will be done.

JM to finalise numbers for MCAA concert and dinner

JM to assess accommodation needs for those attending MCAA.

9.2 Blackheath Choir Festival

A letter of thanks to be sent to organisers stating our inability to attend this year's festival and expressing our desire to be involved in future events.

JM to write letter to BCF

9.3 Forbes concert.

Date proving difficult to finalise as it depends on availability of PR, Cantar and hosts. Concert has tentatively been set down for 13th November.

DW to liaise with Cantar and Forbes and PR re date for Forbes concert.

10 MEMBERSHIP

JM to contact Dave Roberts, David Prince, Alwyn Roweth, & Marty Prestidge re future involvement with the choir.

11 PERPETUAL CALENDAR

12 OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 (MP) Marketing Plan. Attachments tabled:

OMVC Marketing Plan

The Modern Male Choir

Introducing a Strategic Review of Bridge in NSW

A very competent presentation was made by MP to the committee re an OMVC marketing plan and future directions of the Choir. The strategy was discussed by Mgt Committee

It was also agreed that finalising and implementing the strategy required commitment of the whole choir and that it should be workshopped with a facilitator, if possible. MP and DK to revise the document to include Mgt Ctee inputs by end-July. DK to develop members' workshop, including facilitation.

On behalf of the committee DK thanked MP for a very detailed and comprehensive presentation.

12.2 Meeting re the new con.

A meeting with Donna and the Management Committee re new Conservatorium of Music building has been set down for Monday 25th July at 6:45pm.

13 LATE BUSINESS

(DW). Presentation to be made to Mary Anne Sladek at choir rehearsal for her work done for the Orange Eric Bogle concert.

(PR). A letter to be sent to Patrick Sinclair re his assistance with the Bathurst EB concert.

DW to organise a presentation to Mary Anne Sladek

JM to send letter to Patrick Sinclair.

14 NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 10th August, 7pm at ORC

Attachment 1

ITEMS OF CORRESPONDENCE.

In: MCAA (23/06/22) re survey for MCAA dinner 29th October

Christine Wheeler (03/07/22) re Blackheath Choir Festival

Brian Buckley (06/07/22) re MCAA info and survey

Christine Wheeler (10/07/22) re Blackheath Choir Festival

Margaret Williams (12/07/22) re withdrawal from Eisteddfod and request for assistance in setting up risers for Eisteddfod on Sat 27th August

Rachael Brooking re Huntington donation

Out: Orange Eisteddfod committee (28/06/22) re withdrawal from eisteddfod

Attachment 2

Current Action Items

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WHO	ACTION	OUTCOME/ COMMENT
RR	Promotional clip around Friendship in Song. Update official photo	Priority item 2022 Autumn
PR/RR	CD Recording. Finalise product for sale (Cantar PR permission, liner notes, artwork)	Ongoing
JM & DW	Organise trivia night	2022 September
DK	Publicity Officer. Fill vacancy.	

DK	Friends of OMVC. Organise to replace Associate Member class	
DK	Retired Life Members . Develop plan for ongoing contact	
PR	Auditions for DP	
DH	Organise Choir volunteer to coordinate DVD sales and assist with digital promotion of concert. Contact Arts out West	
DW	Liaise with PR, Cantar and Forbes re date for this concert.	
JM	Contact Dave Roberts, David Prince, Alwyn Roweth, & Marty Prestidge re future involvement with the choir.	
DK	Update Covid Mitigation Policy	
JM	Update Perpetual Calendar re 6 monthly payments to ORC for library use	
DW	Sheet music: change of system	
JM	Survey members re interest for dinner get together at MCAA on Sat 29th Oct	
JM	Complete survey of MCAA Choir commitment plus dinner.	
CM	Return perpetual trophies to Eisteddfod committee	
DW	Payment of donation (\$250) to Huntingtons charity	
JM	Write letter to BCF re participation in future events	
JM	Assess accommodation needs for MCAA	
DW	Organise presentation to Mary Anne Sladek	
JM	Letter of appreciation to Patrick Sinclair	

Calendar

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DATE	EVENT	COORDINATOR
Oct 30	MCAA Sydney	DK
Nov 13th tbc	Concert at Forbes	DW