

ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 9 JUNE 2026

VENUE: Latter Day Saints Church, 68 Frost St

MINUTES

1 ATTENDANCE: Mike Collett, Rachael Brooking, Roy O'Donnell, Ken Fishpool, Nigel Sethack, Rocky Rochelli

2 APOLOGIES: David Woodside, John Mealings, Ian Anderson

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

Motion "That the Mgt Cttee approves the minutes of the 19 May26 Meeting"

Moved: RO

Seconded:KF

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES/OUTSTANDING ACTIONS

Date + Agenda Ref	Description	Owner	Due	Status/Comments
18/2/25 Item 13.1	Chase up publicity in museum for centenary celebration and arrange for 'Friendship in Song' video to be played in visitors centre.		30/4	RR & DW met with Regional Museum Manager (Mary-Liz Andrews). Loaned assorted materials (print, sound, images) to be prepared for November exhibition this year.
	Organise OMVC display for Orange Historical Society	DW	30/6	Manger was very supportive and is seeking permission to keep images that they digitize. DW met with Karen Kloosterman from Historical Society and display will be put together. Update honour boards and 'Magic Moments' and MD/Accompanist boards (KF) and engraving on baton which has been picked up by DW.
	Seek photos of past members for inclusion as part of the Centenary display	NS/RR	30/6	Stories to be built based on photos and old performance programs.

	Speak to Kea Video and Craig Hunnisett re recording Centenary concert	RR	15/6	Feedback provided by Kea Video whereby they have offered to record and produce a DVD at no charge – they will sell to choir and audience. Response from Craig Hunnisett pending.
	Consider awards to be made at Centenary Concert	Cttee	TBA	
	Complete actions regarding clean out of space at ORC.	DW/RR/RO	30/6	Honour boards and main sign outside are still to be picked up. Historical section in new ORC will be able to accommodate honour boards. Main sign to be photographed and offered to choir or discarded. DW to speak to David Shaw re trophy cabinet transferring to new ORC.
			31/5	Wangarang have declined the offer to scan OMVC music. The job could not be done using their scanning equipment due to wide range of paper sizes and concerns that sheet music would be damaged. Further options to be considered – choir to consider splitting up the job after centenary concert.
27/8/25 Item 5	Invite NSW choirs to participate in centenary concert.	RO	15/5	Wagga choir notified of limitation to 50 participants and will respond to RO after interest has been confirmed. RB to provide sheet music for encore 'Sweet Caroline' and to talk to Syndey choir re 'Biblical'
16/12 Item 3	Develop program for Paul Jarman weekend workshop on weekend of 19-21 June.	Committee		Gabe Rae to be asked to start workshop at 5pm until PJ arrives closer to 6pm. PJ to attend lunch with Music Committee on Sunday 21/6 and attend practice on Monday 22/6. RB To send PJ email confirming arrangements for whole weekend.
17/2 Item 8	Ex Services club grant opportunity	IA	30/9	Seek support for post centenary brunch. IA will progress application. Deadline is September. RB will forward email with questions for grant so that work can begin.
17/2 Item 8	Find new amp	RR		RR confirmed \$850 cost of new amp from Landers including free stool. Amp has been obtained and will be paid in due course.

21/4 Item 7	Orchestrated Scores for Centenary Concert	MC/RR	TBA	Work to be done on obtaining orchestration for the 6 MCAA songs being performed at concert. Will be discussed with PJ.
21/4 Item 7	Channel 7 story on OMVC	RO	30/4	RO followed up again and provided event details. No response received Harvest.
9/6 Item 8	Investigate If Ex Services Club can sell tickets for Brunch	RB	30/6	
9/6 Item 8	Write to Neil Fleming, President MCAA, to seek centenary concert financial support.	RO	15/6	
9/6 Item 12	Follow up Chris Mills re second key for ORC	RO	15/6	

5 CORRESPONDENCE

See attachment 1

Motion “That the correspondence be accepted”

Moved:RO

Seconded:RB

Carried

6 TREASURER’S REPORT

IA was unable to attend meeting and report not available but it was confirmed that there had been no transactions on the account during the month of May and that the balance of the main account as at end May 2026 was \$10,205.40.

RO to double check Arts Out West \$400 grant payment – possibly made in June. Also check whether IA has set himself up on square.

7 MUSIC REPORT

Members of the Committee provided positive feedback regarding changes in musical direction. MC noted need to build on the change and ensure that practice works well and members practice at home and that supplemental practices are organized when necessary.

8 CENTENARY PLANNING

Noted that Manager of Museum, Mary-Liz Andrews, wanted permission to keep digitized images from material provided by OMVC. Liz also raised the possibility of the museum taking on our archives in future and invited OMVC to sing at the exhibition in November (on or after 19/11).

Motion – that OMVC gives approval for ORM's retention and ownership of images created from OMVC archives for its use.

Proposed:RO

Seconded:MC

Carried

RB noted that invitations for centenary brunch would be progressed after winter solstice when communication would go out to other choirs with links to tickets for brunch. RB to investigate if Ex Services Club can sell tickets.

Invitation List – agreed to add Ben Lander and wife to list as new sponsors. Otherwise the list was agreed as complete.

MCAA support – agreed that RO should contact Neil Fleming, President MCAA to seek support for centenary concert.

Confirmed that Rebecca Hilton Brown had agreed to be stage manager for centenary concert and that RB had contacted Michael Butchard re arrangements for concert.

9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

RB outlined arrangements and confirmed everything was on track. Table plans and stage management to be finalised.

RB outlined future events as follows:

- 1/7 – Rotary daybreak 6.45am, at Waratahs
- 22/7 –Orange Ladies Probus, time TBA, venue TBA
- 30/7 – Orange North Rotary, approx. 7pm, venue TBA

MC to talk to St Francis re future performance in August. Other performances to be organized at aged care facilities in September.

Song to be confirmed for 'Australian' section of Eisteddfod before supplementary book for choir

10 PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Confirmed that OMVC had been registered for Orange Eisteddfod.

11 MEMBERSHIP

Noted that Sam Saunders was not in a position to join the choir due to work commitments.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Agreed that the choir update to be circulated on Wednesday 10/6 would include the following:

- Reminder to purchase tickets to choral workshop and encourage friends and family to buy tickets for winter solstice event
- Confirm order of operations for winter solstice – bring music if new members otherwise without – full uniform
- Session at Dee Nicholls house organized for both tenor 1 and tenor 2 sections starting at 7pm, 3 West Street, Orange.
- Practice on 15/6 to start at 7pm for half hour practice with Cantar for Old Irish Blessing.

Confirmed that sponsor logos have been obtained and are being put on website.

RO to chase Chris Mills re getting permission from ORC for a second key.

NS confirmed that approach had been made to Sophie Durham from digital wonders to investigate possibility of obtaining an external party to modernize/rebuild and maintain website on an ongoing website. NS will have meeting and obtain a quote for rebuild and regular maintenance/updates.

The Committee discussed the departure of Phil Rees as Music Director and agreed that a resolution should be passed to appoint Mike Collett as interim Music Director.

Motion – that the Committee appoints Mike Collett as interim Musical Director for remainder of 2026.

Moved:KF

Seconded:NS

Carried

13 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21/7 @ 7.30

Meeting closed at 9.30

Attachment 1 Items of Correspondence 9 June 2026

DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	RECIPIENT
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IN

21/5	Paul Debono, Secretary Sydney Male Choir	Confirming that SMC will not be attending centenary brunch	Secretary
27/5	David Woodside	Draft Letter to Phil Rees regarding leaving the choir (subsequently updated by RB) – was this sent?	Committee
28/5	Peter O'Driscoll, Secretary MCAA	MCAA AGM Minutes	Committee
6/6	Bob Nash	Suggestion that choir perform all centenary songs and record them to make practicing at home easier (Bob to be away for 2 months)	Secretary

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OUT

24/5	Secretary	Winter Solstice Repertoire	Choir
28/5	Secretary	Additional document re \$2,500 payment in kind supporting Centenary Concert	Melissa Simpson, Orange City Council