

# ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

## MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 17 MARCH 2026

VENUE: Latter Day Saints Church, 68 Frost St

### MINUTES

**1 ATTENDANCE:** Mike Collett, Rachael Brooking, David Woodside, Roy O'Donnell, Ian Anderson, Nigel Sethack, John Mealings, Rocky Rochelli

**2 APOLOGIES:** Ken Fishpool

**3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion "That the Mgt Cttee approves the minutes of the 17 February 26 Meeting"

Moved: RO

Seconded: DW

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.  Seek photos of past members for inclusion as part of the display in visitors centre.	DW/RR	30/4	Ongoing – Rocky has spoken to museum staff and raised the matter. OMVC will need to be part of another display in November (will not be given our own one)  Noted that no clear head shots were available. DW has started taking headshots and storing on usb. NS to use quality camera to enhance if necessary
	Complete actions regarding clean out of space at ORC.	DW/RR/RO	31/3	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.  RO sought information from Wangarang re scanning requirements – naming convention to be agreed and samples

				taken to Wangarang to finalise quote.
27/8/25 Item 5	Invite NSW choirs to participate in centenary concert.  Invite former MDs to participate in Centenary concert	RO	31/3	RO followed up Wagga and Conmen choirs by phone and resent email. Positive response from both choirs as well as from Kuringai and Arcadians.  RR/MC to agree letter to former MDs and request that they pick a song within 7 days. Songs can then be confirmed with other MCAA choirs
16/9 Item 8	Seek guidance from Orange City Council on specific grant applications that could support Centenary concert costs.	DW	TBA	DW applied for \$3k to cover theatre, lighting, sound and piano costs as 'Livability' council grant.
21/10 Item 8	Seek sponsorship support to subsidise the cost of post Centenary Concert brunch	IA/DW/RB	15/4	DW contacted Penhalls with letter and is awaiting response.  IA/DW to seek funding from HORTS with support from a Committee member
16/12 Item 3	Develop program for Paul Jarman weekend workshop on weekend of 19-21 June.	Committee		Identify organisations that need to be involved, plan for costs etc. Include solstice performance with Cantar on same weekend.
12/1 Item 5	Experience Orange event – 3/5 Cook Park 12-4pm	RO		Organise rota closer to the event.
12/1 Item 8	Pull up banners for OMVC centenary	RB		To be ordered from OfficeWorks (\$85 each) once images have been agreed
17/2 Item 8	Ex Services club grant opportunity	IA	31/5	Seek support for post centenary brunch
17/2 Item 8	Find new amp	RR		Investigate options for new amp
17/2 Item 11	Choir to perform publicly more often to raise profile eg at shopping centres	NS/RO		Priority to be attached to organising events in April and May (farmers markets and other events to be investigated)

## **5 CORRESPONDENCE**

See attachment 1

Motion "That the correspondence be accepted"

Moved:RO                      Seconded: RR              Carried

## **6 TREASURER'S REPORT**

IA presented Treasurer's report for February 2026

Motion "That the Treasurer's Report and accounts for payment be accepted"

Moved:IA                      Seconded:RR              Carried

## **7 MUSIC REPORT**

PR has indicated his preferences for centenary concert. Some are challenging pieces and progress will be monitored to ensure that time is not wasted.

## **8 CENTENARY PLANNING**

RB noted that correspondence to former MDs inviting them to participate in centenary concert had been drafted and approved by MC. MC will issue by email and copy RO. Former MDs will be given 7 days to make their song selection.

RB recommended that OMVC contact and establish a relationship with the Canberra Men's Choir.

Music Committee to meet week beginning 23/3 to ensure that centenary song selection is completed.

## **9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCE**

Bathurst performance discussed, agreed that final communication should be issued to choir members confirming

- Arrival at 10.45 in time for starting rehearsals at 11am sharp

- Confirming likely rehearsal format i.e. 3 choir songs first and then breaking up into groups
- Policy on sheet music – only allowed for ‘For the Beauty of the Earth’ and ‘Homeward Bound’ and must be held in black folders

Rachael/Chris to oversee catering for choristers and audience – urns for tea/coffee, paper plates, paper cups, serving cutlery etc

DW to buy wine as gifts for MDs/Accompanists

## **10 PERPETUAL CALENDAR**

- Membership fee lapse – current status provided by IA. RO to follow up members who have not paid.
- Section leader duties – no action required

## **11 OTHER BUSINESS**

Payment of \$61.38 for Central West Trophies approved by Committee.

KF suggestion to purchase enough badge material for 10 new members and 10 partners agreed by Committee but KF to request new quote for lower number of badges before Committee formally approves.

Agreed to include ‘Memberships’ as agenda item for future meetings.

## **12 NEXT MEETING**

21/4/26

**Meeting closed at 9.12**

**Attachment 1      Items of Correspondence 17 March 2026**

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**IN**

20/2	Bridget Kerr	Membership fee 2026 reminder – paid by Treasurer	Treasurer
24/2	Bob Nash, Secretary Gnoo Blas Committee	Confirmation of \$1,000 donation to OMVC – Secretary issued formal response	Secretary
18/2	Kenneth Wade – Secretary Kuringai Male Choir	Confirming new MD – Warren Fisher and indications that 15 members will be available for centenary concert	Secretary
11/3	Bob Nash	Invitation to sing at Spring Hill on Anzac Day	Secretary

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**OUT**

19/2	Secretary	Keep in touch email regarding Centenary Concert – Gerry responded	Gerry Byrne, President Sydney Male Choir
20/2	Secretary	Registration for Blackheath Choir Festival – confirmed that we have got our preferred Saturday afternoon 22/8 spot	Peter Fisk
3/3	Secretary	Phone calls to Wagga and Albury choirs – re centenary concert spoke to both secretaries and followed up with email	Peter Olsen and Brian Waters
3/3	Secretary	All Saints Cathedral facilities form completed and sent	Kathy at church office