

ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR

MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: 28 JULY 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, David Woodside, John Mealings, Ian Anderson

2 **APOLOGIES:**

3 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Motion "That the Mgt Cttee approves the minutes of the 9 June 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.		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. Rocky met Mary-Liz Andrews on 28/7 and she said that she would respond soon.
	Organise OMVC display for Orange Historical Society	DW	30/6	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	RB spoke to Dave Smythe (videographer) re display and he has agreed to do the job. More work to be done collating photos
	Speak to Kea Video and Craig Honeysett 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

	Consider awards to be made at Centenary Concert	Cttee	TBA	will sell to choir and audience. Craig Honeysett (Dotted Eight) offered 3 packages from \$990 to \$2,850 based on 90 minute concert. Extra cost for more time Question re copyright issues. Agreed that a group should review this and make a selection. RR/RO/NS to form sub committee to discuss.
NS to	Complete actions regarding clean out of space at ORC.	DW/RR/RO	30/6 31/5	KF arranging updates of Honour Boards. Temporary accommodation has been arranged & confirmed with Rotary at their hangar (Bathurst Road). Team to be organised to transfer materials when Honour board updates have been completed. 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 have accepted a broadening of their role in the concert. ARC/Lamplighters happy with how things are progressing. SMC MD has raised issues with their capacity to participate
17/2 Item 8	Ex Services club grant opportunity	IA/RB	30/9	Seek support for post centenary brunch. IA will progress application. Deadline is end September 26. RB will forward email with questions for grant so that work can begin.

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 Paul Jarman and Steph Li
21/4 Item 7	Channel 7 story on OMVC	RO	30/4	RO followed up again and provided event details. No response received re Harvest. Will chase a month before the Centenary Concert.
9/6 Item 8	Investigate If Ex Services Club can sell tickets for Brunch	RB	30/6	RB confirmed that they will sell tickets through 123tix.
9/6 Item 8	Write to Neil Fleming, President MCAA, to seek centenary concert financial support.	RO	15/6	RO wrote to Neil Fleming and has received a response in the negative.
9/6 Item 12	Follow up Chris Mills re second key for ORC	RO	15/6	RO followed up Chris Mills and he is discussing a spare key with the ORC.
28/7 Item 5	NS to see if stepson can improve front end into website. RB to provide examples of other good websites. NS confident with general updating	NS	TBA	
28/7 Item 10	Centenary task sheet	All		DW to design spreadsheet. All members to populate sections. Continuous review and updating.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

See attachment 1

Motion “That the correspondence be accepted”

Moved:RO

Seconded:RR

Carried

6 TREASURER’S REPORT

Motion “That Treasurer Report for June 2026 be accepted”

Moved:IA

Seconded:RB

Carried

7 MUSIC REPORT

Noted that Music Committee needed to meet in the near future. RB outlined progress to date in assembling the orchestra.

Music Committee met during PJ's June visit. Updated him on Centenary Concert planning, commissioned string arrangements, confirmed Sept. workshop.

8 CENTENARY PLANNING

RB showed Committee the draft invitation to the Sunday Luncheon. Feedback was positive and Committee agreed to proceed. Noted that list of invitees being invited at no charge was now 42.

Sunday Luncheon. Recommendations from Focus Group meeting 1/7.

- i. Recommend OMVC subsidy to the value of \$15 for each \$55 ticket.
- ii. Recommend notification of Luncheon details as follows:
 - Official Guests by formal invitation
 - Past members and MCAA guest choristers by email
 - Others by Social media.
- iii. Motion: That the meeting accepts the recommendation of the Luncheon Focus Group for a \$15 subsidy per head to be met by OMVC.

Moved:DW

Seconded:NS

Carried

RB outlined charges for Centenary Concert. Potential for extra Matinee concert discussed. OMVC members will be asked what they think about doing an extra performance. Based on choir response, interest from other choirs can be gauged.

DW agreed to put together a task sheet format to cover all of the remaining activities for the Centenary Concert. Committee members to fill in the gaps.

9 UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

MC agreed to postpone 3/8 performance at St Francis and schedule an alternative date.

10 PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Confirmed that nothing was due in calendar.

11 MEMBERSHIP

Committee agreed to accept application from David Brown.

Proposed:RO Seconded:RB Carried

12 OTHER BUSINESS

Roweth family sponsorship - \$10,000

Committee discussed how best to use the very generous offer from the Roweth family. It was agreed that sponsorship of the annual 'Young Male Vocal Scholarship' organized by the ORC was a worthy use of this money. The annual cost is \$1,200 for 2026/27 and \$6,000 would cover a 5 year period. MC to speak to David Shaw at ORC to confirm details of scholarship and ask if it could be renamed with a reference to the Roweth Family.

It was also agreed that making the remaining \$4,000 available to support Centenary Concert costs would help greatly (unless fundraising efforts in coming weeks were very successful and the whole \$10,000 could be put towards the scholarship).

RO to write to Roweth Family with proposal once MC has confirmed scholarship details.

Irrespective of whether the Roweth family are happy to sponsor the scholarship, it was agreed that OMVC would continue to support it financially regardless. A Motion was proposed, therefore, that OMVC financially supports the ORC scholarship at a cost of \$1,200.

Proposed:MC Seconded:RB Carried

Paying Dee Nicholls for music sessions

Agreed that Dee will be recognized by OMVC at the end of the year since it would be unlikely that she would accept payment for sessions.

Recognition of Phil Rees service as Musical Director

Noted that PR will get a special scroll presented to him at the Centenary Concert and that he will be offered free ticket to centenary lunch. Committee was happy that this was sufficient recognition.

DW noted that John Mullens had recently required major surgery. Agreed that RO would send note to John and Robyn on behalf of choir wishing him well after surgery.

13 NEXT MEETING

18/8/26 at 7pm

Meeting closed at 9.35

Attachment 1 Items of Correspondence – 28/7/26

DATE	SENDER	SUBJECT	RECIPIENT
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9/6	Philip McLellan, Kea video producers	Recording of Centenary Concert, offer to record for free and then sell to members/friends	Secretary, Rocky Rochelli
11/6	Craig Honeysett, Dotted Eight Studio	Quote for recording Centenary Concert	Secretary, Rocky Rochelli
9/6 & 26/6	Rachael Brooking	Invoices for Landers, Paul Jarman and Hugh Francis	Treasurer – all paid
3/7	Nigel Sethack	Quote from Digital Wonder for revamping OMVC website	Secretary
18/7	Bob Nash, Secretary, Gnool Blas Committee	Offer of \$100 to buy brick in friends of OMVC fund raiser – invoice issued	Secretary
18/7	James Paul, Musical Director, Sydney Male Choir	Raising issues with participation in Centenary Concert	Music Committee

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OUT\$100

9/6	Rachael Brooking	Information on Centenary Concert	Michael Butchard
1/7	Secretary	List of songs and choristers	Mick O'Neill, Blackheath Choir Festival
1/7	Secretary	Request for contribution to cost of Centenary Concert	Neil Fleming, President, MCAA
14/7	Secretary	Offer of broader participation in Centenary Concert – offer accepted	Peter Olsen, Secretary, Wagga Rugby Choir
14/7	Secretary	Updated information on Centenary Concert	Dave Bryars, Arcadian Lamplighters Chris Morgan, ARC