

ORANGE MALE VOICE CHOIR
MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
11th May, 12.30 pm, ORC Library
MINUTES

1 ATTENDANCE

D. Kennedy, K. Fishpool, D. Harvey, J. Mealings, M. Priest, P. Rees, D. Woodside.
R. Rochelli attended for the first 15 minutes of the meeting to provide a report at 4.3.

2 APOLOGIES

S. Jackson.

S. May tendered an apology due to new work commitments occasioning his resignation from the Committee, which was accepted with regret and understanding.

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

April's correspondence was tendered but was not approved at the last meeting.

Motion: That the Correspondence for the April meeting be accepted.

Moved: DW Seconded: DH Carried

Motion: That the Management Committee approves as a true record the minutes of the April 20, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Moved: DW Seconded: KF Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 COVID-19 Policy & Plan

JM reported that some notifications have been received. We will continue to remind choristers at rehearsal that a register of vaccinations is being maintained .

4.2 Recruitment & Marketing

MP presented a business review for OMVC in the form of a S.W.O.T. analysis.

Action: Committee members are encouraged to provide MP with feedback and further thoughts by the end of May for consideration at the June meeting.

4.3 Promotional You-Tube Video, CD

CD recording. Phil has yet to hear the recordings from the 10/5 rehearsal. He noted the demands of the song (Friendship) and the unforgiving nature of recordings in general. James Buchanan will furnish Phil with the recorded tracks for evaluation.

You Tube video report. Rocky suggests the next step should be a further shoot of the song at ORC in full uniform (singing to the recording). Dave Smyth wishes to capture a good range of footage of members engaged in a variety of activities and venues/environments. These shoots will also provide good opportunities for updated stills which we require for the website and publicity and promotion. Spring is considered the next opportunity for outdoor filming. The forward plan will be to i)

finalise the recorded track ii) Shoot a full uniform segment at ORC iii) Obtain outdoor footage in spring.

Action: RR to maintain liaison with Dave Smyth and the Committee.

4.4 Centenary Working Party

KF advised that the possible dates sought for the Centenary major events will be in October 2026 – 3rd, 10th or 17th. The Working Party will survey competing events during this period and make a recommendation to the Committee.

4.5 Re-visit Outstanding Action Items

Stefan Evans' wife, Kate, is visiting Orange in June. A presentation gift for Stefan will be arranged in liaison with John and Ann Spencer.

Action: DK, DW to arrange with John and Ann.

4.6 BP testimonial

The working party (DK, JM, DW) has met and checked Bloomfield Hall which is suitable. A booking is in place Sat 19/6 from 4 to 7 pm. Planning is underway for a program of music and presentations, with finger food and BYO. Anticipated numbers are in the 70 to 80 range (Cantar with OMVC members and their partners). Stephanie Kennedy and Dorothy Woodside will co-ordinate catering with some purchases and members' contributions. The Committee agreed that the outlays for holding the event should be borne by OMVC rather than levying a fee for the event.

Presentations will be made to Barry Patterson, three new Life Members and several recently retired Life Members. The ceremonial baton will be passed to Phil Rees. Phil has kindly offered the use of his keyboard for the occasion.

Actions:

- I. PR to select music program for OMVC (Friendship, Dame +) and continue liaison with Gabe Rae on rehearsing joint repertoire (Sunrise Sunset & Shelter).
- II. DK to prepare a spreadsheet for allocation of all associated tasks.
- III. JM to prepare a detailed program for dissemination to choristers and Cantar.
- IV. DW to arrange purchase of presentation gift for BP and certificates for retired Life Members.
- V. Publicity Officer (Paul D) to arrange media coverage of handover.
- VI. DK to keep members informed of plans at rehearsals as they are developed.
- VII. DK and JM to make arrangements to ascertain OMVC and Cantar numbers respectively.

4.7 Honour Boards

KF advised that the updates and corrections have been completed and we are awaiting an account.

KF brought to the Committee's attention that member Denis Bradley has over 20 years of broken membership (commencing 1974) and qualifies as such for Life Membership.

Motion: That Denis Bradley be invested as a Life Member.

Moved: KF Seconded: DH Carried

Action: KF to arrange Life Membership badge for Denis Bradley.

4.8 Music Library

Website tracks have several more to be added before being backed up to Google drive and a hard drive. The hardcopy catalogue collated by KF will be updated by KF and SJ.

Action: KF and DK to finalise these respective projects.

4.9 Risers

ORC Community Project. MP reported that Donna Riles is very pleased with OMVC's pending donation.

Old OMVC risers. KF reported that Peter Naylor believes he can dispose of these to small show societies if the Orange Show Society does not want them.

4.10 Vocal Scholarship

MP spoke to his proposal which was circulated prior to the meeting. As Treasurer, he believes we have resources to commit to a scholarship at \$1700 p.a, and possibly for up to three years. Committee discussed. DH is keen to continue making connections with schools, MP felt feedback following our 2019 concert involving school performers was very favourably received and PR is making excellent contacts within the Orange schools environment.

Motion: That OMVC establishes a male vocal scholarship of \$1700 for one year initially to be known as the Orange Male Voice Choir Vocal Scholarship.

Moved: MP Seconded: KF Carried

Motion: That the terms of the scholarship stipulate that the OMVC President or his representative sits on the selection panel for the scholarship.

Moved: DH Seconded: JM Carried

Action: MP to discuss process for implementation of the scholarship with Donna Riles.

4.11 Australia Day Committee

DW has emailed OCC with our offer to learn and sing a verse of the National Anthem in the Wiradjuri language at the Australia Day ceremony and is awaiting advice from the Australia Day Committee.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

See Attachment 3.

- 2022 Bogle concert/s. The Orange Civic Theatre believes the dates provided for 2022 will be available for only a brief time.

Action: DK to book the theatre for Fri. 30/9/2022 (we will cancel if required) and advise Eric.

- Adrian Lee's music and uniform remain outstanding.

Action: DK to follow up.

Motion: That the correspondence be accepted.

Moved: DW Seconded: DH Carried

6 TREASURER'S REPORT

MP advised that all memberships are now paid.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report and accounts for payment be accepted.

Moved: MP Seconded: DW Carried

7 MUSIC REPORTS

MD's report. Phil's priority continues to be building confidence and trust with the group. He will be interested to hear voices to confirm section placement of singers. He is ready to audition prospective members Martin Prestidge and Thomas Hayes. The 20/6 concert with Cantar and City of Orange Brass Band will be called "Winter Notes".

Action: Relevant Section Leaders and PR to co-ordinate and schedule auditions with the above two singers.

Deputy Accompanist now has MCAA repertoire. Will make contact when ready to rehearse with choir.

8 MEMBERSHIPS

An application has been received from Martin Prestidge and will be acted upon after his audition.

9 CALENDARS

9.1 Perpetual Calendar

No tasks for May.

9.2 Upcoming Performances

20/6 at ORC "Winter Notes" with Cantar and City of Orange Brass Band.

10 OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 NSW Government Grant (Community Building Partnerships)

Identified as a suitable source of potential seeding finance for our centenary funding.

Action: KF and Centenary Working Party to investigate through office of Phil Donato.

10.2 MCAA AGM & GM 1/5

DK and DW attended the AGM and GM at which uncertainties arose about proceeding with this year's festival in Sydney due to the withdrawal of several interstate choirs (Perth and Adelaide). We will distribute the survey for OMVC's survey feedback by the end of May.

Action: Disseminate MCAA survey at rehearsals to collate OMVC's response.

11 LATE BUSINESS

DK will discuss ORC lock-up and security with Donna Riles.

Perth MVC will be contacted re. Friendship in Song after we have our recording finalised and in place on the website etc.

12 NEXT MEETING

8th June, Orange Regional Conservatorium, 12.30 pm

Meeting Closed 2.10 pm.

ATTACHMENT 1

ONGOING ACTION ITEMS

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Who	Action	Outcome/Comment
RR	Promotional clip around <i>Friendship in Song</i> . Engage D. Smyth (Drone), record "Friendship" soundtrack. Re-contact Perth MVC.	Priority item. In progress.
PR RR	CD Recording. Arrange final recording of tracks. Finalise product for sale. (Cantar permission, liner notes, artwork)	
	Unreturned jackets. Baker, Olano, Lee	Ongoing
DW	Maintain contact Wal Pluis (Orange City Ctre Newsagency) as a source of income.	
ALL	Testimonial BP. Scheduled for 19 th June, 2021 (with Cantar).	Bloomfield Hall booked 4 to 7 pm
MP RR BS	Recruitment & Marketing. MP leading Working Party.	Ongoing
ALL	Friends of OMVC. Develop rationale/plan to replace Associate Member class	Ongoing
DW	Bogle Concert DVD. Prepare commercial product for sale.	Ongoing
ALL	Casual Uniform. Re-visit in 2021	
ALL	Retired Life members. Develop a plan for ongoing contact.	Ongoing
ALL	Bogle concert 2022 in Civic Theatre 30/9 (and possibly BMEC Bathurst). P. Jarman is supportive.	Ongoing
PR	Deputy Accompanist Rachael Brooking. Keep her updated with 2021 plans.	Ongoing
DW	Helmut Berndt. Gift new CD	When available
DK DW	Stefan Evans. Presentation during his visit to Orange 2021 as advised by JS	When advised by JS

ATTACHMENT 2

2021 Calendar

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June 19	4 to 7 pm	Testimonial Barry Patterson at Bloomfield Hall
June 20	Afternoon	Joint concert <i>Winter Notes</i> at ORC with Cantar and City of Orange Brass Band.
Sept		Concert at Canowindra Anglican Church. TBC
Oct 10		Concert Forbes Town Hall.Change of date confirmed from 9th to 10th Oct.
Oct 31		MCAA Festival, Sydney Town Hall TBC

ATTACHMENT 3

Correspondence

Updated 9 May 2021

Inward

- Email (30/4)Chambers Whyte Design + Print. Amended invoice.
- Email (28/4) Carol Vesey NSW Health re. Bloomfield heaters.
- Email (27/4) Donna Riles re. ORC security and response to our pledge \$1500 for new risers.
- Email (4/5) Ballarat Choral Society in response to ours earlier in 2021.
- Email ((5/5) Eric Bogle responding to proposed dates 2022 concert.
- Email (9/5) MCAA Sydney concert survey of member choirs.

Outward

- Email (20/4) to Carol Vesey re. Bloomfield Hall change to hire times.
- Email (21/4) to Adrian Lee requesting uniform and music.
- Letter (21/4) to Rachael Brooking re. membership.
- Email (23/4) to Donna Riles re. Community Project (Risers).
- Email (29/4) to Eric Bogle re. possible concert dates for 2022.
- Email (3/5) to Tracy Oliver (OCC) re. Australia Day – anthem in Wiradjuri language.