

Orange Male Voice Choir Inc.

Annual General Meeting

7.00pm, Monday 10 February 2020
Orange Regional Conservatorium, Hill Street, Orange

MINUTES

President D. Harvey declared the meeting open at 7.16 pm.

1. Attendance and Apologies

Members who signed the attendance sheet are listed on Attachment 1.

Apologies were received from Gareth Thomas, Rob Westcott, Chris Morgan, John Spencer.

MOTION: That the apologies be accepted.

Moved: D. Harvey Seconded: Rocky Rochelli. Carried

2. Minutes of the 2019 AGM

The Minutes of the previous AGM on 11 Feb 2019 were read by the Secretary, D Woodside.

MOTION: That the Minutes of the 2019 AGM be accepted.

Moved: D. Woodside Seconded: C. Mills.

There was no discussion and the motion was carried on the voices.

3. President's Annual Report

President Don Harvey presented his report to the meeting focusing upon the work of the committee, the need for involvement by members in assisting their choir, movement towards the 100th anniversary and the challenges of the past year. Each member of the executive and committee was thanked for their 2019 contributions. The outstanding work of MD Barry Patterson was acknowledged and the success of all music performances noted.

MOTION: That the President's report be accepted.

Moved: D. Harvey Seconded: R. Rochelli

There was no discussion and the motion was carried on the voices.

4. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Spencer was unable to provide the meeting with a full report in his absence. A statement of account balances was tendered by him indicating balances at the opening and close of the year as follows:

Opening cash balances at 1/1/19	\$43,097.97
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Closing cash balances at 31/12/19	\$44,209.25
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A summarized statement of income and expenditure for the year is attached in Annexure 3.

MOTION: That the Treasurer's statement be accepted.

Moved: D. Harvey Seconded: M. Collett

The president called for questions. There were none.

There was no further discussion and the motion was carried on the voices.

5. Appointment of Patrons

The president invited questions prior to putting the motion to the meeting for appointment of patrons.

MOTION: That all patrons be re-appointed.

Moved: Don Harvey Seconded: Ken Fishpool

The motion was carried on the voices. All patrons were declared to be re-appointed.

6. Election of Officers and Committee Members

Written nominations had been called in advance according to the Constitution. The president indicated that a vacancy on committee existed for an ordinary member and asked for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming. The position may still be filled at a later time as a casual vacancy. Ballots were not required for any positions as all were uncontested. The following members were declared elected to the respective positions:

President: David Kennedy

Vice-President: John Mealings

Secretary: David Woodside

Treasurer: Michael Priest

Ordinary Committee: Mike Collett, Paul Derrig, Don Harvey, Rocky Rochelli

President Don Harvey congratulated and thanked the new members on committee and welcomed the new committee. The incoming president David Kennedy was invited to take the chair.

David Kennedy took the chair thanking retiring president Don Harvey for his work and choir members for their endorsement.

7. Appointment of Public Officer

Michael Priest agreed to remain in position as Public Officer and was nominated to the position for a further year.

MOTION: That Michael Priest be appointed Public Officer for 2020.

Moved: Don Harvey Seconded: Ken Fishpool

The motion was carried on the voices. Michael Priest was declared appointed Public Officer.

8. General Business

Secretary David Woodside outlined the process for setting the honorariums advising that honorariums for 2019 were to be maintained at the current level i.e.\$5,000 each for MD and Accompanist.

The meeting endorsed payment of the 2019 honorariums as recommended. There were no further matters for General Business.

9. Closure of the Meeting

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.47 pm

Attachment 1.

AGM 2020 Record of Attendance

The following Members completed the Attendance Sheet.

Members		
David Woodside	Mike Collett	Peter Reid
Chris Mills	David Prince	John Mullen
Jeff Rogers	John Read	Don Harvey
Rod Davis	Rey Olano	
Don McDonald	Rob Rochelli	
Denis Bradley	Tom Fenton	
Derek Ferrie	Keith Peasley	
Pat Mullins	David Kennedy	
John Mealings	Barry Patterson	
Bruce Middleton	Stephen May	
Doug Hillier	Bob Nash	
Doug Plowman	Ken Fishpool	

Attachment 2.

2020 AGM Orange Male Voice Choir President's Report for 2019

Good evening Gentlemen.

I think you would agree that 2019 has been a momentous year for the Choir.

Firstly I must thank and acknowledge the outstanding work of the Committee. It is the Committee that provides the cohesive direction and management of this magnificent organisation and I believe they have done that through the course of the year in a thoroughly professional and effective manner.

I would particularly like to acknowledge and thank David Kennedy as Vice President for his energy, leadership and wonderful attention to detail, which kept the Committee very much on track and focused.

Huge thanks to David Woodside as Secretary also. If the Committee is the cohesive force of the Choir then David is its glue. It is David's emails and information to members which keep us all informed, on track and focused. His organization, energy and diligence are exceptional.

Thank you too to John Spencer our Treasurer, who did a tremendous job keeping us on track financially as well as investing a huge amount of time and energy in the organization of the New Zealand and SA tours, which unfortunately were not able to proceed.

Paul Derrig for his tireless efforts in promoting our concerts assisted as he was by Jeff Rogers.

Stephen May for his enormous contribution to the success of our Small Halls Big Voices concert as well as other concerts and functions. Also for his wonderful work on our new webpage and Instagram/Facebook connections.

Rocky Rochelle ("the Rhythm Stick") for his assistance with the preparation of artists and the Choir. His expertise and professionalism are outstanding.

Mike Collett, winner of the Rowland Gregory Award 2019, for his tireless contribution to the Choir in so many areas and in particular his producing for us, along with Stephen May and David Kennedy, an excellent, functional and contemporary webpage.

Brett Stanford for his huge enthusiasm, work, laughter and wonderful camaraderie.

Thank you again to the Committee.

The Committee is an incredibly important part of the Choir and integral to its success. Nominations for this year's Committee have closed but I would urge you all to consider standing for the Committee in future years. Not only will you get a tremendous insight into how the Choir functions but you will also be gaining a great deal of personal satisfaction ensuring that the Choir remains a choir of excellence and relevance.

I haven't mentioned Barry Patterson as a member of the Committee because Barry needs a space all his own. As Music Director Barry has proved to be a phenomenal and creative force. He has taken the Choir to places it may never have otherwise been with an innovative repertoire and performances whilst always striving for excellence. All this has been done of course with great humour and a genuine warmth and affection for the Choir.

The Committee was not without its challenges, one of which was dealing with a dispute between myself and another chorister. As a result of that, the Committee has put in place a grievance process to try and obviate any further such problems.

Our greatest success of 2019 was of course our performances, our *raison d'être*. I would refer you to our Music Director's report for an excellent and comprehensive account of those performances.

From a management perspective we also had many successes not the least of which was the creation of the new webpage, linked to Facebook and Instagram. We have also refined our processes for new members joining the Choir and created and redefined roles for our Section Leaders and Music Monitors.

In 2020 we would like to pursue the mentoring and support of up and coming students of music and provide opportunities for performance by student choirs.

Sub-committees have I believe worked extremely effectively for OMVC. This year we had the Small Halls Big Voices sub-committee, a New Zealand Tour sub-committee, the Eric Bogle sub-committee and a SA Tour sub-committee. I would encourage all members to avail themselves of the opportunity to be on one of the 2020 sub-committees. At this point I particularly want to pay tribute to Ken Fishpool, who as past President managed to singlehandedly secure Eric Bogle's performance with us and provide the Choir with an outstanding musical experience.

The financial state of the Choir is healthy with a balance of \$44,209.25. (See the Treasurer's statement)

Our membership stands at approximately 40. Until all membership fees are paid I cannot provide an exact number. Attendance at rehearsals is consistently between 25 and 35. We all need to be mindful of the need to recruit new members and I would ask each and every one of you to personally make that a quest for 2020.

There are a number of challenges ahead for the Choir. This year we have secured the services of Oscar Tierney as our accompanist, for which we are extremely thankful. The challenge remains however, to secure an accompanist into the longer term. We also need to continue our search for sponsorship and other financial support. Our casual uniform is yet to be finalized and high on our list of priorities will be the need to begin our preparations for our 100 Year Anniversary, an occasion that will have to do justice to the history and significance of the OMVC.

Finally, I know a number of choristers have been disappointed because our New Zealand tour and our SA Eric Bogle tour did not proceed. I also know that those who were unable to participate in one or either tour were also disappointed. We should not in my view be a choir defined by disappointment, we look to find occasions that we can all involve ourselves in and enjoy, which may mean shorter and even more local performances. It is important that we maintain for all of us a sense of belonging and joy as reasons for being part of this magnificent choir.

It has been a privilege to be President for the last 12 months. I thank you all for your friendship and support and wish the new Committee and the Choir every success in 2020.

D.J.Harvey

President

Attachment 3.

Income and Expenditure for Year Ended 31/12/2019

Opening Balances at 1st Jan. 2019

Orange Credit Union S1 A/c	\$3,274.58
Orange Credit Union S1.1 A/c	\$1.35
Orange Credit Union S1.2 A/c	\$4.61
Orange Credit Union S20 Cash Reserve A/c	\$22,870.06
Orange Credit Union Term Deposit	\$16,947.37
Total Cash Assets	\$43,097.97

Closing Balances at 31st Dec. 2019

OCU S1 A/c (Working A/c)	\$11,113.64
OCU S1.1	\$1.35
OCU S1.2	\$4.65
OCU S20 (Cash Reserve A/c)	\$16,142.33
Term Deposit	\$16,947.32
Total Cash Assets	\$44,209.29

Income 1st Jan. to 31 Dec. 2019

Membership Fees	\$3,800.00
Associate Membership Fees	\$50.00
Music Fees	\$1,950.00
Sponsorship	\$3,000.00
Concert Bloomfield April	\$11,909.30
Concert Bogle Bloomfield	\$13,840.06
Concert Bogle Civic Centre	\$9,346.26
Concert for Alwyn Roweth*	\$5,464.80
Kuringai Travel/Accom	\$3,048.00
Miscellaneous Performances	\$898.00
Donations	\$596.00
Annual Dinner 2019/2020	\$2,838.00
Bank Interest	\$329.50
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Uniforms	\$40.00
Total Income	\$58,494.92

Expenditure 1st Jan. to 31 Dec. 2019

Registrations/Licences/Subscriptions/Insurance	\$1,444.81
Conservatorium Hire	\$1,000.00
Honorariums	\$10,000.00
Deputy MD and Accompanist Fees	\$200.00
Concert Bloomfield April	\$5,198.95
Concert Bogle at Bloomfield	\$13,969.55
Concert Bogle at Civic Centre	\$7,890.49
Concert for Roweth at ORC	\$5,786.68
Kuringai	\$3,048.00
Member Services (printing/badges etc)	\$4,486.08
Travel/Accom subsidies for MD and Accompanist	\$0.00
Annual Dinner	\$2,160.00
Miscellaneous & Sundries (Website, recording, etc)	\$2,198.36
Total Expenditure	\$57,382.92

*cheque for \$5464.80 presented to Alwyn

Michael Priest
Hon. Treasurer OMVC 13-Feb-20