

## **AGM**

We have .an Annual General Meeting coming up in a couple of weeks. It's time to focus on our future.

We are a performing choir and an integral part of the Northern suburbs. We have an excellent reputation, largely because of the guidance and support of Paul, Hank and Gerry and a hard working Committee. We currently perform about 10 times a year on Tuesday nights at retirement villages and have one major concert at the RSL.

## **Maintaining our product.**

This means:

- Growing and strengthening our choir. We should aim for about 50 choristers who share our commitment. We need to be proactive in finding *appropriate* new members – some level of auditioning would be required. Strengthening our reach to new and younger audiences may help here.
- Providing support to choristers (especially new members) and ensuring that our product is of the highest standard, both in presentation and performance.
- Due to the hard work of a number of Committee members, we will soon have impressive new uniforms.

And to add to this, it is likely that Paul will be leaving us in the foreseeable future. The role of the MD is the foundation of the choir. In time, the future of the choir will be shaped by a new MD, so finding a new MD is the most important challenge the choir now faces. We must also take into account the potential cost which will considerably increase the choir's budget.

Our reputation and standing in the community will play a large part in attracting the right person.

## **Performances**

Maybe we should be looking at widening our audience by performing at Clubs or other associations in our area. This would mean three or four performances each year, probably at different times to suit our audiences.

This also means maintaining and improving our product to suit new markets (new audiences) What does this mean for our choir?

## **Engaging with the Community**

### ***Role of choir members***

Every chorister is a representative of the choir. It may assist members to have printed information to pass on to people who may be interested in joining us.

### ***Web Site and Facebook***

At present we keep our site pretty much up to date. It provides information to anyone interested in what we do, and also more specific information for choristers. Facebook needs to be revived.

### ***Engagement with community organisations***

We will be developing a plan to engage with local Councils and organisations in our Northern Sydney community.

### ***Sponsorship and support***

During 2021, we were delighted to welcome the Governor of NSW and Mr Wilson as Joint Vice-Regal Patrons of the Choir and the Hon. Paul Fletcher MP, Federal Member for Bradfield as a Friend of the KMC. We thank Mr Jonathan O'Dea for being a Friend until he retired from the NSW Parliament in March 2023. Subsequently, in May 2023 the Hon. Matt Cross, State member for Davidson, accepted our invitation to be a Friend.

At present we do not have any financial sponsors. We do receive occasional grants for specific expenditures. This is an area that we will be exploring this year.

### **Financials**

Running the choir comes at a cost, as we all know. These costs are likely to increase substantially when we acquire a new MD. In anticipation of these increases, and to build our reserves, we intend to increase the annual membership to \$280 – equivalent to about \$7 per week. Not bad for the reward we get from singing together.

### **Our future together**

Our future is not about feeling good – it's about BEING good. Good at performing and good at supporting our many activities. **The choir has no future simply doing the same old thing.** We must all contribute to achieving what we want – a highly respected choir where we enjoy the camaraderie of singing together.