

Role: Music Director & Conductor Last reviewed: November 2024

Purpose of role

The Music Director and Conductor:

- · Manages the musical affairs of the Choir.
- Develops the Choir to ensure a high standard of singing and the enjoyment of choral singing.

Key Activities

Musical Direction

- Selects music appropriate to the abilities of the Choir and to the tastes of the Choir's audiences in consultation with the Music Panel.
- Ensures that arrangements chosen are appropriate for the singers in the Choir.
- Liaises with the Librarian and any arrangers regarding accuracy of music editions being used and any alterations required.
- In consultation with the Concert Co-ordinator approves venues and dates for performances
- Considers available repertoire and previous programs for each venue and decides on the program for each concert.
- As necessary, liaises with the accompanist regarding repertoire for rehearsals and concerts.
- In consultation with the Concert Coordinator, liaises with Associate Artists for each concert.
- In consultation with the Secretary and the Marshall, monitors attendances and balance of members in the four sections of the Choir.
- In consultation with the Marshall, approves the disposition of the Choir for each performance.
- Is an ex-officio member of the Committee of the Choir.
- Conducts each concert except where it is agreed that an Associate Conductor should conduct.
- May agree to compere each concert or may request that the Choir provide a separate compere.
- Conducts tutorials in music theory and vocal competency as required.
- Prepares and delivers an Annual Report on the musical activities of the Choir at each Annual General Meeting or at the end-of-year function of the Choir, or at both.

Skills and attributes in the role

Essential

- Evidence of general musical competence and musicianship
- Knowledge of vocal technique and experience in voice training
- Ability to communicate effectively with amateur choir members regarding musical and

vocal concepts.

- Ability effectively to coordinate the work of choir and accompanist.
- Ability to conduct a rehearsal in the (unexpected) absence of an accompanist.

Desirable

- Ability to communicate effectively with an audience.
- Experience conducting a mature four-part male voice choir.
- Ability to accompany when necessary