

Team Coordinator Report 2021

2021 began with such optimism and hope that we would be rehearsing together on the risers and back to a sense of normality. When along came COVID and lockdowns to put an end to all that for periods during a second year seeing us returning to zoom rehearsals. Towards the end of the year it was wonderful to be able to return to face to face rehearsals for those members who felt comfortable to do so.

Throughout this time, even though it made things challenging, not even the pandemic could stop CKC from growing our skills, learning new songs and continuing to thrive. A big thank you to our Director, Vicki Dwyer, who works tirelessly to keep us all engaged and providing opportunities for us.

Your management team has continued to meet and work through the year, and I thank them all for their commitment, energy and support. It is great to know we can all count on those who step up on the management team to do their best in keeping the chorus running smoothly. This past year we had 4 members join the management team for the first time and it has been a pleasure to see them embrace their roles and actively participate in chorus business discussions. It has been an honour to work with such an enthused management team over the last 12 months.

There weren't many opportunities for a lot of our committees over the last year. However, things haven't quite stood still, and I would like to thank the chairs of the committees for continuing in their work this year. Here's to a year ahead where more opportunities arise for fundraising, social events, performances, makeup, hospitality and many magical memory making moments to be captured by our historians.

To each and every member, I also want to thank you for all you have done for CKC this year. Your continued caring, not only for the chorus, but for each other, does not go unnoticed, and in a time where lockdowns and life can get anyone down, it is heartwarming to know there is a wonderful support network in our membership. Your enthusiasm and commitment is what will lift us as we move towards competition and all the exciting things we hope to do throughout the rest of 2022.

2022 will be a year for us to make Circular Keys Chorus grow and shine – a chance to polish and perform our new repertoire and enjoy making beautiful music together. We will need to band together and support fundraising efforts to top up our COVID depleted funds. We will need to find ways to attract and retain new members to cover the costs we incur in running the chorus. With yet unknown performance opportunities, it is up to all of us to work together, plan and determine the future. I have no doubt, with such a great team, that we have a very bright future indeed.

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