**YEARLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT 2014-2015.**

19th March, 2015.

* The past 12 months have seen a dramatic decrease in member numbers – 15 have resigned, moved and gone to other choruses or have gone to Chapter-at-large. Their names have been listed in previous reports.
* We now have 56 full members and 3 associates. Virginia Hackenberg is our newest member, and Catherine Renzaho has passed her first audition and is progressing to the next stage.
* The Membership Drive for 2014 was not successful in bringing new members. However, it is hoped that the two proposed Membership Drives which will be run back-to-back and of 6 week duration, starting mid June, will bring in a number of new members.
* To improve further the wellbeing of the chorus, and to ensure any new members who join us are well integrated into the membership, it is proposed that we have a “buddy” or “mentor” programme. This will be implemented concurrently with the two Membership Drives. It is envisaged that buddies will stand beside the new members on the risers and will belong to the same voice part. They will help ease the new members into chorus life with minimum stress.
* From the beginning of 2015 attendance has been up. This may be the result of a general feeling of unity of purpose, desire to achieve and a greater support for each other. Particularly well attended were all the coaching sessions with Dale Syverson, Judy Pozsgay and Mo Field.

Liz Perry

Membership Chair

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