

Reports for CKC AGM, Wednesday April 22 2015

1. FINANCE CO ORDINATOR REPORT FOR 2014-2015

A full account of receipts, expenses etc will be attached to the mins of the 2015 AGM.

IN BRIEF:

TOTAL 2014/15 INCOME \$ 75,695.91

TOTAL 2014/15 EXPENSES \$88,581.92

DIFFERENCE **-\$12,886.01****

****NB** We have not overspent \$12886.01.

Last year 2013/14 had ended with a difference of +\$27,358.97 because \$11,041.69 for 2014 Convention Accommodation, badges, tshirts etc had been collected in that year.

This \$11,041.69 was then paid out at the time of the Convention in May 2014 ie in the 2014/15 year.

Another unusual major payment was \$1844.42 for escrow refunds to the several members who unfortunately resigned during the year.

We have two bank accounts with Westpac

TRANSACTION ACCOUNT BALANCE \$27482.58

PROVISIONAL ACCOUNT BALANCE \$52,634.79

TOTAL \$80,117.37

Approx \$28,000 of this IS ALLOCATED for future committed costs and equipment purchases etc.

A further \$8647.14 is held in members escrow accounts NB this is money that belongs to the members and strictly speaking not part of CKC funds.

Income from chorus fees alone only covers our very basic running costs. It would be a very boring chorus life if that was the limit of our funds.

The great songs we gain access to and the magnificent coaches we have are extra costs.

Income from performances is unfortunately, despite the efforts of our wonderful Performance Coordinator, not as available as it has been in past years.

A balanced budget depends very much on our wonderful fundraising Team so I thank them very much for all their hard work and indeed the work of all those to increase the chorus income for all the inspiring "extras" that we so love!

We are about to set up a new Term Deposit of \$35000 as an emergency fund to maintain the chorus for a year if general financial hardship dries up our fundraising abilities.

Many of you are now paying by EFT allowing you to keep track of your dues or any other misc payments. Payments for multiple months are also becoming more popular. These two trends in payment are really helping the Finance Coordinator.

Having an Assistant in 2015/2016 to look after chorus fee payments will be a great innovation too.

Thank you to Karen Tucker, who has persevered in the time-consuming and often thankless task of identifying and applying for grants. This tricky business involves piles of forms to fill in and getting very little response. In many cases the response is that we just don't qualify. Many thanks for persisting Karen!

Thank you also for the much appreciated help of Wim Van Miltenberg, who has audited the chorus's accounts.

You've all been great to work for and with and I thank you!!

Cathleen Bartley
Finance Coordinator

2. 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

2014-2015



3. Performance Coordinator's Report for 2015 AGM

The chorus performed at the following events:-

- 9th May 2014 Polio Australia at St Josephs
- 22nd June 2014 Sydney Harmony Concert at the Independent Theatre
- 15th July 2014 City of Sydney Xmas Vision, Sydney Town Hall
- 27th Nov 2014 Kids' Christmas Concert for Parramatta Council
- 7th Dec 2014 Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church, North Sydney
- 13th Dec 2014 Castle Hill Farmers Market
- 26th January 2015 Australia Day Parramatta Park
- 9th Feb 2015 Probus Parramatta Anniversary, Northmead

A number of chorus members attended additional daytime rehearsals under the aegis of Steph Wallbank and Doris Ward, and entertained various nursing homes.

Looking forward, we hope to raise our voices in glorious harmony at various venues where women congregate, in order to assist with our membership drives i.e. Women's Day at local Golf Clubs, Probus events, Open Day at local Universities, and local markets such as Castle Hill & Lovers Market, Parramatta. Other areas to investigate are hospitals within our membership locale, future gigs for Parramatta Council, as well as focusing on obtaining as many Christmas performances as we can manage.

Warm thanks go to all who have stood shoulder to shoulder, bust to bust, in a variety of locations, enabling each of us, as well as the wider community, to enjoy the fruits of our vocal endeavours.

Judith Bourne