



Information for prospective members

REHEARSALS AND PRACTISING

We rehearse on Tuesday nights from 7 pm - 8.30 pm at East Launceston Primary School, 18 Mary St, East Launceston. Rehearsals are consistent with the school terms. There are no rehearsals during school holidays.

Members are required to learn notes and words for new songs in their own time between rehearsals. There may be occasional extra or longer rehearsals during the lead-up to performances.

You don't have to be able to read music to sing with Vox Harmony, but you will need to be able to sing in tune and "hold your part".

VOICE RANGE EXERCISES

New members will be asked to undergo a 5-minute voice range exercise. This is done in private, and is an opportunity for each singer to know what their vocal range is and to be sure about which section of the choir they should be singing in to get the most out of their voice and to ensure the safety of their voice.

As a result of your voice range exercise, you may be asked to sing in a different section from that which you believe you belong or have traditionally sung. Voice range exercises generally take place at the beginning of the membership year.

ATTENDANCE

Although we are a community choir, we are also a performance choir and have several recurring performance commitments. As the official choir of the City of Launceston, we are committed to performing at official civic events during the year on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day. It is imperative that all choir members try to attend these events.

Regular attendance is expected at rehearsals. There is also an expectation that each member will try to attend and be prepared for all performances.

If your attendance at rehearsals has been sporadic throughout the year, you may be asked to demonstrate that your lack of preparation will not compromise the overall performance of the choir. If your preparation for any particular event is deemed unsatisfactory, you may be asked not to perform.

NO-PERFUME POLICY

Please avoid wearing any perfumes or after-shaves at rehearsals and performances, as these can cause irritation for some members.

COVID-19

Our rehearsal space is large and well ventilated, however, singing in a choir can be a high-risk activity. Therefore, we strongly recommend that our members be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. We rely on you to act responsibly and not attend rehearsals if you are suffering from cold or flu-like symptoms such as fever, coughing, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Face masks are optional at all rehearsals and performances, unless advised otherwise.

COST

An annual membership fee covers our running expenses, venue hire, music costs, learning tracks, our various insurances, and official uniform.

MUSIC

We will supply you with original sheet music, but you are responsible for replacing your music if you lose it. Please note that we can only supply you with original music once full membership fees have been paid. Generally we perform without using sheet music.

UNIFORM

After joining the choir, you will be supplied with an official choir shirt plus blue and coloured scarves for ladies, or matching ties for men. You will also receive a choir T-shirt.

KEEPING UP TO DATE ON EVENTS AND PLANS

In addition to announcements at rehearsals, we use several methods of communication:

- **Stack TeamApp** — We use this extensively to communicate with our members. We also maintain an Events Calendar on this app,
- **Website** – This contains information for the general public and prospective members, and serves to advertise our choir. The *Members Only* section on the website contains voice part recordings for practising.
- **Facebook** - We have an official Facebook page which is visible to the public, and administered by selected committee members. In addition we have a "Vox Harmony closed group" page for members only.

CHOIR ADMINISTRATION

Vox Harmony is administered by a volunteer committee of choir members and our musical director. Committee member elections occur at the Annual General Meetings.

VOX HARMONY CONTACT INFO

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