

Canberra Celtic Choir – Yearly Report for MFS AGM

2021

- We were meeting regularly at the Irish Club on Monday evenings until the lockdown in August. Then we continued with rehearsals over Zoom until the lockdown was lifted in October 2021.
- Due to insufficient numbers we were not able to sing at the St Patrick's Day Ecumenical Service in March which we have done regularly in the past.
- Due to the Covid situation we did not perform at retirement homes either.
- In June/early July 2021 we rehearsed and submitted a video-recording ourselves performing "Morning Star, Evening Star" for the AMEB online orchestra/choir. We did this at "The Meeting Place" in Tuggeranong.
- In July we performed a song for the funeral of Bob Hesse, the husband of our previous, long term Musical Director – Julie Hesse.
- Further activity was curtailed by the COVID lockdown from August to October 21
- At our Dinner and AGM in November we unanimously agreed to explore becoming a sub-group of the MFS

2022

- On February 7th, at an Extraordinary General meeting, held on our first rehearsal night, members ratified the motion recommending that we apply to become a sub-group of the MFS
- We are rehearsing regularly at the Irish Club on Monday evenings with some members attending via Zoom. However, as some of our members have difficulty coming out at night these days, we are considering changing to a day-time rehearsal time, possibly at the week-end. We will notify the MFS if this change is made.
- We finalised the process of becoming a sub-group of the MFS
- We performed the Irish and Australian National Anthems for the St Patrick's Day gathering at the Irish Embassy in March 2022
- We have been invited to participate in a Multi-cultural Festival performance at the Irish Club on 12th November. We plan to do this under the MFS banner

Plans for 2023:

- Work on increasing membership of the choir
- Explore performance opportunities at MFS events (e.g. The Merry Muse) possibly teaming up with appropriate instrumental accompaniments
- Continue weekly rehearsals – possibly with an altered time and day (see above)
- Explore performance opportunities such as retirement homes
- Organise occasional Choir Dinners at the Irish Club

Budget 2023:

- Membership of ANCA (Australian National Choral Association) \$95.00 (at 2022 rates)
- PO Box \$130.00 (Could increase a little in 2023)
- New Banner with MFS logo (not sure of the cost at this stage)