

Canberra Celtic Choir Annual Report October 2023

The choir has continued to meet weekly at the Canberra Irish Club on Monday evenings. Attendance at rehearsals has fluctuated for a variety of reasons (e.g illness, trips away, family duties etc). Here are some of the activities this year:

- On 19th February we had a stall at the Multi-Cultural Festival and attracted interest in the choir and some potential new members.
- On May 8th we had a choir dinner at the Irish Club in place of our usual rehearsal.
- On 23rd June many of our members and past members attended the funeral of one of our long-standing choristers, Iris Campbell, a native Welsh speaker, who taught us the pronunciation for our Welsh songs.
- Mandy Scott organised a new choir banner featuring the MFS logo to display at choir performances.
- We have continued to develop some joint repertoire with instrumentalists.

Plans for 2024:

- Continue work on increasing membership of the choir to a level that means we can more confidently accept invitations to perform.
- Explore some new repertoire.
- Continue to explore performance opportunities at MFS events (e.g The Merry Muse) possibly teaming up with appropriate instrumental accompaniment
- Continue to explore performance opportunities such as at retirement homes
- Continue to organise occasional choir dinners at the Irish Club
- Again host a stall at the Multi-Cultural Festival Celtic Village in February – displaying MFS Logo and handing out MFS leaflets along with our own choir leaflets.

Budget 2024

Item	Anticipated cost
Printing, photocopying, sheet music purchases	\$200
Stall Hire Multicultural Festival 2024	\$150
Membership of ANCA (Australian National Choral Association) due in May	\$95
Gifts and incidentals	\$100
Total	\$545