

Canberra Celtic Choir – Report for MFS AGM 28 August 2026

For most of the 2025-26 financial year the choir has been led by David Cornforth, since I had to step aside for cancer treatment. David has done an amazing job, bringing his choral expertise to rehearsals and performances. All choir members pitched in to help during this time. Special thanks go to Kerrie Falconer and Mandy Scott, who organized events, maintained the Facebook page and the email list, as well as making sure copies of music were available to new members. Our membership also increased over this period.

Choir performances and events 2025-2026

2025

21/07/2025 – A choir dinner was held at the Irish Club

13/09/2025 Some members and past members of the choir attended a memorial service for Janet Rickwood, a long-time member of the choir and our treasurer for several years.

15/11/2025 The choir performed at the Australian Chinese Cultural Exchange and Promotion Multicultural Evening at Hawker College

14/12/2025 The choir performed at the Merry Muse

15/12/2026 The choir held an end of year dinner at the Raiders Club in Weston (due to the Irish Club being closed that night)

20/12/2025 The choir performed at Kangara Waters

2026

08/02/2026 – We held a joint MFS/Celtic Choir stall at the Multicultural Festival. This attracted a lot of interest and some new members.

17/03/2026 The choir performed at the Irish Embassy for St Patrick's Day. This was very well received

21/03/2026 The choir gave a short performance for the Creative Ageing Event at the Ainslie Arts Centre

Plans for the 2026-2027 Year

We are holding another choir dinner on Monday August 17th followed by a rehearsal.

We will be performing at Floriade on 04/10/2026

We will continue to seek performance opportunities

We have applied again to hold a joint stall at the 2027 Multicultural Festival. We have also applied to perform and to take part in the parade at this.

The choir continues to explore new repertoire, including songs in Welsh, Irish and Scots Gaelic.

We continue to rehearse on Monday Evenings at the Canberra Irish Club in the Weston Room. We thank the Canberra Irish Club for the continued use of this room.

Anna Brown