



MURRAY CONCERT CHOIR

(Murray Conservatorium Choir Inc.)

New Member Information – 2026

Welcome and thank you for your interest in joining us. Here is some important information about becoming a member of the Murray Concert Choir.

Vocal evaluations

The ability to sing in tune is essential and the ability to hold a part is also required. Prospective members are welcome to join in a couple of rehearsals before deciding to join. If you are unsure of your voice part, the Music Director will help you determine your range and which section would be appropriate for you. Please discuss this with the Music Director.

Rehearsals

- Held in St David's Uniting Church, Albury on Monday nights, and at present start at 7.30pm sharp and finish at 9.45pm, with a short break.
- Please arrive early to help with any set up needed on and to ensure we start on time. Please help tidy up at the end of rehearsal.
- A supper will be held on the first Monday of each month to allow time to socialise over a cuppa. Bring your own mug for tea or coffee.
- Bring your own water bottle and a soft (2B) pencil and eraser to make notes on your music during rehearsal.
- Please wear your name tag (issued to new members by the Membership Secretary).
- Please remain quiet when other sections of the choir are being rehearsed.
- The choir has a limited number of rehearsals prior to each concert; therefore, choristers are also required to practice in their own time. Rehearsal files for you to practice have been posted into the Google Drive folder for this term, and your Section Leader will advise re any extra sectionals being organised.
- Normally, to perform in concerts attendance at 80% of rehearsals is required. If you feel you will be unable to meet this requirement, you should discuss with the Music Director whether you should perform in the concert.
- Please inform your Section Leader if you are unable to attend a rehearsal.

Enrichment through Choral Music

Choir Fees: As the Murray Conservatorium Choir is an incorporated body all choristers are required to pay a one-off Association Membership fee of \$20. The Membership Secretary will provide you with an Application Form. In addition, choristers pay a fee for attendance at rehearsals. Current Rehearsal Fees are:

Full Year	\$250
Full Year Concession : (Centrelink concession cardholders & fulltime students)	\$200
Concert season fee (3 per year)	\$100
Concert season fee (3 per year) (Concession card holders & F/T students)	\$80

- Annual fees or payments for the May concert season are due by 31 March; payments for the September concert season are due by 31 July; payments for the Christmas concert season are due by 31 October.
- Fees can be paid to the Treasurer by Cash or Cheque payable to “Murray Conservatorium Choir”, credit or debit card at rehearsal or by Direct deposit to the choir bank account:
- BSB 640 000 Account 111050557 (include your name on the remittance)
- Choir members who have not paid their fees are not eligible to perform in choir concerts.
- If required, please feel free to discuss payment options with the President or Treasurer.

Concerts

- The choir usually presents three concerts each year with dates, times and venues notified to choristers as early as possible via rehearsal announcements and email newsletter.
- The Wardrobe Manager will touch base with all new members to discuss uniform requirements.
- A plain black folder to hold your music for concerts will be required.

How do I find out about....

- You will be kept fully informed of what’s happening with the choir via announcements at rehearsals and also via regular email updates. There is also a public Facebook page – search “Murray Concert Choir”. Our website is www.murrayconchoir.com
- The Choir Committee of Management is elected at the AGM in March. The Committee of Management meets on the first Monday of each month. Current choristers are welcome to attend as observers. Please contact the Secretary or President if you would like to attend a meeting.
- If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to ask any member of the choir

For more information please contact:

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