

# New member letter 2023



## Welcome to the Perth Male Voice Choir.

The Perth Male Voice Choir (PMVC) is a community and performance choir with a long 97 year history. We sing in four-part harmony (Tenor 1 and 2, Bass 1 and 2) with a professional Musical Director (Simone Bishop) and Deputy MD, Adrian Hill. Our outstanding accompanist is Andrew Angel. PMVC is not an audition choir. Whilst some singing experience and an ability to read music are desirable, they are not essential. The most important attribute is enthusiasm about singing in tune with a sociable group of like-minded people. We pride ourselves on our appearance, behaviour and having fun at our practices and performances. Please see the Perth Male Voice Choir website: <https://www.perthmalevoicechoir.org/> and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/perthmalevoicechoir/> for more information.

We routinely perform throughout the Perth Metropolitan area, between 12 – 15 times a year. In addition to organising our own concerts we regularly perform in private, corporate and community events. We are available for hire for concert performances and events such as weddings or funerals. We try to maintain a varied repertoire including traditional Welsh male voice classics, popular classic songs, hymns, songs from the shows, contemporary songs and opera. We have performed as far afield as Kalgoorlie and Dunsborough. In 2018 the choir had its first overseas tour to the UK. We performed in five concerts in Southern Wales and the Cotswolds, culminating in a gathering of choirs from around the world at the Royal Albert Hall in London as part of the London Welsh Festival of Male Singers. More recently we were represented at a gathering of Australian choirs at the Sydney Town Hall. In 2024 we are planning another tour of the North Wales.

The choir currently has 60 plus members. We have an AGM each year in February. The current PMVC Committee and Sectional leaders are:

Choir Position	Member	Sectional Leader (Music)	Section Leader (Admin)
President	Ellis Griffiths (T2)	Tim Threlfall (T1)	Brian Pass (T1)
Secretary	Dave Bonner (B2)	Peter Otten (T2)	Julian Ee (T2)
Treasurer	Greg White (B2)	John Mouat (B1)	Angus McFarlane (B1)
Vice-President	Bill Carmody (B1)	Phil Keenan (B2)	Marshall Willan (B2)
Event Coordinator	Martin Holt (T1)		
Event Coordinator	Brian Marsden (B1)		
Committee	John Jenkins (B2)		
Committee	Peter Otten (T2)		

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Incorporated Association Registration No. A1005445E  
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The Perth Male Voice Choir practice at Royal Park Hall, in Leederville once a week , Wednesday, 7:30 to 9:30 pm with a mid-practice tea/coffee break. We also arrange additional sectional and whole choir practices when needed.

Upon joining you will be allocated a performance folder, practice folders and a collection of current song sheets. These remain the property of PMVC and must be looked after and returned when you leave the choir. Similarly, the choir performs in a range of uniforms, depending on the nature of the performance. Items of uniform will be given to you at an appropriate time after confirmation of joining. We expect members to provide their own black shoes, black socks, trousers and dinner jacket for these performances. Please complete the uniform size section at the end of the registration form.

Membership fees\* are \$360.00 per annum. This can be paid quarterly if preferred, with payments of \$90.00 due at the end of February, March, June and September. Fees are set at the AGM and are collected to help us cover the costs of the practice hall rental, the Musical Director and Accompanist, songs sheets and choir uniform. Fees will be pro rata for those joining during the year.

We ask you please complete the attached registration form as soon as you decide to join the PMVC and return this to the Secretary or another Committee member. The details you provide will be kept on our data base primarily to keep you informed and contact you or next of kin if there are any urgent announcements or concerns.

It is important to attend practice sessions as often as you can to be ready for performances and catch announcements. Our President, Secretary and Musical Director also update choir members regularly via email within a few days after practice sessions with important information for future performances and priorities for practice. We also use Dropbox to share files of music so that members can practice at home. This is an outstanding resource for learning individual parts. When joining you will be given a link to this resource.

Finally, if you have any questions, now or in the future, please speak to our choir President, any member of the Committee, sectional leaders or indeed any of your fellow choir members. Email and telephone numbers for our Secretary and President are shown below if you wish to follow-up between rehearsal evenings.

\* Membership fees can be paid to the treasure by cheque or cash or preferably directly into our choir bank account (Bank West, Acc: Perth Male Voice Choir, BSB: 306-073, Acc No: 060 7756

**Again a warm welcome to the Perth Male Voice Choir.**

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## **Choir Registration Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of partner: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tel. Home/alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

Singing part – please circle    Tenor 1    Tenor 2    Bass 1    Bass 2    Not sure

Previous experience: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Uniform Size (please circle):**

Polo shirt size:        S        M        L        XL        2XL        3XL        4XL        5XL

Formal shirt size:    38    39    40    41    42    43    44    46    46    48    50

### **PMVC official use only:**

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Folder issued: \_\_\_\_\_

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