



## IMPORTANT - Member Information Sheet 2012

### Welcome to Vox Harmony!

Here are just a few things you need to know - please read carefully, even if you are a returning member:

#### Rehearsals

We rehearse on Tuesday nights, in the Music Department at Newstead College, Cypress Street, Newstead, from 7 pm - 8.30 pm. Rehearsals will be held every week, from 14 February up to and including 11 December.

There will be no choir on:

- 10 April (Easter Tuesday)
- 5 June and 12 June (school holidays)
- 11 September and 18 September (school holidays).

From time to time, there may be occasional extra rehearsals during the lead-up to performances.

For most songs, we make recordings available on our web site or on CD so you can listen to and practice your part in between rehearsals.

#### Attendance

Please attend as many rehearsals as possible and tick your name on the attendance sheet when you arrive at rehearsals. If you are going to be away for more than two consecutive rehearsals, please indicate this in advance on the attendance sheet so we know you haven't deserted us!

If you are absent from choir for more than two consecutive rehearsals and you haven't contacted us with an explanation, you will receive an email asking if and when you expect to be back.

If you decide to leave the choir for any reason during the year, please advise our Musical Director, Denise, or a committee member. You can also apply for a refund of your membership subscription.

#### Commitment

Although we are a community choir, we are also a performance choir and over the years have secured several recurring performance commitments throughout the year. We had twelve performance opportunities in 2011 and this may very well expand in 2012. There is an expectation of each member to make themselves available and to prepare appropriately for these performances.

### **What to bring to rehearsals**

A water bottle, a pencil, and a smile. We will supply you with your original music sheets which will have your name on it. Only one of each piece of music will be issued per member. Please look after your music carefully as these are all originals. You are responsible for replacing your music if you lose it as we are not allowed to use photocopied music. Please note that we can only supply you with original music once full membership fees have been paid.

Name tags will be supplied. Please wear these at all rehearsals. Traditionally we go for a drink afterwards at The Royal Oak, Brisbane Street.

### **Performances**

The Vox Harmony uniform is a black top of any style, and black trousers or skirt. We add a blue scarf for ladies and matching cravat for men. These can be purchased through Vox Harmony for \$5 each (see Jill Forshaw). At performances, your music needs to be in a black folder.

### **Keeping up to date on events and plans**

As addition to announcements at rehearsals, the choir website [www.voxharmony.org.au](http://www.voxharmony.org.au) contains all our news including regular updates about forthcoming performances and social events, plus photos and some recordings. Please ensure you check the website regularly.

The locked section on the web site is available to members only. Login details are as follows:

User name: voxhar

Password: cohen

### **Choir Administration**

For legal and insurance purposes, Vox Harmony operates under the auspices of Launceston Musical Society (LMS). Your membership fee for Vox Harmony includes membership of LMS, so you will get the occasional email or newsletter from LMS.

Vox Harmony, however, has its own administrative committee, chooses its own music, and rehearses and performs independently of LMS.

Vox Harmony and LMS address lists and member details are secure and are not passed on to anyone outside these organisations.

### **Membership**

In 2012, Vox Harmony will have only one intake at the start of the year. The next anticipated intake will therefore not occur until January 2013. Potential new members need to firstly make an application to join the choir. As membership numbers are capped at approx. 60, we cannot guarantee being able to offer a place to all new applicants or place you in the indicated voice section.

If you know someone who would like to join the choir, please ask them to indicate their interest via the website, so we can send them information about the application process.



### **Vox Harmony contacts**

Email: [info@voxharmony.org.au](mailto:info@voxharmony.org.au)

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| Committee Secretary   | Jos Hewitt    |              |
| Committee Treasurer   | Cas McKinnell |              |