

Canberra Celtic Choir Annual Report for MFS AGM: 29/8/2024

The choir has continued to meet weekly at the Canberra Irish Club on Monday evenings 7:30-9:00. We have added some new members. Attendance at rehearsals varies but is usually around 8. Here are some of the activities this year:

- On 13/11/23 we had a choir dinner at the Irish Club in place of our usual rehearsal. We try to hold these about twice a year
- On 18th February 2024 we again had a stall at the Multi-Cultural Festival in the Celtic Village. We displayed the new Choir banner that Mandy Scott had organised, noting affiliation with MFS. We also handed out MFS leaflets along with the choir information. We had a lot of inquiries and attracted some potential new members. Our stall was adjacent to the Welsh Society stall, so we joined with them for a singalong.
- On St Patricks Day (17th March) we performed Irish songs for the residents of Warrigal Retirement Home in Queanbeyan
- In April some of our members attended the funerals of past choir members Stan Cronin and Max Brennan
- On August 3rd we took part in Choiracopia at Smiths Alternative – presenting a 15 minute program of songs
- Kerrie Falconer and Mandy Scott regularly update our Facebook page with news and photographs.

Plans for 2024-25:

- Continue work on increasing membership of the choir to a level that means we can more confidently accept more invitations to perform.
- Explore some new songs while consolidating our existing repertoire
- Continue to explore performance opportunities at MFS events (e.g The Merry Muse) possibly teaming up with appropriate instrumental accompaniments
- 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 (Weekend of 7th – 9th)– displaying MFS Logo and handing out MFS leaflets along with our own choir leaflets.

Proposed Budget 2024-2025

Item	Anticipated cost
Printing, photocopying, sheet music purchases	\$200
Stall Hire Multicultural Festival 2025 (noting that this cost may be covered by sponsorship being sought for all the stalls at the Celtic Village by the convenor)	\$306 (\$150 is a refundable deposit)
Membership of ANCA (Australian National Choral Association) due in May	\$95
Gifts and incidentals	\$100
Total	\$701