

NEWCASTLE CITY CHOIR INC.

NEW MEMBER GUIDE

Newcastle City Choir Inc. is a community group with a passion for singing. Our goals are Friendship, Harmony and Challenge.

Rehearsals are held at Mayfield Uniting Church hall (corner Highfield and Kerr Streets) each Wednesday evening from 7pm to 9pm. We have a break over Christmas/New Year.

An Audition is part of the joining process. While not overly formal it is necessary for the musical director to ensure placement in the appropriate choral section.

Two major concerts a year are performed as well as a **Christmas program** performed in a variety of venues. **Community concerts** (optional attendance) are presented monthly in local aged care facilities. **The repertoire** includes both sacred and secular music in a variety of genres.

Attendance requirements: Members are encouraged to attend as many rehearsals as possible. Generally 8 weeks is the minimum requirement to learn the repertoire before a concert. **Absences from rehearsals or performances** are to be advised in advance to the secretary. Attendance is expected for a minimum of 5 rehearsals prior to a major concert.

Support for learning includes downloads from the website, a practice CD or mp3 and if requested, individual assistance provided.

Fees consist of an **annual fee** of \$55.00 (or pro rata) on joining and a **weekly fee** of \$7.50 (payable for all rehearsals even if absent). Weekly fees may be paid per month or half-year is desired.

Care of music is the responsibility of the individual, however provided music remains the property of the choir.

Performance Uniform

Ladies: long black skirt or dress trousers, black shirt, black shoes, black stockings or knee-highs, Newcastle City scarf (Note shirt available from Newy's in Broadmeadow Ph: 4965 3003 Code No. LB3600)

Men: long black trousers, black long sleeved shirt, black shoes and socks, Newcastle City tie

Black folder: for concert music (music in correct program order prior to rehearsal of each concert)

Choir badges are available for purchase from the secretary for \$8.00.

Supper is held after the first rehearsal of the month. The social secretary coordinates choir members to bring sandwiches, slices etc.

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