

# **Manly-Warringah Choir – COVID19 Policy and Plan**

## **12 March 2021**

### **1. Purpose:**

The purpose of this document is to identify and manage the risk associated with all activities of the Manly-Warringah Choir and its associates in relation to exposure to COVID19, recognising that this is a highly contagious and life threatening disease.

### **2. Principles underlying the Choir's COVID19 plan:**

The Management Committee acknowledges that ours is a large choir and that the majority of its members are at or beyond the age at which COVID19 infection is more prevalent and the disease more severe. The Committee also recognises that research evidence suggests that due to aerosols expulsion, singing is a high-risk activity. With this in mind the Choir's COVID19 plan is designed to:

- Always act in a conservative, risk-averse manner.
- Abide by the Government's restrictions regime and consider it as a minimum level of care.

Based on the above points, the precautionary principle will always apply. So for example, if a decision has to be made on whether a certain activity can be undertaken and no clear guidelines are available, we will err on the side of caution and avoid that activity.

### **3. Scope:**

The Choir's COVID19 Plan applies to:

- All Members of the Choir
- The Choir's Musical Director and accompanying Pianist
- All soloists and orchestra members who interact with the Choir
- All members of the Choir's audience
- Support staff who interacts with the Choir during rehearsals and concerts (eg cleaners, school administrators, occasional visitors).

This version of the COVID19 plan is based on the assumption that:

- As the Choir employs at least one person and has a detailed COVID19 Plan, it is exempt from the 30 singers indoor limit. The area created in the hall at the rehearsal school when the roller door is lifted is suitably spacious, large and well ventilated.
- No concerts are currently planned. The plan will have to be updated when concerts are resumed.
- This version of COVID19 plan is based on circumstances at the time of writing and will be regularly reviewed and updated to accommodate changing circumstances.

### **4. Responsibility:**

The responsibility for enabling and following the Choir's COVID19 plan rests with the President. Judy Williams, the Choir's Vice-President will act as the COVID19 Manager. The COVID19 Manager is responsible for compliance of the plan but will delegate responsibilities to Choir members for the day-to-day tasks required for compliance.

The COVID19 Manager and Management Committee will take advice from the NSW and Federal governments and the Australian National Choral Association (ANCA) and stay up to date with local cases.

The responsibility of behaving in line with the plan rests with all those associated with the Choir, as listed above. In particular all those associated with the Choir are required to:

- Absent themselves from any choir related activities if they are in any way unwell.
- Notify the COVID19 Manager if they become ill or test positive.

- Download the Services NSW QR app in order to sign in at each rehearsal (or if unable to use or access it, identify another member who would sign in on their behalf). Choir members will use the school's QR code facility.
- Read a copy of the plan and provide the COVID19 Manager with a signed document that they have read it.
- Be vaccinated when the vaccine becomes available

The COVID19 Manager and members of the Management Committee have the right to request anyone who appears unwell to leave the premises. People who miss rehearsals because of COVID-like symptoms are required to show evidence of a negative test before returning.

## 5. Required action:

The table below describes the action required as known at the time of writing. It will have to be adjusted as circumstances change.

Action	Comment	Persons responsible
<b>Before resumption of rehearsals</b>		
Coordinate with CPPS	Liase with CPPS Principal regarding the hall to ensure the choir activities meet the requirements of CPPS' COVID19 Plan.	Judy Williams
Acquire: Hand sanitisers Thermometers Wipes	Coordinate with Joe Micali to receive his Bunnings wipes supply.	Judy Williams
<b>Before, during and end of each rehearsal</b>		
Check that the rehearsal goes ahead	Circumstances may change at short notice and rehearsal(s) may need to be cancelled. The cancellation of rehearsals will be emailed to members and posted on the Choir's website.	All Choir members, Carlos, Pianist.
Arrange the room	Chairs need to be set out 1.5 meters apart in line, not circle setting. Carlos' and Pianist's settings appropriately placed at 5 meters distance from the singers.	Tenors and Bases supervised by Richard Verco.
Supervise entry to hall	Crowded entries to be avoided.	John Moore
Take temperature	Everybody's temperature to be checked before entering the hall. Anyone with temperature of 37.3 or above should not be admitted	Anne Scollon. Diane Boot
Supervise hand sanitising	Several bottles should be placed at entry.	Pam Lewis and Helen Reid
Register all attenders	Everybody to check in with the Services NSW QR system as well as sign in on the attendance sheet.	Di Tebbutt and Rosemarie Lloyd
Wear masks	The wearing of masks is not mandatory and is up to individual members.	Everybody.
Food and drink	Bring your own. No sharing	Everybody.

<b>Action</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Persons responsible</b>
Toilets and intervals	Aerosols in toilets are a high-risk situation. As much as possible people should go to the toilet during rehearsal, not at interval. Social distancing should be practised during intervals.	Everybody.
Travel to and from rehearsals	Where car-pooling occurs, no more than three passengers. Set ventilation to external circulation.	Everybody.
<b>At end of rehearsals</b>		
Clean and stack chairs	Everyone to sanitise their own chair before carrying it to the store room, practising social distancing.	Everybody
Supervise exit from hall	Avoid crowded exist.	John Moore

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