

# Annual Report 2018 - 2019



**Jubilate Singers Inc**

INC1900858 NSW

## **President's Report**

Our Committee has been running for one term officially, we are now an association with a constitution and a bank account! Formalising our processes will make it easier for the Choir to run well into the future.

Thanks go to Chris Bell particularly for organising our incorporation, guiding us with decision about a constitution and setting up our web site and group emails. We have really benefited from Chris' skills technically.

Thanks to Stretch, Deidre and Chris for setting up the bank account, Stretch and Chris for the research and selection of an accounting package that manages our finances, and Deidre for minute taking.

The Committee with the support of members increased our fees this year so we are now able to appropriately fund our director and accompanist for rehearsals. The aim of the Choir is to be accessible and open to everyone, so the changes in fees have also helped with assisting those with tight financial constraints.

Our weekly attendance has risen in the last term from an average of 23 choristers per night to 27 per night in the current term. It is also great that we had 6 new choristers join us this term.



Behind the scenes things have been happening such as:

- Mel applying for an Australia Post Grant for us at very short notice;
- Fiona taking on the role of coordinating food for the weekend away;
- Tracey working with Jo to set up combined concerts with Symphonia Jubilate;
- Amanda seeing the need and stepping in to organise the music; and,
- Jo facilitating an invitation to Sing Out Sydney for a second year.

If you have a particular skill and would like to help with something, please let a Committee member know.

You are all a great group of people, and I hope you are enjoying Monday nights and performances as much as I do. This of course is made possible by the wonderful talents of our Director Jo and Accompanist Phillip so please join me in showing our appreciation with acclamation!

Looking forward to more singing with you,

**Cheryl Fowler**  
**President, Jubilate Singers Inc.**

## **Director's Report**

Over the last 18 months, Jubilate has explored a range of repertoire and grown as a group, both in size and confidence. Particularly, the overall sound of the Choir has developed in terms of blending, as well as in creating dynamic contrasts and different musical shades.

In 2018, the Choir embarked upon a term of songs and sitting-dances from Aceh, Indonesia. Beginning with a four week intensive led by Murtala and Alfira from Suara Indonesia Dance, this culminated in a performance at ASYIK Festival in June at Addison Road Community Centre, attended by over 1500 people.

In July, Jubilate journeyed to Katoomba for a weekend of caroling and workshops. Our performance at the Blue Mountains Youth Hostel was well received, and we enjoyed sectionals with guest conductor Susan Reppion-Brooke and myself. This event was a highlight for choristers in 2018 and many individuals found it to be a turning point in their confidence in learning the 8-part polyphonic work *O Clap Your Hands* by Orlando Gibbons.

In August, the choir flew to Tasmania to combine with the St. Matthews' Singers for a performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria* and the Gibbons. We bileded with Tasmanian choristers and enjoyed many a meal together. Later in November, members of St. Matthew's joined us in Dulwich Hill for a sister concert, accompanied by members of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and other fine musicians.

Also in November, Jubilate debuted at ABC Radio's Sing Out Sydney as a feature choir, performing Acehnese dances - *Raoh Duek* - joined by Murtala and dancers from Suara Indonesia Dance. Then in December we filled the streets of Dulwich Hill with carols for the third year in a row, finishing up with a Christmas drink at the Gladstone hotel.

2019 started with an exciting new partnership with Symphonia Jubilate, a fantastic music education organisation working with primary and secondary instrumentalists in Sydney. The Choir prepared a bracket of musical theatre numbers, including *Sit Down You're Rockin' the Boat* from *Guys and Dolls* and *Send in the Clowns* by *A Little Night Music*, accompanied by Symphonia Jubilate at a June showcase with patron Marie Bashir AD CVO and Lyn Williams AM attending.

For the second year, Jubilate headed to the mountains for a weekend of singing in honour of Yulefest. This time Jubilate performed at Fairmont Resort in Leura, the Blue Mountains Youth Hostel and the Earth Recovery community lunch. Guest conductor Rose Saunders took the group on an acapella exploration of choral singing, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Jubilate welcomed in springtime with a performance at the Dulwich Hill Village Fair, presenting a set of gospel and musical theatre. A wonderful morning with an appreciative crowd.

**Joanna Brooke**  
**Director, Jubilate Singers**



## **Public Officer's Report**

On June 24, 2019 Jubilate Singers held a Special General Meeting and voted by Special Resolution to incorporate as an Incorporated Association under the Associations Incorporation Act 2009 (NSW).

An interim Committee was elected with the following constitution:

**President:** Cheryl Fowler  
**Vice President:** Christine Urbanski  
**Secretary:** Deirdre O'Sullivan  
**Treasurer:** Jonathan Fowler  
**Public Officer:** Christopher Bell  
**Committee Member:** Fiona Lakos  
**Committee Member:** Alison Wallace  
**Committee Member:** Joanna Brooke  
**Committee Member:** Sharon Muir

This Committee is up for re-election at AGM and I encourage you to nominate.

As part of the Special Resolution, the membership adopted the Model Constitution for Incorporated Associations in NSW as laid out by NSW Fair Trading. This is a fairly standard document which is designed with larger organisations in mind but ultimately serves our current purpose. It can be found on the NSW Fair Trading web site.

Jubilate Singers Inc was subsequently registered with NSW Fair Trading on July 2, 2019 with the Incorporation Number INC1900858. An ABN (78 212 729 983) and Internet domain name (jubilate.org.au) were also procured.

The Committee currently uses Google Drive as a simple cloud-based platform to maintain Registers for the purpose of complying with the Act, and also to collaborate on documents such as this one. A web site was also established along with two email lists - one for the Committee and another for communicating with the membership.

Along with incorporation comes new obligations, such as record keeping and transparency. Because this is a recent experience for the choir, there are not many records to form the basis of this year's annual report, yet we hope it will become a tradition. Perhaps with more photos.

I have not long been a member of the choir, but have found a new home in Dulwich Hill and look forward to the next year in your company.

Yours,

**Christopher Bell**  
**Public Officer, Jubilate Singers Inc**

## **Treasurer's Report**

In recent months the Choir has come a long way from operating out of a tin.

Prior to incorporation, rehearsal fees were gradually increased in order to facilitate an increase in the payments we make to our Choral Director and Accompanist. Fees are currently calculated based on \$15 per person per week.

A bank account was recently established, and a simple, cloud-based accounting system was set up which has also facilitated online and credit card payments.

Because of all of these changes, the financial statements presented are somewhat limited this year.

### **BALANCE SHEET 30 June 2019**

Because the Choir was operating on a cash basis up to this date, the only significant figure to report is the amount of cash on hand at 30 June, 2019. The choir owns no depreciable assets and therefore no other assets are presented here.

<b><u>Assets</u></b>	
Cash on Hand	\$1,311.35
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>	
Nil	\$0.00
<b><u>Equity</u></b>	
Owner's Equity	\$1,311.35

### **PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT 2018 - 2019**

Because the Choir was not operating according to Australian Accounting Standards prior to incorporation, we are unable to present a useful Profit & Loss statement for the 2018-2019 financial year. Instead, data gathered during the first quarter of 2019-2020 has been used as the basis of the 2019-2020 budget, and the budget can therefore be taken as a guide to the current operating status of the Choir.

**BUDGET**  
**2019 - 2020**

**Income**

Rehearsal Fees	\$16,000.00
Performances	\$1,600.00
Total	\$17,600.00

**Expenses**

Professional Fees	\$13,200.00
Internet expenses	\$40.00
Merchant Account fees	\$249.60
Church electricity contribution	\$200.00
Workshop weekend	\$600.00
Association fees/insurance	\$400.00
Membership Fees ANCA	\$90.00
Sheet music and photocopying	\$1,400.00
Office Supplies	\$50.00
Total	\$16,229.60
<b>Total Over / Under</b>	<b>\$1,370.40</b>

**Jonathan Fowler**  
**Treasurer, Jubilate Singers Inc.**