



## WHAT IS THE AUDITION PROCESS?

We LOVE having new members join us and we hold new member intakes once or twice a year. The process for joining our chorus is designed to be enjoyable, educational, supportive and inclusive.

It's made up of:

- Voice analysis
- Learning two songs
- Completing our online 'Better Singing' vocal program
- Personal coaching sessions
- Attending rehearsals on Tue evenings
- Submitted recordings of the songs
- Visual assessment

### STEP 1 - Voice analysis

During the week following your first night, we will book you in for a voice analysis with one of our trained music leaders. At this stage we also allocate you to one of our four voice parts (Tenor, Lead, Baritone or Bass). Once through this step, you'll be in our new member program, which runs for 6 weeks. We'll assign you a buddy - a friendly and helpful chorus member who sings your voice part.

### STEP 2 - learn two songs and sing with the chorus

Now the exciting part! We will give you two songs to learn during the six week program. Most of your learning will be at home in your own time, following the 'How to Learn new music' guidelines, but please come to rehearsals each Tue evening in Engadine between 7pm and 9.45pm. We will sing the songs each week!

Aim to learn the songs in 2 or 3 weeks. We give you helpful tips on how to learn.

Downloadable MP3 learning tracks, word sheets and sheet music are provided. We give you lots of information and help but you will need to practice your songs at home between rehearsals. Tip: plan a time and place to spend 15 minutes 4 – 5 times a week, solely on the activity of learning your part.

### Enrol in our Vocal Course

You'll receive a log in to our 6 week online 'Better Singing' vocal and performance course, which is a great way to help build the basic skills for singing with the chorus.

### Get personal coaching

As part of your 6 week new member program, we'll organize two private vocal coaching sessions with one of our Musical Directors. These are great for guidance, advice and encouragement too!

Apart from practicing at home, being at every Tuesday evening is very important to provide the best opportunity for you to learn your audition songs and learn with the chorus.

### STEP 3 – Submit recordings

Sounds scary but it's not really!

1. Do a 'How am I going?' recording, week 3 or 4. Sung at chorus or at home. Sometimes we do these in small groups.

This gives you really helpful feedback on how you are going, before you submit for final recordings for audition.

2. Submit 'Audition' recordings, week 4 or 5. Sung and recorded at chorus on a Tue night.

For your final recording, aim to know your part off by heart: notes and words. You get another go up to the final Tue night of the 6 week program to re-record if you mucked up something.

#### **What is the criteria for passing the audition?**

- Correct notes and words, memorized.
- Good tuning. Minimal to no 'scooping' (we will teach you all about this).
- Breaths taken as per the learning track.

#### **How do I record?**

At chorus using your smart phone voice recorder. The chorus will be singing and you'll be standing within the group or just in front. You don't have to sing on your own! And we encourage you to do practice recordings at home.

#### **VISUAL Audition**

We want to know that you are willing to get physically involved as you sing – with your body and face. Nothing weird or contrived, but authentic physical and facial expression. We'll give you guidance and coaching along the way.

#### **STEP 4 - Probation Period**

After successfully auditioning, you'll enter a 10-12 week probation period, during which time lots of more instruction, coaching and performance tips are provided, along with more songs to learn.

Once you have passed the above steps and successfully completed the 10 -12 week probation period, you will become a full member of the chorus!

As soon as we can, we'll invite you to be part of a public performance with the chorus.