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## Welcome to the choir!

This information sheet will let you know all the little things that that will make joining our choir so much easier.

### ♪ **How long do the rehearsals go for?**

Rehearsals are 7pm – 9pm every Thursday night; this includes a short coffee/tea break and a bit of socialising. Once a month we have a social night, where sections take turns to bring supper and we finish the music early for an extended tea break.

### ♪ **Which part/section should I join?**

If you are unsure which section of the choir to sing in we have – Soprano (highest voices), Alto, Tenor or Bass (lowest voices) – don't be afraid to try different sections of the choir to see where your voice best fits. If you are really not sure which part to sing, then speak with our Conductor.

### ♪ **Where do I get the music?**

Our Music Librarian has a black music folder with all of our current material for you to use at tonight's rehearsal. Please return this folder to the Music Librarian at the end of the rehearsal. When you decide to join the choir, you will be given your own music to take home and practise.

***Please note: All music issued to choir members is the property of GALSWA and must be returned when requested by the committee.***

### ♪ **Yes, I want to sign up!!**

If you decide to join the choir as a full member, you will need to:

1. Fill in the GALSWA Membership Form, which accompanies this letter.
2. Pay the Annual \$20 Membership fee (non-refundable) to the Treasurer who will sign off on your membership form.
3. Once your membership fee is paid you are able to take the GALSWA music home, the Librarian will provide this for you. You will need to provide a suitable black folder to keep the music in.

### ♪ **Money matters**

To help pay the cost of the hall hire, supper, music and just keeping the choir running in general, the choir collects a small fee (subscription) from the members. The subscriptions are payable in three different ways.

\$10.00 per week  
(*\$8 unwaged*)

\$35 per month  
(*\$28 unwaged*)

\$175 per Semester – 6 months  
(*\$140 unwaged*)

**Due First Thursday of each month**

**Due first Thursday of New Semester**

**Payment of the Membership Fee is a condition of membership.**

**If you have any questions about the fees, or if you have any difficulties meeting the financial requirements please talk to the Treasurer. We will do our best to work out an arrangement that allows you to be a member of GALSWA.**

♪ **Performance Commitment**

We require members to attend the **last six rehearsals** prior to any performance unless you have discussed your situation with the conductor.

We expect members to take the time to learn all numbers so you can perform them with confidence. If you are not confident with any particular number, we ask that you discuss this with our Conductor.

♪ **You have more questions?**

If you have any problems or queries, just ask one of the Committee Members who will be more than happy to help you out.

We expect members to take the time to learn all numbers so you can perform them with confidence. If you are not confident with any particular number, we ask that you please step aside for that song.

♪ **GALSWA Mission**

GALSWA is an incorporated body hence operates under a Constitution. Our members agree to abide by the aims of GALSWA which are to:

- Promote and develop the presence of a Gay and Lesbian choir in Perth
- Encourage choral music skills in the Gay and Lesbian community
- Be open to all who agree to abide with the rules of GALSWA
- Encourage members to participate in GALSWA activities
- Provide a supportive and non-discriminatory environment which fosters musical and social interaction
- Promote pride in, and a positive image of a Gay and Lesbian lifestyle

**Email Details:**

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**Choir Members**

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**GALSWA Website**

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**Have fun and enjoy the choir!**