Palmerston North Choral Society (Inc.)

Palmerston North New Zealand

MINUTES FOR COMMITTEE MEETING 18 APRIL 2026 at 9.30 a.m.

Present: Robert Van Bentum RV (Chair), Myra Smith MS, John Chittenden JC.

Apologies Sue Brown SB (President), Alison Stewart AS

Minutes of the previous meeting It was agreed the minutes of the March meeting be confirmed. MS/JC

Matter arising from Minutes Nil

Correspondence

Inward

- Responses from Guy and Jenny acknowledging Alison's departure and agreeing to meeting with the Committee.
- From Nigel Tongs. Request for helpers for Big Sing on June 18th at St Peters Anglican Church. Also advising of workshop to be conducted by NZ Youth Choir MD, Rowan Johnston on Sunday 28 June from 4.00 to 5.20. (Youth choir will be practising in PN)

Outward

- Myra's letter to Guy and Jenny informing them of Alison's departure and requesting meeting.

Financial Report.

Westpac current account Cr$14,471.17, Term Deposit $10,086.30.

Accounts for payment

- St Peters $345.00
- Freedom Plus for concert pamphlets $270.82
- Eftops short term hire for concert $132.25

More registrations received. Most chorister have registered and paid.

It was agreed the financial report be received and accounts totalling $748.07 be approved for payment. RV/JC

Librarian's Report Nil

Publicity. Consider one A3 poster for the venue in future (particularly if at Pathways)

Music Director's Report. Nil

Concert Planning

Seasons Concert – Pathways 9 May

Payments/Gifts for performers and musicians: JC to contact Guy and ask what remuneration he would like - $500 suggested by Choir. Also check that Guy is aware of his involvement. Other musicians and soloists to receive a $100 MTA voucher (we will substitute if this is inappropriate)

Concert 2 – Shaky Places at Pathways 5 September 1st rehearsal on 18th May. Roy Tankersley confirmed he would assist as MD for this concert, He will not be available on Queens birthday Monday or 10th August,

Concert 3 - To be arranged with incoming MD.

General Business

Farewell for Alison

Another request to go to choristers to provide information to Kathy for Sue's address.

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit Awaiting a response.

Choral Society Website Commercially expensive. Will try the choir again – possibly see if a student from Ucol will assist.

New Musical Director

- Advertising Advert to go into NZ Choral Federation website.
- Meeting with patrons Myra to email Guy and Jenny to arrange meeting ASAP.
- Selection process Responses will be sent to Myra. Myra will request application letter with musical CV and applicant's objectives. Also ask applicant to conduct a rehearsal.

Next Meeting: 9.30 am Sat 16 May 2026. Venue TBC.
The meeting closed at 11.00am.