



## Guide to Rehearsal Etiquette

We all come together because we have a love of singing and because of our LGBTQIA+ and ally identity. These etiquette guidelines ensure we all get the most out of our precious time together on Thursday nights in an enjoyable and respectful way.

- Please try to get to rehearsals by 6.50pm so that we are ready to start singing at 7pm. This will give us time to catch up as we set up. If you are running late, try to just slip in quietly and join in with the rehearsal. If you can't attend a rehearsal, please let one of the Committee know either via Messenger, email, or text.
- Please assist with setting up and packing up at rehearsal – this includes putting out and packing up chairs and helping with the tea things.
- Our Musical Director is responsible for getting the very best sound out of the Choir. You can help them by:
  - ☞ Making sure you bring your music each week and a pencil for making notes on your score.
  - ☞ Keeping chatter to a minimum, including when another section is rehearsing. This shows respect for the Musical Director and other singers.
  - ☞ Do not panic if you feel you need help or are unsure of your notes. You can either put your hand up and ask the Musical Director to go over something, or very discreetly (this means softly!) ask a confident member in your section for some guidance – but please keep the noise down, sing your part quietly and do not disrupt others.
  - ☞ Please pay attention to the Musical Director when they give instructions. Mobile phone or other recording devices can be used to record rehearsal sections to help you learn. Please ensure your mobile phone is on silent. If you have to take an urgent call, please quietly go outside.
- We have a break midway through rehearsal. This time is for announcements from the Committee (e.g., about forthcoming events), a hot drink and a chat. Please be courteous and listen to announcements, take notes and write down dates so that information does not have to be repeated.

- We are all individuals; we all come to Choir for different and varied reasons. Please be respectful of this.
- If you are having any issues related to Choir, please come and see one of the Committee members. We will do our best to resolve it. Don't let the issue grow so that you don't want to come, or you don't enjoy it anymore. If you have an issue with another Choir member, their children or guests, please approach the member directly in the first instance. If you notice that a member perhaps has missed a few rehearsals, or is not quite themselves, check in with them to make sure they are OK or ask a committee member to check.
- If you are bringing guests or children to Choir please make them aware of the relevant parts of these etiquette guidelines. Please see the *Guidelines on Bringing Children to Rehearsal* on our website for more information.
- Please remember that the music we provide you is only for Perth Pride Choir. If you do not want to keep it at the end of the year, please recycle it. **Do not give it to anyone else.**

Any comments, feedback, suggestions to improve these Guidelines should go to the main committee by emailing [membership@perthpridechoir.org.au](mailto:membership@perthpridechoir.org.au)

