

## Membership Fees 2021



Chime Choir charges an annual fee for membership and participation in our rehearsals and concerts. This fee helps support our professional staff, the maintenance of the choir's music library, the production of concerts and related events, and the overall continuity of the choir.

As we begin 2021, we acknowledge the impacts that COVID-19 has had on our members during the past year and that the pandemic will most likely continue to impact the arts community for some time. Throughout these challenges we endeavour to provide the best possible experience, both musically and socially, whilst also prioritising the safety of our members and their families. Alongside this, it is the Committee of Management's responsibility to ensure the longevity of the organisation through difficult times. As a result of this, we will retain our previous year's membership fee rate and closely monitor our financial position throughout the year to ensure we make the best decisions for our organisation.

The full year fee is due and payable from the first rehearsal each year. Where new members join part-way through the rehearsal year, a pro rata fee is charged, as detailed later in this document.

### Schedule of Annual Fees

The full year fees for new and returning choristers in 2021 are as follows:

Fee Basis	Membership Component	Performance Participation Component	TOTAL PAYABLE
Full Fee	\$50	\$300	\$350
Student Fee	\$50	\$180	\$230
Life Member Fee	-	\$300	\$300
Non-performance Member Fee	\$50	-	\$50

Fee Notes:

- Fees are **due and payable from the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021** (first rehearsal)
- The **deadline for receipt of fees is 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021** for full year participation.

- In the case of those starting later in the year, payment is due four weeks following any approval of membership [refer to Schedule of pro rata fees below]. If, by that deadline, a member has neither completed fee payment, nor commenced an agreed special-circumstances payment plan, the invitation to participate in Chime rehearsals and performances may be withdrawn.
- The \$50 membership component provides a chorister with financial membership status and voting rights at the AGM (and any SGMs that occur within the year).
- Paid, permanent staff are afforded full membership during their continuing work with the choir.
- All Life Members, whether performing or not, are afforded the membership component of their fee while they are actively involved with the choir.
- To qualify for the Student Fee rate, members must be attending a normal course of full-time study at an institution registered with the Victorian Department of Education and Training. Students that have been awarded the Young Performers Fee Subsidy are supported by this package and are granted voting rights regardless of their payment amount.

### **Young Performers Fee Subsidy**

To increase the accessibility of choir membership, Chime makes available a small number of fee subsidy packages to full-time students who may otherwise be unable to take up Chime membership.

To be eligible for this subsidy, applicants must be enrolled as full-time students at an institution registered with the Victorian Department of Education and Training. Subsidy holders are expected to be either current members of Chime or in the process of joining.

Each subsidy package covers 75% of the Student Membership fee and is made initially for one year, or the remainder of the calendar year if awarded mid-year. Recipients will be eligible to receive the subsidy in subsequent years, to a maximum of three years, provided they apply again the following year and continue to satisfy the eligibility requirements listed in the policy document.

Successful applicants will be advised by the Treasurer of their award amount and the balance of fees required. These details are defined in the Annual Fee Schedule published in the 'Members Site' section of the Chime website. Payment arrangements are also specified in the Fee Schedule. For further details on how to apply, please see the *Young Performers Fee Subsidy Policy*.

## Schedule of pro rata fees

*[For new or returning choristers who commence partway through the membership year]*

New choristers accepted for Chime membership, or previous members rejoining after the start of the current membership year (February 2021), will be charged a pro rata fee as set out in the table below. The fee amount depends on the month in which choristers are accepted for membership (new members) or return to rehearsals after a specified leave of absence (existing members). Payment must be received within four weeks of commencing rehearsals.

Chime does not accept new members during the month of December, however, prospective members are able to attend rehearsals in December as a guest, with the intention to audition in the February of the subsequent year.

Month of Joining	Full Rate Fee	Student Rate Fee
March	\$340	\$230
April	\$330	\$220
May	\$300	\$215
June	\$260	\$190
July	\$210	\$150
August	\$150	\$110
September	\$80	\$60
October	\$50	\$35
November	\$35	\$25
December	Not Available	Not Available

## Printed Scores Fee

Each year, members are requested to nominate their preferred format for receipt of repertoire scores - via printed booklet or digital file download - and to agree to the conditions of use governing their provision. Members choosing to receive printed scores will be charged an additional fee to partially offset the printing costs.

The details for the Printed Scores Fee/s for 2021, including dates of payment, are yet to be confirmed. Choristers choosing the Printed Scores option will be notified once they're set.

Payment is requested by bank transfer only to the Chime bank account (detailed below) , as a **separate from payment of membership fees** to assist with accounting.

**Note:** Please ensure your **surname, initial** and **“Scores Fee”** are entered as the reference (e.g. Bakker J Scores Fee).

This charge does not apply to those members who choose to receive their scores digitally.

## Payment Methods

Payment can be made by EFT direct deposit, which is Chime’s preferred payment method.

The bank account details are:

**Bank:** ANZ

**Account Name:** Choral Institute Melbourne (CHIME) Inc.

**BSB:** 013-328

**Account Number:** 3134-73642

**Reference:** Please ensure your **surname, initial** and **“Memb21”** are entered as the reference (e.g. Bakker J Memb21).

Making a teller deposit to the above account at a bank branch is also possible, though it often does not provide the facility to record your depositor details. If you need to use this method, please ensure you email [treasurer@chime.org.au](mailto:treasurer@chime.org.au) promptly with the date, time and branch location of your deposit. Without that information your fee payment cannot be recognised.

Finally, payment via credit card is possible in-person at rehearsals during the month of February – please see the Treasurer to make your EFTPOS card payment. **Please note:** Chime’s card services provider charges a 1.9% fee to process each EFTPOS transaction, therefore this fee will be added to all transactions made using this payment method.

## Contact

If you have any queries regarding the above fee information, or have difficulty in making the full year’s payment as a lump sum, please contact our Treasurer:

**Jessica Bakker**

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