

## 2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Last year's MCAA AGM, held in late April 2021 was hopeful of hosting its deferred 2020 festival in October 2021.

Alas, your committee has met several times over the past 11 months initially to cancel and defer yet again that October 2021 festival and a proposed festival in May 2022. The last MCAA Bulletin announced that the latest plan is to host our festival at the Sydney Town Hall on Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022 (yes, two years late!).

Members will be only too aware of the effects of Covid-19 in their respective jurisdictions and on their choir's activities. Whilst your committee is positive about future prospects given the uptake of vaccinations and boosters and the opening of a number of borders and the relaxation of quarantine expectations and social distancing, we all remain the victim of uncertainty regarding the virus and subsequent variants (lately BA2?). As the last Bulletin advised, your committee will be canvassing all member choirs in late May/early June regarding in-principle support or otherwise regarding October's festival in Sydney, and again in early July to glean precise confirmed numbers of choristers intending to participate in October.

Otherwise, a reasonable summary of this report might be to review last year's President's Report and read "ditto" because nothing musically has ensued upon which to report! It is disappointing, to put it mildly, to report such facts for the second year running.

However, the Sydney Organising Committee has been re-vamped and almost all the artists previously engaged to perform with us have indicated availability and willingness to still be with us in October 2022.

Most members of the MCAA Committee have indicated their preparedness to re-nominate for 2022 but Secretary Brian Buckley will be including nomination forms in documentation to be distributed soon for the AGM and any member of a member choir is eligible to nominate for any of the positions.

I thank all committee members for their commitment and contributions during the past trying couple of years. We hope for some strokes of luck and opportunity for the MCAA and local Arts communities generally.

I look forward to seeing many members attend to observe and participate in the Zoom AGM on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Meanwhile, attend your practices, rejuvenate the "Red Book" and get stuck in!

NEIL FLEMING

President

17<sup>th</sup> March 2022.