



Mansfield Melody Makers is a non-auditioned community choir, started in 2008 by Katherine Yarrow as an outreach activity of the Broadwater Road Uniting Church.

Who can join? Anyone who wishes to share the love of music and singing is most welcome. There are no auditions and we follow the belief that 'if you can talk you can sing.' You don't need to be able to read music or have ever sung before.

The choir operates independently from the church and you are most welcome to join the choir if you are not a member of the church community.

Conductor: Alyssa Maugham is a recent addition as our conductor. She is a versatile vocalist performing in various settings as a soloist and chorister. Her work has involved performing in various community and professional choral engagements, several musicals and light operas from the 1990's to present, and has had involvement with the Qld Music Festival, contributing to the development, writing and scoring of the material used for "Under This Sky" a musical celebration, celebrating Logan, and Qld in 2015. Other more recent performances have included "Diva at the

Dairy" performing solo and duo work on a working dairy farm, 2020-present. Alyssa has also been involved in the conductorship of a community choir for those living with an intellectual disability, The Southside Singers, from 2008-2013. A community music program at the Logan East Neighbourhood Centre, "Let's Get Singing", as well as assisting her dear friend and fellow conductor Cath Mundy with Mixed Beans multicultural choir 2014-2016. Alyssa's conductorship led her to work with a group of keen older musicians at Flexible Living, a day respite centre, in 2015. When not singing, playing music or teaching, Alyssa can be found operating her canine and equine massage and behavioural training business, or spending quality time on her farm, soaking in the country air. Alyssa believes that Mansfield Melody Makers are amazing to work with and looks forward to what they will accomplish in the future.

You can find out more about Hayley and hear her amazing voice via the internet. Just type ' Hayley Kitchener' into your search engine.

Accompanist: Our accompanist is Gwen Ward.

When and Where: The choir meets every Tuesday evening in the Broadwater Road Centre chapel during State School terms. We sing from 7pm to 8:30pm then have supper. It is a good idea to arrive ten minutes early in case there is music to be handed out - that way we do not lose singing time. We all help to set up and put away the chairs and tidy up afterwards.

Cost: As we are a self-funded group, members contribute each time they attend. The current donation guideline is \$7 per week attended. This money is used to cover our costs - supper, music, honorariums for Hayley and Gwen, etc. We understand that finances can be difficult at times, so give what you can up to the amount suggested. We do not record what each individual puts in the box.

Never let a tough month or week stop you from coming!

Music: We sing a range of music genres from both public domain and copyrighted material. We purchase copyrighted music. This music remains the property of the choir and needs to be returned when no longer in use or if you leave the choir.

Uniform: We have not set a uniform though we have settled on red and black as the choir colours.

Choir outings: Examples of our outings are Wishart Carinity Village, Duhig Village, Blue Care Respite Centre, St Bart's Carols Service and Broadwater Road Church Community Christmas Carols, amongst others.

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