

Who's Shoulders are We Standing On? The Who's Who of ANCA

The Australian National Choral Association (ANCA) incorporated was established in 1990 from the merger of two associations, the Australian Choral Association (ACA) and the Australian Choral Conductors Association (ACCA). The formation of ANCA took place at the ACCA National Conference in July 1989 and was seen as a bench mark for development in quality and quantity of choral directors, choirs and choral literature.

Australian Choral Conductors Association (ACCA)

The Australian Choral Conductors Association was formed and an executive committee elected in 1985 at the first ACCA convention in Brisbane. In 1986 the Queensland branch was formed and the NSW branch began during the third National Convention in Sydney in 1987. The presidents of the state branches were automatically vice presidents of the National executive. The following are the National executives of ACCA from 1985 – 1990.



1985-1986

President: Roy Wales
 Vice-president(s): Michael Leighton-Jones, Graeme Morton
 Secretary: Else Shepherd
 Treasurer: Rod Wells
 Council members: Steven Nisbet, Christine Madden, Narelle Todman, Carole Parker, Norma Marschke, Mansel Jones, Warren Bebbington

1986-1987

President: Roy Wales
 Vice-president(s): Graeme Morton (QLD), Carl Crossin (SA), Richard Gill (WA), Ronald Smart (NSW), Andrew Blackburn (VIC)
 Secretary: Christine Greenwood
 Treasurer: Else Shepherd
 Council members: Steven Nisbet, Rod Wells, Robert Leitch, John Nickson, Trisha Cook
State Presidents were ex-officio members of National Committee

1987-1988

President: John Nickson
 Vice-president(s): Graeme Morton (QLD), Carl Crossin (SA), Richard Gill (WA), Carolyn Trotter (NSW), Andrew Blackburn (VIC)
 Secretary: Isabel Atcheson
 Treasurer: Else Shepherd
 Council members: Judith Brown, Norma Marschke

1988 – 1989

President: John Nickson
 Vice-president(s): Carole Parker (QLD), Ronald Smart (NSW), Peter Deane (SA), Martin Rowden (WA)
 Secretary: Anne McWilliam
 Treasurer: Judith Brown
 Council members: Isabel Atcheson, Carol McGoldrick, Graeme Morton, Else Shepherd

1989-1990

President: John Nickson
 Vice-president(s): Ralph Morton (QLD), Ronald Smart (NSW), Margaret Pride (WA)
 Secretary: Anne McWilliam
 Treasurer: Judith Brown
 Council members: Isabel Atcheson, Carol McGoldrick, Graeme Morton, Else Shepherd

Australian Choral Association (ACA)

Titled the Australian Choral Music Association at its commencement, the organisation began in 1976 in Melbourne. Faye Dumont was founding president and held this office for the following two years. A newsletter was immediately established and a programme of national and local events put into action. A change of name and a revised constitution broadening the scope of interest of the Australia Choral association resulted from a series of meetings in 1984. Programmes included a focus on the production of *Sing Out*, national events such as the biennial National Choral Symposium and on local events. The following are the National executive of ACA from 1988 – 1990.



1988 – 1989

President: Malcolm Jom
 Vice-president: Norma Schlicht
 Secretary: Curtis Baylis
 Treasurer: Richard Nicholls
 Council members: Pauline Sheehan, Christine Storey, Peter Ross

1989-1990

President: Malcolm Jom
 Vice-president(s): Faye Dumont
 Secretary: Curtis Baylis
 Treasurer: Richard Nicholls
 Council members: Christine Storey, Nadine Gilmore, Marie Rapp

Interim Council (to oversee merger ACCA & ACA) 1990

John Nickson (Chair), Judith Brown, Faye Dumont, Malcolm Jom, Carol McGoldrick, Richard Nicholls, Pauline Sheehan, Else Shepherd, Ronald Smart and Allen Harvey (Administrator ex officio).

In accordance with motions proposed and carried by the members of ACA and ACCA that the inaugural committee of ANCA consist of those familiar with the

origins and teething problems of the formation of the new association, the members below were recommended to form the Establishment Committee for the first year of ANCA's operations. Other responsibilities to be allocated to members of this committee are: constitutional matters, Australian and overseas links, and Federal, State and Local government advocacy. This committee was comprised of experienced directors and choristers with a wide background in and a commitment to choral music. They worked very hard to consolidate the many facets of structure and organisation and established a sound basis for development.

The National council was formed and below are the council members from 1990 to present council.

1990-1991 Establishment Committee of ANCA

President: Ronald Smart
 Vice-president: John Nickson
 Secretary: Peter Pocock
 Treasurer: Judith Brown
 Council members: Faye Dumont, Carol McGoldrick, Pauline Sheehan, Margaret Lloyd

1991-1993 ANCA National Council

President: Ronald Smart
 Vice-president: John Nickson
 Secretary: Elizabeth Willis
 Treasurer: Judith Brown
 Council members: Faye Dumont, Margaret Pride, Philippa Moyes, Margaret Lloyd, Blanka West

1993-1995

President: Faye Dumont
 Vice-president: Elizabeth Willis
 Secretary: Else Shepherd
 Treasurer: Robert Kay
 Council members: Timothy Sexton, Margaret Pride, Wendy Todd, Carl Crossin, Blanka West

1995-1997

President: Margaret Pride
 Vice-president: Elizabeth Willis
 Secretary: Helen Pietsch
 Treasurer: Wendy Todd
 Council members: Graeme Morton, Carol McGoldrick, Ronald Smart, Carl Crossin, Noel Ancell

1997-1999

President: Else Shepherd
 Vice-president: Graeme Morton
 Secretary: Helen Pietsch
 Treasurer: Moira Crowson / vacant early 1999
 Council members: Isabel Atcheson, Faye Dumont, Ronald Smart, Noel Ancell, Stuart Shearman

1999-2001

President: Noel Ancell
 Vice-president: vacant
 Secretary: Helen Pietsch
 Treasurer: Viviane Knight
 Council members: Ralph Morton, Margaret Pride, Mark O'Leary, Joan Wright

2001-2003

President: Noel Ancell
 Vice-president: vacant
 Secretary: Helen Pietsch
 Treasurer: Viviane Knight
 Council members: Ralph Morton, Briony Arnold (2001 only), Stuart Shearman (2003), Carol Berg, Mark O'Leary, Joan Wright, Christopher Kiver (from late 2001), Peter Ingram (from 2003)

2003-2005

President: Trevor Jones
 Vice-president: Helen Pietsch
 Secretary: vacant
 Treasurer: Viviane Knight
 Council members: Ralph Morton, Stuart Shearman, Carol Berg, Peter Ingram, Sandra Marriott, Joan Wright, Leigh Wigglesworth

2005-2007

President: Joan Wright
 Vice-president: Helen Pietsch
 Secretary: Ray Grant
 Treasurer: Viviane Knight
 Council members: Owen Nelson, Stuart Shearman, Emma Tantengco (to 2006), Edith Webster (2007), Peter Ingram, Sandra Marriott

ANCA Interim National Council (elected at the 2007 Special General Meeting which overturned the outcomes of the 2007 election and for the purpose of overseeing election of a new National Council)

2007-2008

President: Peter Roennfeldt
 Vice-president: Paul Holley
 Secretary: Ray Grant (2007), Helen Pietsch (2008)
 Treasurer: Janet Wyvill
 Council members: Peter Ingram, Owen Nelson, Christine Storey

ANCA National Council

2008-2010

President: Peter Roennfeldt
 Vice-president: Christine Storey
 Secretary: Helen Pietsch
 Treasurer: Milly Blakeley
 Council members: Paul Holley Peter Ingram, Owen Nelson

The above information is from printed material in archival copies of ACA's, ACCA's and ANCA's publications. If you know of any errors or omissions please email admin@anca.org.au with the correct information.

When the two associations merged to create ANCA a decision about publications had to be made. Each of the two associations had their own journal – ACA's *Sing Out* and ACCA's *Newsletter*. During the merger negotiations (1988-89), two issues of *Sing Out* (Vol 5 No 3 and Vol 6 No 2) appeared under the subtitle 'Journal of the ACA and ACCA'. The first journal after the merger (Vol 7 No 1) 1990 bore the name 'Choral Journal including *Sing Out*' but in subsequent

issues the name *Sing Out* was retained, and the volume numbering of the original *Sing Out* was continued. This has developed through many styles and editors into the magazine we have today.

As you can see with over 65 different people filling 150+ positions over a period of almost 20 years of ANCA's existence there are some very strong and broad shoulders for the current national council to stand on. The objectives of the association over the years have remained the same; to stimulate interest and participation in choral music and related activities, linking choral musicians throughout the country and nurturing growth of all choral activities.

The new national council look forward to continuing the good work of the councils before them by creating, supporting and developing choral music throughout Australia. Meet your elected national council on the National page of the web site.