

<p>6. MD's Report</p> <p>7. Other Business</p>	<p>The band will be applying for some grants in the new year.</p> <p>Moved by Scotty, seconded by Murray</p> <p>See attached</p> <p>7.1 The band needs to develop a strategic plan and business plan for our immediate future. This will be discussed early next year and we would like the input of all band members.</p> <p>7.2 Mark and Trish attended an information evening about a new group of Camden business owners and councillors called The Spirit of Camden. Shane Smith who owns Dr. Crookston house want to use it as a venue for future functions. He was interested in having the dance band perform. There are many levels of membership to keep up the latest updates. The band will become members for \$30pa to help us get more recognition in the community.</p> <p>Moved by Murray, seconded by Geoff</p> <p>7.3 Tony has asked for a budget of \$100 for end of year gifts</p> <p>7.4 November website report. The website is working well and Gus is keeping an eye on entries as there are lots of robots in hyperspace.</p> <p>7.5 The AH & I Hall is a venue the committee is looking at for our concert next year.</p> <p>Meeting closed 7.56pm</p> <p>Minutes prepared by Kris Took</p>	<p>Murray</p> <p>Tony and Committee</p> <p>Gus</p>
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Director of Music Report
December 2024 Committee Meeting

We have reached the end of yet another year of banding and as we do I find myself thinking of three highlights this year. 1: our thirty-year concert, not only an outstanding performance but a significant achievement to bring and keep music alive in Camden. This also became Harold's last curtain call in the conductor's chair and what a way to bow out with the Barber of Seville.

2: Our state contest entry this year saw us really get to grips with the whole contest thing, I feel that musically our band grew in confidence and competence and to get a podium finish in the hymn was a terrific achievement.

3: The establishment of a sister concert band in Picton this means we are living up to our role as mentors and spreading the love of community music further than Camden.

Our committee met with some significant challenges from within the band and I felt they were handled in the best interests of the ensemble.

Looking toward 2025, to me there are three challenges facing us:

1: COS Band: this kids group needs a significant increase in members if it is to stay viable, meaning we must get the word out to schools to attract more people to us.

2: Greater community involvement, we are still finding out about community events after they happen and all too often not being included in them, not only is that detrimental to our community profile but also community events are the fun events to play at to break up the serious stuff

3: due to distractions in recent times I feel we have become tied down and stagnant, we need to start moving forward again to keep the interest building and to keep our enjoyment real

Thank you to our committee who so often endure most of the work, and I hope we can spread it around a bit more in the new year

Murray