**President’s Report**

**AGM 15 September 2018**

ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR:

i/

Concert ‘Contrasts’ 20 May 2018 2:30pm at the Concourse Concert Hall, Chatswood, conducted by David Banney, with soloist Sally Walker flute playing ‘Night and Now’, composed by Elena Kats-Chernin who was also present.

Songs with Don Spencer and Banksmeadow Public School Choir.

61% occupancy, 532 in audience.

Donations made to fund Sydney Eisteddfod NSW Drs Orchestra Instrumental Scholarship.

Income to SE totalled $11,715.20 (Sponsorship, donations and program sales).

$3284.80 donated to SE to make up to $15,000.

$8000 donated to Australian Children’s Music Foundation (ACMF)

Sound recording shared electronically instead of CD for first time.

Photographs by Dr Howard Gwynne shared on Dropbox for first time

ii/

Scholarship Finals 10 August, winner Brian Kim flautist. Email of thanks received.

Entertainment during judging provided by Musicus Medicus players Austin Lee flute, Andrew Muthurajah bassoon, Noah Cass horn and Eric White clarinet.

iii/

Variety of other medical events during year - players arranged by Austin Lee

ACTIVITIES FOR NEXT YEAR:

i/

Annual Musicus Medicus Concert 16 June 2019 with soloist Kathryn Selby

Rehearsals 25/26 May (3 weekends before) and 15/16 June 2019

Repertoire:

Piano Concerto tbc - no longer Beethoven 4th

Ravel - Mussorgsky - Pictures at an Exhibition (35 min) -

Instrumentation -

3 flutes (picc), 3 oboes (cor), 3 clarinets (bass), sax, 3 bassoons (contra), 4 horns, 3 trumpets, 3 trombones, tuba, 2 harps, percussion and strings

ii/ DocsVox proposed for 17 February 2019 Chatswood Concourse

Simon Kenway to conduct. Operatic theme: overture, arias, choruses.

Rehearsals 9,10,16 February - Opera Centre, Surry Hills

MOU under discussion.

iii/ Killara Music Club - chamber concert Monday 11 March 7:30pm Ravenswood School - Centennial Centre Auditorium.

$1500 fee to be paid into our account.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

NSW Doctors Orchestra became an Incorporated Association on 10 May 2017.

Charity status was granted by ACNC on 6 February 2018.

Gift deductible status has been applied for to ROCO. To satisfy the requirements of ROCO, it has been necessary to make changes to our Constitution.

Passing of a special resolution to adopt a completely new Constitution consolidating the required changes is essential to complete our application. Copies of the old and new Constitution are provided.

WEBSITE

We have a new website [www.thedoctorsorchestransw.com.au](http://www.thedoctorsorchestransw.com.au)

Hosts are HaveaLook websites. Costs are lower than with Netregistry.

The old website [www.nswdo.net.au](http://www.nswdo.net.au) is being closed down.

The new website will have the facility for online donations and payments of registration fees.

THANKS

I’d like to thank the current committee for their assistance during the year: Suzie Allman, Jacky Pollack, Viviane Dubosq, Andrew Kennedy, Antony Lau, and Tanya Nippita.

Thanks to outgoing committee member Liz Acton.

I welcome new members Isabella Williams, Natasha Freeman and Austin Lee.