



 **KU-RING-GAI**  
— MALE CHOIR —

# Notes

2023/1

Welcome to the first edition of KMC **Notes**. This newsletter is designed to keep supporters informed about the Choir and up-to-date with what's happening. We will try to send a new edition of **Notes** each term.

### **The KMC website**

As many of you will be aware the KMC has a website. Its URL is [www.kuringgaimalechoir.org.au](http://www.kuringgaimalechoir.org.au). In recent months this website has undergone an upgrade. Many new features have been added. Between editions of **Notes**, to stay in touch with what the Choir is planning to do and for reports of concerts, the website is the place to go.

### **The State of the Choir**

As some of you experienced and others would have expected our practices and concerts in 2021 were severely impacted by COVID. There were a few in-person practices and one retirement village concert at the beginning of the year before we had resort to practices over the internet using Zoom. While not as effective as in-person practices, this kept us together ready for in-person practices to resume in 2022.

During 2022 we had a few members retire but three new members were inducted so that at the start of 2023 there are 37 men in the choir (17B1, 8B2, 6T1,

6T2). Dr Paul Whiting OAM continues as our Music Director and Hank Xiang is our accompanist (learn about Hank at [www.hankxiangpianostudio.com.au](http://www.hankxiangpianostudio.com.au)).

### **Concerts in 2023**

This year we have 14 concerts scheduled, 11 at retirement villages and 3 public concerts. The first public concert was held in February at the Top Ryde Library. The third one will be at the Killara Music Club on 25 September. However, the second one is our most important fundraising event for the year, to be held at the Hornsby RSL on Sunday, 10 September. The theme for this concert will be **The Joy of song - Ku-ring-gai Male Choir presents music that lifts the heart**. Please put this date in your diaries and encourage friends and family to plan to attend.

Last year we were truly blessed by the generosity of some supporters with the donation of a painting and quilt for prizes in the raffle and a substantial money donation. We are again seeking items to be prizes for the raffle and would welcome any suggestions you can make, either for items or people you could recommend we might approach for an item. If you can help, please advise our Secretary, Dr Ken Wade, at 0408 644 063 or [info@kuringgaimalechoir.org.au](mailto:info@kuringgaimalechoir.org.au).

Until next time, keep well and enjoy the singing.

