



KU-RING-GAI
— MALE CHOIR —

Notes

2023-4

Welcome to this fourth edition of KMC **Notes** in 2023 to keep our Patrons, Friends and Supporters informed about the Choir and up-to-date with what's happening.

Patrons and Friends of the KMC

Our Patrons, Her Excellency the Honourable Margaret Beazley AC KC Governor of New South Wales and Mr Dennis Wilson, and our Friend, the Hon. Paul Fletcher MP, were unable to attend our Christmas Function on 5 December. However, we were pleased to welcome our Friend, the Hon. Matt Cross MP and his wife Gessika as our guests at this event.

The Choir was pleased to receive a Christmas Card from Her Excellency the NSW Governor and Mr Wilson.

Special Awards presented at the Christmas Function

In virtue of David Magnusson being in his 30th year of membership in 2023 when his health prevented him from continuing to sing, the Choir presented David with the KMC 30 Years of Membership Award. Moreover, in recognition of his significant and distinguished contributions to the management of the Choir over this extended period, the KMC bestowed on David the award of Life Membership.

Concerts in 2023 and planned for 2024

As our President reported at the Christmas Function, the Choir has had a full year of performances, having performed at 11 venues. This is the first time we have had a full performance schedule since the pandemic. The Hornsby RSL Concert was the highlight of our year, being both an artistic and financial success.

For 2024, our Concert Co-ordinator, David Foster, has already booked the Choir into 8 retirement villages. The Hornsby RSL Concert is scheduled for Sunday, 29 September, and will be a very special event this year. The KMC will be joined by Australian Welsh Male choir, which is celebrating 50 years of singing with a "Pub Tour of Australia". Please mark this date in your diary NOW.

The State of the Choir

We continue with 35 men in the choir (17B1, 8B2, 5T1, 5T2) and would like to improve the balance – if you can help, please let the Secretary know. The books for the MCAA Festival planned for Adelaide in May 2025 have been received, ready for preparation during next year. The date of this Festival is changing to another Sunday later in May – yet to be confirmed.

Our more modern style blazers with the logo above on the chest pocket are now in production. We have chosen a new tie and await a prototype for approval. This new uniform should be ready for concerts in 2024.

On our website www.kuringgaimalechoir.org.au you will see that the KMC is a registered charity. Moreover, donations over \$2 to the Ku-ring-gai Male Choir are now fully tax deductible. If you wish to make a donation, please contact the Secretary on info@kuringgaimalechoir.org.au for our bank details.

Wishing you a very happy Holiday Season and a great 2024.

