



Welcome to this fourth edition of KMC **Notes** in 2024 to keep our Patrons, Friends and Supporters informed about the Choir and up-to-date with what's happening.

Concerts during 2024

During 2024 the Choir performed at Aminya Village, the Epping Club, Alan Walker Village, Huon Park Village, the Hornsby RSL Club, Glenhaven Green Village and lastly Rowland Village at Galston. At each of these concerts the contributions of Hank Xiang, our accompanist, and Anita Kyle, our guest soprano, were greatly appreciated. The donations from the villages support our charities, the National Braille Music Camp and the Prostate Foundation of Australia.

Celebrations at the 2024 Christmas Function

As well as celebrating the end of a successful year of singing at our Christmas Function on Tuesday 10 December, the Choir and guests witnessed the presentation of some significant service awards.

After 30 years of membership with the Choir, Tim Moore was presented with the 30 Years of Membership Award – a certificate and a special name tag.

In Tom's absence, the President advised that Tom Dixen would be presented with the 20 Years of Membership Award at the next convenient meeting of the Choir.

To honour the dedication and selfless commitment of Dr Paul Whiting OAM to the Choir over 25 years as Music Director and Conductor, Dr John Gallo, who joined the Choir just before Paul's appointment, delivered a Vote of Thanks from the Choir and guests present. John shared anecdotes of the experiences of various Choir members from over the years, accompanied by a selection of pictures.

At the completion of John's presentation, the President, Mr Gidley McCullagh, presented Paul with a Plaque from the Choir acknowledging his invaluable contribution over 25 years to the Choir.

The State of the Choir

With the resignation of a B2 and the return of a T2 from leave, going into 2025 the choir has 36 active members (16B1, 9B2, 5T1, 6T2) and we would like to improve the balance – if you can help, please let the Secretary know.

With Paul having advised the Committee he would like to retire from the positions of MD and Conductor, significant efforts have been made during 2024 to find a suitable replacement, but to no avail as yet. If you are aware of somebody who could take the KMC into the next phase of its development, please point them to the website www.kuringgaimalechoir.org.au where there is information about this position.

The Male Choirs Association of Australia Festival

On Sunday, 25 May 2025, at the Adelaide Entertainment Centre, the MCAA is presenting a Choral Festival. The KMC is one of maybe 13 choirs contributing members so that the choir on the day will be 350+. We have 16 songs to learn by heart. If you can come to Adelaide, you will be most welcome and this will likely be an unforgettable event.

Link to KMC Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/kuringgaimalechoir>

Wishing you a very happy Holiday Season and a great 2025.



