

Welcome to the first edition of KMC **Notes** in 2025 to keep our Patrons, Friends and Supporters informed about the Choir and up-to-date with what's happening.

### **Events so far in 2025**

In early March the Choir performed at Aminya Village, with the contributions of Hank Xiang, our accompanist, and Anita Kyle, our guest soprano, being greatly appreciated. The donation from this concert supports our charities, the National Braille Music Camp and the Prostate Foundation of Australia.

In early April, Ken and Anna Davis (with Talia) kindly opened their home at Lemon Tree and hosted members of the choir and partners to a very well received lunch and very restful afternoon, enjoyed by all who could attend.

On 22 April, the Choir contributed to an Anzac Day Commemoration Service at the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway (Concord).

### **Celebrations at the 2024 Christmas Function**



As mentioned in KMC **Notes** 2024-1, President Gidley McCullagh presented Tim Moore with the 30 Years of Membership Award – a certificate and a special name tag.

Dr Paul Whiting OAM (and Jenny) received a Plaque presented by the Choir acknowledging his invaluable contribution over 25 years as Music Director and Conductor.



### **How's the Choir going?**

In early 2025 President Gidley McCullagh presented Tom Dixen with the 20 Years Membership Award – a certificate with a special name tag.



Also early in 2025, 4 members withdrew from the Choir. Among them was Terry Barrett who, as well as being Secretary for a number of years, prepared the 60 Year History of the Choir. This means we now have 32 active members (15B1, 9B2, 4T1, 4T2) and we would like to improve the balance – if you can help, please let the Secretary know.

We continue to search for a Music Director and Conductor so Paul can retire. 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](http://www.kuringgaimalechoir.org.au) where there is information about this position.

Since he is not standing for re-election, the Choir thanks Paul Fletcher MP, federal member for Bradfield, for being a Friend of the KMC since November 2021 and wishes him well for the future.

### **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.

