



KU-RING-GAI
— MALE CHOIR —

Notes

2024-1

Welcome to this first 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.

Retirement of Music Director, Dr Paul Whiting OAM

After 25 years as the Music Director of the KMC our Music Director, Dr Paul Whiting OAM has advised he wishes to retire from this role by the end of 2024. During this extensive period of voluntary service to the Choir Paul contributed enormously to the enhancement of the quality of the choir and supported the staging of the Male Choirs' Association of Australia public concerts. We plan to thank Paul appropriately at our Christmas Function planned for Tuesday 10 December at the Hornsby RSL. If you would like to be put on the email list for information about this event, please advise the Secretary at info@kuringgaimalechoir.org.au.

The State of the Choir

During this term we have been fortunate to induct 3 new members to the Choir. We continue with 36 men in the choir (16B1, 9B2, 5T1, 6T2) and would like to improve the balance – if you can help, please let the Secretary know. We have begun work on the songs for the MCAA Festival planned for Adelaide on 25 May 2025.

After 33 years of tireless support in the T1 section of the Choir, Barry Alsop retired early in this past term. He was one of the longest standing members of the Choir and we wish Barry all the best for the coming years.

Our more modern style blazers with the logo above on the chest pocket and our new ties have arrived and are being distributed to Choir members. We look forward to wearing this new uniform at concerts in 2024. This new uniform has been funded by a grant from the Stronger Communities Program of the Australian Government and we thank the Hon. Paul Fletcher, MP for Bradfield, for his support.

Concerts in 2024 and planned for 2025

Our second concert this year will be a public concert at the Epping Club where we will participate in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday, 23 May, 2024 at 10.30am. If you plan to attend, please book at the Club.

In 2024, we are booked into 6 retirement villages and our Concert Co-ordinator is seeking more venues. 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.

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. We know that we will likely need to pay our incoming Music Director, so any support you may be able to give the Choir will be greatly appreciated. If you wish to make a donation, please contact the Secretary on info@kuringgaimalechoir.org.au for our bank details.

