



**KU-RING-GAI**  
— MALE CHOIR —

# Notes

2025-4

Welcome to this fourth 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.

**Concerts during 2025**

During 2025 the Choir performed at Aminya Village, an ANZAC Day Memorial Service, the MCAA Adelaide Festival, Huon Park Village, Alan Walker Village, the Hornsby RSL Club, Lindfield Gardens, Rowland Village and lastly the Anglicare Village Castle Hill (see picture below). 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 2025 Christmas Function**

As well as celebrating the end of a successful year of singing at our Christmas Function on Tuesday 9 December, the Choir and guests witnessed the presentation of some significant service awards.



Our President, Jerry Williams, delivered his 2025 Annual Report and presented Ken Taylor and Mark Rodowicz with the Choir's 20 Years of Membership Award – a certificate and a special name tag.

Our Music Director, Dr Paul Whiting OAM, delivered his 2025 Annual Report, his final report after 26 years in the role. Following Paul's report, Gerry Foley, our Associate Conductor and long-time member of the Choir, presented a tribute to Paul, including the following:



*From 2000 onwards, for 26 years, Paul has led and inspired the choir. We all know the power of choral singing to improve our well-being mentally, physically and socially. I don't know exactly how many choir members have benefitted in this way over the years, but I guess it's several hundred. Then there's all the enjoyment brought to our audiences in retirement villages, and other venues – this would run into thousands of people.*



In appreciation of Paul's 26 years of inspired leadership of the Choir and the unfailing support given him by his wife, Jenny, the Choir presented them with an engraved silverplate tray.

**The State of the Choir**

With Paul having retired, significant efforts have been made to find an MD/Conductor for 2026, with some possible replacements under consideration. Please see the website [www.kuringgaimalechoir.org.au](http://www.kuringgaimalechoir.org.au) for more information about this position.

Wishing you a very happy Holiday Season and a great 2026.

