

## PATRON'S AWARD 2015

It is always a pleasure to present the Patron's Award and 2015 is no exception, marking as it does the tenth anniversary of the inception of the Award.

While the Australian Rugby Choir is held in high esteem in the community for its undoubted musical prowess, behind that is another integral component of a good choir and that is strong planning, administration and involvement by members. Our Choir has all this aplenty, extending beyond the excellent line of Presidents and hard-working Committee well into the wider Membership.

In this regard, it comes as no surprise that six Members of the Choir were nominated for this year's Award, a clear indication of the depth of significant involvement by Members, thereby ensuring a healthy vibrancy to be envied.

The Patron's Award for 2015 goes to Eddy Stevens who has epitomised major contributions to the Choir over a number of years.

Eddy stepped down from being Vice-President in August 2014 after five years as Vice-President, and from the Committee proper in August this year.

Eddy was a considerable and objective sounding board for the President and worked with the President to establish firm associations with the Choir's sponsors and stakeholders. He was assiduous in his scrutiny of the Choir's finances and forward financial planning and budgeting, and he provided advice borne of relevant experience concerning organisational structures for the Committee and Members.

Eddy also headed a sub-Committee that recommended the final choice of blazer and, subsequently, the white shirt that were added to the Choir's uniform.

He also organised the last five Annual Recognition Dinners which were all highly successful and well received.

And throughout all his involvement with the Choir Eddy has availed Members of his unending flirtatious wit and charm.

Eddy, congratulations on the Award as a well-deserved recognition by your colleagues in The Australian Rugby Choir.