

Patron's Award 2010

It gives me great pleasure to present the Patron's Award for 2010 to a Choir member so highly regarded by his fellow choristers. Quite clearly this recipient is recognised as the administrative pillar of the Choir. I speak of course of your long-standing Secretary and Public Officer, Geoff Ford.

In his role as Secretary extending around 8 years, Geoff has performed admirably. His nominators note that with his meticulous approach, he far exceeds what might be expected in the wide-ranging work of such a busy choir as The Australian Rugby Choir. In so doing, he exhibits marked loyalty to the standards and aims of the Choir and maintains a real interest in the personal lives of members.

Geoff is also a great supporter and source of assistance with the wonderful Sibelius software so important to individual Choir members in achieving the increasingly high levels of performance set by the ARC in recent years. He selflessly gives of his time to conduct tutorials in the use of Sibelius including visits to members in their own homes. He is always approachable with queries relating to the on-line facility and his advice is invariably good.

Additionally, Geoff brings much more to the Choir, ... whether by assisting with surveys and their analyses, by providing a wealth of knowledge about the Choir, by offering considered opinions fairly and objectively, and, by no means the least important, by regularly attending practices and gigs.

In summary, Geoff Ford has been described as a quintessentially quiet, unobtrusive, dedicated, diligent and selfless member of the Choir, very much the "go-to" man ... a most worthy recipient of the Patron's Award for 2010 for his outstanding service to the Choir.