

PATRON'S AWARD ^{May} 2022

Alpha Gregory
presented.

Good Evening Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

When your Patron Ian McLean advised he wouldn't be able to attend this year's Annual Dinner, I was delighted to accept an invitation to present the Patron's Award for 2022.

The Award was inaugurated in 2005 by the ARC's Foundation Patron, David Lewis, OAM to enable Choir members to acknowledge any outstanding contribution to the Choir each year. It was awarded every year until Covid-19 hit the Choir severely in 2020 and 2021 along of course with many other community organisations. Although Covid is still very much with us, it is wonderful that the Choir has been able to resume its normal activities, especially its concerts, albeit on a reduced scale.

It may not come as a great surprise then that the recipient of the 2022 Patron's Award has had a major role in assisting the Choir to get back on its feet. His involvement has also extended well into other important areas of the Choir's needs, as I shall outline. And so it is with much pleasure that I announce that the recipient of the 2022 Patron's Award is **PAUL GREEN.**

Paul is a strong member of the Choir's Management Committee and he regularly attends practices and gigs. As the ARC's Covid Safety Officer Paul has led the Choir's mandatory Covid-19 safety policy preparation and management plan and has provided and still provides up-to-date information on prevailing government restrictions. This has required him to be involved for almost three years in considerable research to guide the Choir through a very difficult time in its life. In doing so he has helped protect the health and safety of all Choir members, a task undertaken very seriously and with much zeal, especially given the age cohort of the Choir.

In his role as Safety Officer, Paul has been heavily involved in identifying suitable premises for weekly practices. This has been a difficult and time-consuming task taking into account the various essential considerations in order to comply with the Choir's Safety Policy/Plan

Paul has also done an amazing job keeping the Choir's music and data files up to date. He has reliably overseen sheet music needs via regular Dropbox updates and has continued his careful attention to the ARC's copyright and licensing obligations. His contribution in providing music especially through Sibelius has been most beneficial to many members.

In another role Paul has been instrumental in setting up Zoom links for members unable to attend practices and he has willingly provided assistance to members seeking help. His all-round assistance to the Choir has even witnessed him acting as Equipment Officer on several occasions.

From the above details you will see that Paul has been a diligent, dedicated and passionate supporter of the Choir, working assiduously on numerous unattractive, demanding but essential tasks to help ensure the Choir operates efficiently.

PAUL GREEN, YOUR COLLEAGUES IN THE AUSTRALIAN RUGBY CHOIR HAVE RECOGNISED THE EXTENT AND THE DEPTH OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CHOIR AND IT GIVES ME MUCH PLEASURE IN PRESENTING YOU WITH THE SILVER TRAY FOR THE 2022 PATRON'S AWARD.