

Shona McIntyre-Bull
Life Membership Citation
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For more than four decades, Shona has made an extraordinary contribution to choral music in Aotearoa New Zealand as a singer, educator, mentor, adjudicator, administrator, and advocate for young singers. Her commitment to excellence in choral music, together with her long and distinguished service to the New Zealand Choral Federation, has had a lasting impact on generations of choristers and music educators.

Throughout her life, Shona has participated in choral music at the highest level. She was a founding member of the National Youth Choir and was a core member of Voices New Zealand for over 20 years. Additionally, Shona has sung with many of Auckland's foremost ensembles, including Auckland University Singers, Auckland Chamber Choir, and Viva Voce. Alongside her ensemble work, she has regularly performed as a soloist and has been an active contributor to New Zealand's choral community over many years.

NZCF has benefited enormously from Shona's leadership and expertise. She served on the Auckland Regional Committee for more than two decades and represented the region on the NZCF National Executive, contributing her knowledge and experience to numerous NZCF initiatives. She was a member of the NZCF Education Group, helping to develop and deliver choral directing workshops throughout New Zealand and co-authoring *ABCD - Absolutely Basic Choral Conducting*, a resource that supported the development of emerging conductors nationwide.

Prior to its rebranding as *The Big Sing*, Shona was a regional and National Finale adjudicator for the New Zealand Secondary Schools Choral Festivals and served on the Auckland organising committee.

In 1998, together with Leonie Lawson, Shona established the Young Voices Choral Awards, providing a platform for primary-aged choirs to perform and receive expert feedback. Their vision and advocacy led directly to NZCF adopting and expanding the event nationally as *The Kids Sing*, which continues to provide an inspiring choral experience for thousands of children each year.

Shona's leadership roles within NZCF also included two years as Events & Membership Services Manager – during which time she managed *The Classic Sing* – and five years on the Governance Board.

Shona's contribution extends well beyond NZCF. As Music Adviser to Schools in Auckland, lecturer in Music Education at Auckland College of Education, and later Director of Choirs at Diocesan School for Girls, she inspired countless young people and teachers through her passion for music education. Her leadership helped build thriving choral programmes and fostered a lifelong love of singing in many students.

In all her many roles, Shona has given generously of her time, expertise, and enthusiasm to strengthen choral music in New Zealand. Her influence can be seen in the success of programmes she helped create, the musicians she has mentored, and the vibrant choral culture she has helped nurture. In recognition of her outstanding service and enduring contribution to the New Zealand choral community, the NZCF Board is delighted to confer Life Membership on Shona McIntyre-Bull.