

In support of the Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Committee's unanimous decision to recommend to the New Zealand Choral Federation Governance Board that CARROL J DONOGHUE be presented with the NZCF Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her long and outstanding service to our Regional Committee and to choral music in general, we submit this citation.

Carrol was a foundation member of the NZ Choral Federation while living in Auckland, during which time she sang with the Auckland Choral Society. Carrol became a member of the Institute of Registered Music Teachers and taught piano and theory over many years.

With her husband Colin and family, Carrol moved to Palmerston North in 1995 when she became a member of the Palmerston North Choral Society. Her organizing ability was soon recognized and she was elected to the Committee of the Society in 1996. Carrol was elevated to the Office of Senior Vice President in 1997 and then served the customary 2 years as President from 1998 to 2000 – a rapid rise in status for a new member.

In addition to the Offices she held with the Society, since 1997 Carrol has carried out the exacting task of Archive's Officer for the Society. In its 90th Jubilee year and its Centenary year in 2019 she produced brilliant weekly displays of historical information gleaned from records dating back to the formation of the Society. She still carries out this important task.

After a short break from committee work, Carrol took on the demanding role of Secretary, serving from September 2007 until April 2010.

Carrol came back as a Palmerston North Choral Society Committee member from 2011 to 2020 and again took on duties as Senior Vice President, from 2015 to 2020 deputizing for the President when she was not available. Carrol continues singing with the choir.

Honorary Life Membership of the Palmerston North Choral Society was conferred on Carrol in 2005 to mark her distinguished service.

Guy Donaldson, Musical Director of the Renaissance Singers from 1989 to 2019 has confirmed that Carrol joined that choir in 1996 and made a significant and valuable contribution to committee work with her specialty being in compiling and presenting print-ready concert programmes right up to the time of her retirement from the committee in 2021. Carrol continues singing with the Renaissance Singers, a Palmerston North auditioned choir.

Carrol was a member of the Regional The Big Sing committee from 2006 to 2017 and besides compiling the TBS festival programme each year, also manned the reception desk at the Regent Theatre – the venue for the festival. Carrol also served on the organizing committee for the Kids Sing Regional Festival for 2019 and 2020

In April 2011 Carrol became a member of the Regional Committee, a position she held until May 2021, when she chose not to stand for re-election.

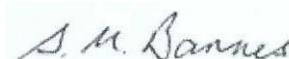
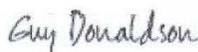
As can be seen from this citation Carrol Donoghue has given long and distinguished service to the NZ Choral Federation at a Regional level, as well as taking a very active part in the musical scene in the Manawatu area and we consider is a worthy recipient of the Federation's Distinguished Service Award.

For New Zealand Choral Federation, Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Committee

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