

Doris Ward Award 2014

This year's winner is Kate Hawkins

Kate has such a heart for our chorus and Sweet Adelines in general and works tirelessly to raise our profile in the community at many different levels – and not always with the support and acknowledgement of others. She is hardworking and reliable and gives unstintingly of her time and efforts to promote both CKC and the Region as positively and as widely as possible.

Kate is a true and dedicated Sweet Adeline and a member of CKC who thinks constantly of others and gives of her services cheerily, willingly, professionally and passionately.

Kate also received the Regional “Quiet Achiever Award” last year.

We acknowledge the other Nominees for 2014 who generously give of their love, time and efforts to CKC.

Cathy Bartley. Cathy's contribution as our treasurer is HUGE.

Heather Finch. We would like to recognise the ongoing and tireless work of Heather Finch, both as photo custodian and riser-maker (riser sheets) extraordinaire, using many different, often tedious programs, for hundreds of hours over many years. The Photobucket folders are full of wonderful history for our chorus and great fun to trawl through. She's a CKC member to be proud of, is quick to put her name down for performances, and always has a cheery anecdote to spice up the occasion! She is never one to snipe, and is always positive, about life and the chorus and possesses a great sense of humour. Heather is a stalwart supporter of the chorus in so many ways....“she welcomed me into the chorus when I first joined, making me feel comfortable despite my shyness”. We would like to acknowledge Heather for many years of service to chorus life.

Ann Keating. Ann has always done a fabulous job of fundraising for the chorus. She is one of the hardest workers in CKC, all done without complaint, with a cheerful smile and never ending patience. She is there, chorus boots and all, raising funds, making birthdays special and making events fun...a real team player. Garage sales would not be nearly as successful if she was not there pushing bargains galore.

Alison Anderson. Alison is doing a great positive job and rises above any negatives to which she may be subjected.

Heather Wills and Betty Fuller. Heather and Betty are so much of a team because they work side by side in so much. Together they are the quiet achievers of all our choreo and visual work and this is never more apparent than when we are preparing for performances and convention. They always seem to be at chorus way before anyone else and assist in putting the risers out, and usually help put them away, too. They support hospitality, fund raising and the music team. We will never know how many hours they put into research, discussion, planning and teaching choreo to front row and members. Their expertise in this is obvious and they do it so patiently and calmly, always encouraging, smiling and happy to repeat it again while needing personal responsibility to be paramount from members. As chorus members they have to learn all the same songs we do so they do double the work. They are a valued and vital part of our whole team.

Heather Wills. Heather does such a great job with the choreo work and always has such a beautiful smile and positive attitude even when we are slow learners!

Mary Owen. Mary is a founding member, very active on the fundraising team, never misses a Bunning's sausage sizzle; buying the soft drinks, coming for the early and difficult shift. Mary has been a hospitality queen for a few years, then treasurer for a few years before becoming music librarian. Now she is an extraordinary fundraising member. Mary's smile and humour is contagious when she has a funny line or comment. Her laugh and kindness is genuine. She is also appreciated for her expert medical advice when required. She is a very committed singer with a beautiful bass voice.

Karen Magno. We appreciate Karen's love and dedication to the members of the chorus. She is always willing to help us with our music and we value her musical expertise.

Deborah Martin. *Although not officially a nominee this year as she is a previous winner, this is an acknowledgement of some of the on-going winning qualities that she possesses.* Deborah is a woman of great ability and willingness to help in so many ways. I'm so impressed with her cyber-inclusion of Maria at rehearsal in the last couple of weeks. When I joined CKC she was TC, and managed to communicate so well with all of us, in those not so distant days when many still did not have internet capabilities. All those printed SCBS!! I well remember her, "Ladies, on the risers, please!" call each Wednesday night in Dover Hall. She has served in so many positions on the Management Team, and I'm sure she has been a right-hand-man to Vicki. She is always amongst the first on the risers, and stands quietly while all around are still getting organised. We ask her to solve so many of our problems, especially the technical ones, and she does it so quietly and efficiently. How does she stay so calm?