

Nominations for the Doris Ward Award 2015 are as follows:

(In no particular order)

1. LIZ PERRY-WINDHORST

Liz does so much behind the scenes without any of us knowing.

She was a fabulous TC for several years, and is currently Membership Chair. She continues to tirelessly host our visiting coaches at her home. I am sure that there are countless other roles in MT and other aspects of chorus life which she has held over the years, but her quiet manner means that all these have been carried out efficiently without any fanfare.

She is also a most dedicated singer in the chorus and always participates in performances with a great joy which is always so evident in her beautifully expressive face.

Liz is undoubtedly a great asset to our chorus!

2. MARY OWEN

A founding member, Mary has over the years held many key positions. Hospitality queen in her own words for years, treasurer for years, music librarian and currently on the fundraising team.

Mary is at every sausage sizzle, always on the first shift with all the bread and drinks.

Mary also is our medical adviser extraordinaire. Mary's smile and wonderful humour is a joy to behold

3. STEPHANIE WALLBANK

As Assistant Chorus Director, a position she has held for over 13 years, Steph is part of the Music Team and Public Relations. Over almost 19 years Steph has given her all for the chorus.

She has been Baritone section leader and was editor of Keys Circular online.

Steph's latest venture, with the support of the Musical Director and the chorus, has been with another chorus colleague to organise, promote and rehearse chorus members who have been available to sing at events during the daytime which has led to many very happy, tuneful and highly regarded performances.

Steph is also involved with Young Women in Harmony.

She has a passion for Sweet Adelines which shows in her knowledge, personal ability and ability to educate others. Always considerate, she brings fun and laughter to rehearsals in a respectful, fun and professional way. Steph still avails herself of other events to fund-raise, socialise and promote a capella singing to the wider community at every opportunity. She works behind the scenes and is never one to claim the limelight

Steph is an inspiration to us all. Her smile makes my day.

4. HEATHER WILLS

Heather is nominated for her great contribution to chorus choreo - she happily gives of herself and her time with a beautiful smile and a positive attitude!

5. INESE KAMENYITZKY

Inese is always so organized and gracious with her setting up and provision of food, both to members, and visiting coaches. She is a very reliable lead or bari, and attends most of our sing-outs.

6. KAREN TUCKER

Karen is truly "A Quiet Achiever". Karen is a very dedicated member of Circular Keys Chorus and is always happy to give her time for whatever maybe needed to assist the Chorus.

Karen is the Chairperson of our Costume committee and also looks out for opportunities for Grants.

She is very diligent in sourcing contacts and possible grants from which the chorus could benefit financially as well as have a greater presence in the community. She has attended workshops on the chorus' behalf to learn more about this process.

She also manages with the assistance of her team, our wardrobe, the spares of which she stores at her home. This is a big job given there are over 50 members of many different sizes and an even bigger job when we are changing/altering or wanting new costumes. She is organised, dependable, forward thinking and truly diligent in carrying out her duties as Costume Chair. You never have to ask

Karen twice and she is always happy to help with all aspects of chorus costume. She is quick to pick up new people and supply them with a top or new costume to include them in the CKC team. The quiet, diligent manner in which she goes about her work is admirable. She never makes a fuss about what she does and richly deserves this nomination. Any organisation would be lucky to have a Karen Tucker in their ranks.

7. CATHY SUGAR

Cathy's contribution to the pre rehearsal warm ups are great and she is very active with hospitality always going that extra mile. I would like to acknowledge her valuable contribution to the Chorus as a whole.