

Media Statement

21 April 2018

Christ Church Cathedral to launch Dr Keith Murree-Allen OAM Endowment Fund

On Saturday 21 April 2018, The Friends of Christ Church Cathedral Music are launching the Dr Keith Murree-Allen OAM Endowment Fund in honour of Dr Keith Murree-Allen's long-standing contribution to the Cathedral.

For nearly 200 years the musical tradition of Christ Church Cathedral has enriched the cultural and spiritual life of the City of Newcastle. During this time the organists, choir and musicians have played an integral role in facilitating music at the highest level, making the music ministry of our Cathedral amongst the finest in Australia.

Since 1952, Dr Murree-Allen has served, at various times as Organ Scholar, Assistant Organist, Director of Music and Organist Emeritus, alongside his distinguished career as a respiratory specialist at John Hunter Hospital.

Peter Guy, Organist and Master of the Choristers at Christ Church Cathedral said, "This is a landmark opportunity to celebrate Keith's extraordinary commitment to the worship and music ministry of Christ Church Cathedral and to the wider Newcastle and Hunter community."

"It is our hope that the Endowment Fund will provide ongoing financial support to continue the work of the Music Ministry by enabling Choral and Organ Scholarships, as well as providing additional funds for orchestral musicians and other endeavours," said Mr Guy.

"Keith's 65-years of service is amongst one of the longest organist tenures in Australia and has been recognised with the Royal School of Church Music's Certificate of Special Service. The launch of the Endowment will be a fitting celebration and will ensure the future of this great musical tradition in the city of Newcastle."

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Media Advisory:

Interview and photo opportunities are available.

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