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The Australian Ballet announces 15 new Honorary Life Members in 2016



Photo by Justin Ridler

The Australian Ballet has today announced 15 new Honorary Life Members. They were announced by Chairman Craig Dunn during the Company's 2016 Annual General Meeting, held at The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre in Melbourne this morning.

Executive Director of The Australian Ballet, Libby Christie said the Honorary Life Membership recognises outstanding contributions to the Company and the art form. Each recipient had been selected for their extraordinary and sustained support of The Australian Ballet.

The Australian Ballet's Honorary Life Memberships were created to recognise and honour exceptional artistic, administrative, governance, management, fundraising, philanthropy or voluntary services. The Company's first Honorary Life Member, appointed in 1980, was Peggy van Praagh DBE. Since its inception 36 Honorary Life Members have been created, including these most recent announcements.

"Honorary Life Membership is a way for us to acknowledge and express appreciation for all that the recipients have done to further the interests of this company, our dancers and ballet," said Christie.

"Their constant interest and love of the Company is deeply appreciated by us all and we hope these Honorary Life Memberships highlight the invaluable contributions these wonderful supporters have made," Christie added.

Recipients of the 2016 Honorary Life Memberships:

Mrs Joan Clemenger AO (Philanthropic)
 Mr Peter Clemenger AO (Philanthropic)
 Mr David Crawford AO (Governance and Management)
 Mrs Julie da Costa OAM (Artistic and Administrative)
 Mrs Lynnette Harvey (Philanthropic)
 Mr Graeme Murphy AO (Artistic)
 Mrs Roslyn Packer AO (Philanthropic)
 Dr Valmai Pidgeon AM (Philanthropic)
 Mr Ian McRae AO (Governance and Management)
 Mrs Diana Ramsay AO (Philanthropic)
 Mr Kenneth R Reed AM (Philanthropic)
 Professor John Rose AO (Governance and Management)
 Ms Marilyn Rowe OBE (Artistic and Administrative)
 Mr Peter Smedley (Governance and Management)
 Ms Janet Vernon AM (Artistic)

The Honorary Life Members of The Australian Ballet are acknowledged in all publications, including annual reports and souvenir programs. Recipients are also listed on the Honour Boards at The Primrose Potter Australian Ballet Centre and the Company's website. In addition, all Honorary Life Members receive opening night tickets to the first performance of each season.

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