

ITEM A

LORD MAYORAL MINUTE - RECOGNISING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RICHARD TOGNETTI WITH KEYS TO THE CITY

Richard Leo Tognetti AO (born 4 August 1965) is a leading Australian musician and interpreter of classical music, recognised internationally for his virtuosity as a violinist, ensemble player, leader, composer and arranger, conductor and Artistic Director of the Australian Chamber Orchestra (ACO). A relationship which celebrates its 30th Anniversary this month

He has established an international reputation for his compelling performances and artistic individualism. Under his artistic direction the ACO has performed seasons in residence at the Barbican in London.

Richard began his studies in Wollongong with William and Hiroko Primrose and progressed to the Sydney Conservatorium where he remained for 11 years. He continues to have strong family connections to Wollongong and returns annually with the ACO to give outstanding concerts in the Town Hall.

As a director or soloist, Tognetti has appeared with numerous international orchestras and all the major Australian symphony orchestras. Most recently as a soloist and director with the Melbourne and Tasmanian Symphony Orchestras.

Richard was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2010. He holds honorary doctorates from three Australian universities and was made a National Living Treasure in 1999. As part of the 2017 Helpmann Awards, he received the JC Williamson Award for longstanding service to the live performing industry.

In 2020, Richard will celebrate 30 years as Artistic Director of the ACO which is an incredible milestone. Council is able to recognise the achievements of individuals with the Keys to the City and it is timely to bestow this honour to Richard Tognetti.

RECOMMENDATION

Wollongong City Council award the Keys to the City of Wollongong to Richard Leo Tognetti in recognition of his connection to Wollongong and the outstanding contribution he has made to the performing arts especially music, nationally and internationally.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.