



Busy Christmas

The band had a busy run during the Christmas period with performances at the Channel 7 Christmas Pageant, the Mt Pleasant Carols by Candlelight (with 6PR's Graham Maybury & Channel 7's Miranda Eastman) & a Concert on Christmas Eve at Perth Zoo with the Greg Shultz Band, The Perth Undergraduate Choral Society & a star studded line-up. All of the performances were very well supported & the band's efforts were really appreciated.

The band has now returned to rehearsals after a months break & there were a few sore lips at Thursdays first practice back.



Comings & Goings

During the latter part of last year there were a few changes in personnel of the band. As well as Ed Martin hanging up the baton Soprano player Gemma Horbury left as did Helen McCutcheon (3rd Cornet) who has taken up a Veterinary position in Manjimup. Joining the band was Christine Scarry on 2nd Horn, Avishai Abbo, who's visiting WA for a year & making welcome returns to the band are former President/Secretary Tony Turner on Bass Trombone & Tim Jewell on Soprano Cornet.

Wedding Belles

The bands Principal Trombone Jason Payne recently announced his engagement to Neilina Torrence. Neilina has a background in banding having been a percussionist with the City of Canning Band for many years, they join Tutti Cornet player Sarah O'Leary who is also planning her marriage to fiance Peter later this year & Tenor Horn player Adrian Salone who is to wed his fiancée Lisa. Our best wishes go to all three couples.

Web Page

The band is planning to set up a web page in the very near future where it is expected to be able to access details of the band, photo's & sample excerpts of some performances. The site has been under construction for a while now & is hoped to be operational in the next few months.

Player Profiles

Continuing the series of featuring the people who make up the band we move to the Bass section. This section is made up of 2 x Eb & 2 x BBb Bass & is really the foundation on which the sound of the band is built upon.

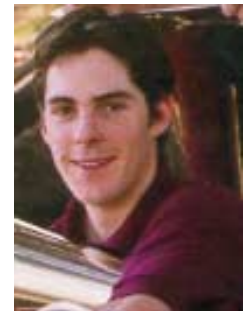


Robert Speers – Principal Eb Bass

Robert joined the band in 1998. Having recently completed a Bachelor of Music at the WA Academy of Performing Arts Robert hopes to further study Tuba & play professionally. A member also of the WA Youth Orchestra Robert was recently invited to take part in the Australian National University Music Camp held in Canberra.

Ben Bull – Eb Bass

Ben has been with the band for 4 years having kept up his interest in music after leaving school (something of a rare commodity these days) Ben has recently completed his study as a physiotherapist & has secured a position at Lifecare Mercy Hospital.



Gary Beswick – BBb Bass

Gary has been with the band for 3 years joining from Challenge Brass & having not previously played since his youth in the UK. An active member of the Committee, Gary is always keen to promote the band wherever possible. Gary works as an Inspector with SGIO Insurance.

Kirsten Payne – BBb Bass

Kirsten is currently studying Music at the University of WA. She joined the band in 1998 as an Eb Bass & moved to BBb last year. Originating from Morowa, a product of the tradition of brass at the local High school Kirsten hopes to become a professional musician.



Forthcoming Events

- 18 March - Concert – Lake Monger Bowls Club – 2pm
- 25 March - SoccerWest – Velodrome Mt Hawthorn – 7pm
- 1 April - SoccerWest – Velodrome Mt Hawthorn – 7pm
- 14/15 April - Greenbushes – Centenary of Federation Celebrations
- 25 April - ANZAC Day Parade – Perth City

If you have a friend who would like to be added to the mailing list or like to receive information about the band call the Secretary, Kathy Salter on 9245 7204 or e-mail on saltkat@inet.net.au