



Apologies for the late issue of this newsletter, due to a change at the helm. Former President/Secretary Tony Turner has left the band to pursue other interests. We thank Tony for the great job he did for the band & wish him well with his ventures.

New Members

The band welcomes two new members, both cornet players. They are Dr Judith Findlay who plays 3rd Cornet & Sarah Ross who joins the front row as a Tutti Cornet. Both ladies coincidentally are former players with the Southern Districts band.

Recent Events

Midland Brick Brass recently undertook a weekend tour to Morowa & was made very welcome by their hosts the Morowa District High School Band Committee. The trip on the weekend of 18/19 March commenced with a workshop in which the band was joined by approximately 15 members of the District High School band & also members of the town band. Dr Alan Lourens, MBB's assistant conductor, rehearsed the bands during the afternoon in preparation for a cabaret type concert later that evening. The evening's concert saw entertainment from the band, joined by the members of Morowa & also the "Brass Razoo", a traditional German 'Oompah' band from within our ranks. Sunday saw the band take part in a children's concert for members of the local community. The band played a variety of pieces & were led by a number of budding conductors (ages ranging from 6 – 11 years old), the keen audience were introduced to the full range of instruments & given a short example of the sounds that each produce. Thanks again go to our hosts for making the weekend such a success.

Soccer Final

On the evening of Saturday 25 March the band played at the final of the Night Series Soccer Final at the Litis Stadium, Mt Hawthorn. The event was sponsored by the bands' sponsor Midland Brick & was between Floreat Athena & Inglewood.

Forthcoming Events

25 April - ANZAC Day Parade - Perth City commencing 9.30 am
30 April - Photo shoot for CD cover at the Brickworks, Middle Swan
14 May – Complete recording of CD at ABC Studio's
28 May – State Championships – Prendiville College, Prendiville Ave, Ocean Reef
1 July – Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre – Concert
2 July – Hyde Park Hotel – Concert & recording for ABC Classic FM
3 July – 10 July Singapore tour

State Championships

Rehearsals have begun in earnest for this years State Championships to be held this year at Prendiville College, Ocean Reef. The band will be playing the set test piece 'Sounds' by John Golland, a piece in which there are indeed some lovely sounds- it also has a rather unusual ending, so come along & hear this piece which is not normal concert material. We will also be playing an arrangement of the hymn tune 'Crimond' arranged by Peter Graham which features excerpts from Eric Balls 'Resurgam', the march Ravenswood, Shostakovich's 'Festive Overture' & Respighi's 'Pines of Rome'. Some great stuff there which the band really enjoys getting it's teeth into!

Melvyn Bathgate

Melvyn Bathgate (Principal Horn – Grimethorpe Colliery Band) is being brought over by the band to undertake a series of concerts & workshops in WA. Melvyn arrives in Perth on 24 June & will rehearse with the band before taking off to Karratha for 3 days. On his return he will be playing with the band in concert at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre & at the Hyde Park Hotel. In the morning of 1 July Melvyn will be conducting a workshop at the WA Conservatorium of Music. Melvyn will be travelling with the band on the Singapore tour. He will be joined by long time friend, Peter Younghusband, a music teacher in Karratha, who will be filling in for Geoff Guy who is unable to make the trip.

Singapore

Preparations for the bands' tour to Singapore are moving along nicely. Ed Martin has arranged a number of concerts through his contacts there. The band will be playing at the Tanglin Club on Tuesday 4 July, the Gurkha Barracks on 5 July. On Friday 7 July the band will join with a Pipe band to perform at the Republic of Singapore Yacht Club & on Sunday 9 July we will perform at the British Club. We have quite a busy schedule but should be a terrific experience for the band. At this stage the touring party numbers 42 people.

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 9344 4285