



## Ed Hangs Up The Baton

After 21 years of leading the band Ed Martin has decided to resign his position as Musical Director of Midland Brick Brass. Ed has also taken voluntary redundancy from his position as Trumpet player with the West Australian Symphony Orchestra. Says Ed *"My wife Pat and I have been planning a trip around Australia for a long time, and this offer could not have come at a better time. We will be leaving Perth around the first week in December, and will be heading South, travelling anti-clockwise for as long as it takes to travel all around the country. When we finally complete our trip, we will be settling out of Perth, probably in Mandurah. We both like fishing, and we will have access to both the river and the ocean. We also intend growing nice plants, vegies, chooks & ducks! I may return to banding on a freelance basis when I return, and intend playing freelance gigs in Perth and teaching a bit to get some bait money"*. Our best wishes obviously go to Ed & Pat for the future, the band intend to hold a send off party prior to their departure & we're all sure we'll hear from Ed on their return. Assistant Musical Director Alan Lourens will take over as MD.

## Renewal of Sponsorship

Midland Brick has agreed to continue their sponsorship of the band. In a meeting with Divisional General Manager Mr Paul Arnt the company agreed to maintain the current level of sponsorship for the next 3 years. Paul intends that the band will be utilised more at numerous events associated with the company throughout the year.

## CD Delayed

Production of the bands CD recorded by ABC Classic FM has been delayed due to a backlog of recordings. We now expect to see it early in the New Year.

## Player Profiles

In the next few issues of the newsletter we will try to feature some of the people who make up the band. Normally, we tend to start at the top of the band with the cornets & work through the instrumentation but we'll be different here & feature the guys with all the rhythm!



### Allan Conroy – Percussion

Allan is one of the longest serving players with the band, having joined in 1981. Currently President of the band, a position he has held on 3 previous occasions each for a period of 2 years, he has been a great ambassador for the band. Allan works as a manager in the Park Services Department of Cockburn City Council.

### Nathan Wheals – Percussion

Co-incidentally Nathan is currently the Vice-President of the band. He has been with the band for 5 years having previously played with the Bunbury City band. You will normally see him on tuned percussion, Timpani or traps. Nathan works as Car Audio Specialist with Audiocom in Cannington. The highlight, so far, of his time in the band was the recent visit to Singapore.



## Forthcoming Events

12 November-	Midland Folk Festival	10.00AM – Noon
26 November-	Burswood Convention Centre	
9 December -	Channel 7 Christmas Pageant – Perth City –	6.30pm
10 December-	Carols in the Park. Len Shearer Reserve Booragoon	6.00PM
19 December-	Karinya Village, Dianella – Carols –	7.30PM
24 December-	Christmas Carol Concert – Perth Zoo –	6.00PM

## Seasons Greetings

As this will be the last Newsletter for this year we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest & support of the band, we wish you & your family a happy & safe Christmas & prosperous New Year.

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