



Band Goes Bush

The Band made a trip to Greenbushes over the Easter period to take part in the Centenary of Federation celebrations. Leading the parade through the centre of Greenbushes to Thomson Park the band then introduced the gathered crowd to a Re-enactment of the Proclamation of Federation by the Bridgetown Repertory Players.



The Band gave two further performances during the afternoon as part of the “Concert in the Park” which also featured a number of the South-West’s musical organisations & also performed during the evenings Grand Ball before heading off to Bridgetown for an overnight stay. Returning the next morning the band enjoyed the Federation Breakfast, then a quick site seeing stop-off at the Sons of Gwalia’s Tantalum Mine Site Lookout before heading back to Perth.

Web Page

The band is pleased to announce that its web site is now operational. It can be accessed on www.wabrass.com. Our thanks go to Alan Lourens who has done a fantastic job in producing the site which not only contains information about the band but also has photo’s, music files which can be downloaded, information kits for prospective hirers & a vast list of links to other musical organisations.

Kalamunda Concert

The band is again giving a concert at the Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre on Saturday May 19 at 2pm. The concert will contain a varied programme featuring a number of the bands soloists & also an opportunity for the audience to hear the music to be performed at the State Championships the following week. The ‘Test’ piece is Paganini Variations by Philip Wilby & ‘Own Choice’ piece is Dances & Arias by Edward Gregson. Both pieces are extremely challenging for the band & will really test the bands metal, they are both recognised ‘Test pieces’ for bands of our standing worldwide. Both pieces also feature the percussion section with an extensive array of instruments including Timpani, Glockenspiel, Vibraphone, Xylophone & Tubular Bells in addition to the normal kit & hence the requirement for 4 percussionists – our thanks to Nikki Uren, Robyn Sarti & Louise Conroy for their assistance.

Player Profiles

Continuing the series of featuring the people who make up the band we move to the Trombone section. This section is traditionally made up of 2 Tenor & 1 Bass Trombones, however we are sometimes in the fortunate position of being able to play 3 Tenor & 2 Bass Trombones.



Amber Blower – Principal Trombone

Amber has taken over as Principal while Jason Payne is unable to play with the band due to work commitments. Amber first joined the band in 1990 before heading over East to study music at the Sydney Conservatorium. On her return to Perth in 1998 she rejoined the band. She has recently completed her studies at Edith Cowan University & is enjoying being a full-time mum whilst studying to join the Police Force.

Simon Etherington – 2nd Trombone

Simon has been with the band for 4 years & has only recently made the move to the trombone section having previously played Baritone. Simon runs his own business exporting Agricultural products such as chickpeas, field peas, barley, oats, cattle, goats & sheep. He has a teachers degree & also a degree in human resources. Simon is also a keen collector of antique instruments.



Geoff Guy – Bass Trombone

Geoff is the band's longest serving player having been with the band since Noah built the Ark. He joined for 6 weeks "just for the contest" - 23 years ago. He started on Bass Trombone, got demoted to Principal Trombone & is now "back at the top"!

Geoff has been a stalwart of the band having served on numerous committee's over the years. When not at band Geoff manages to put a little bit of time into his Rubber Stamp manufacturing business.

Tony Turner – Bass Trombone

Tony has been associated with the band for 14 years. He has held the office of President of the band twice. Due to a busy schedule with his career as a Pilot with Ansett Airlines Tony left the band but returned upon his retirement. He now finds himself busier than ever with his own recording business & his involvement with a number of Perth's other musical organisations



Forthcoming Events

- 25 April - ANZAC Day Parade – Perth City
- 12 May - Perth Glory Qtr-Final – Subiaco Oval
- 19 May - Kalamunda Performing Arts Centre – 2pm
- 27 May - State Championships – Perth Modern School – 1pm

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