

State Championships

The band is pleased to announce that it has maintained its status as the States premier brass band by again giving a magnificent performance at this year's championships held at Perth Modern School on 25 May. The band performed the hymn setting 'Melita - The ANZAC Hymn' arranged for the band by conductor Alan Lourens, the 'Set Test' piece English Heritage by George Lloyd, the march 'The Cornish Cavalier' & 'Own Choice' piece 'The Devil & The Deep Blue Sea' by Derek Bourgeois. Following the Competition the band performed a short concert before the announcement of the results. Major Derek Taylor MBE was again adjudicator for the weekend. To put the icing on the cake Tim Jewell (Soprano Cornet) was awarded the Norm Snow Trophy for Best Instrumentalist of the competition.



March Newsletter

Apologies to those who did not receive last quarter's newsletter – we had some problems with printing. For those who have internet access you can download a copy from the band website www.wabrass.com Again, if you register your email address we can send the newsletter to you via the net.

ABC CD

After enquiring of the ABC what has happened to the recording the band made last year they have assured us that it is their intention to produce the band's CD this year. We're all awaiting its release with baited breath.

Passings

After long illnesses two of Perth bandings old stagers have passed away. John Burgoyne, a founder member & long time supporter of the Canning City Band died during late May. Late April saw the passing of Jack Etherington (father of Trombone player Simon). All at Midland Brick Brass pass on their condolences to both families.

Forthcoming Events

6 July	ANBOC Conference – WA Academy of Performing Arts – 7.30pm
11 Aug	Royal Schools of Music Concert – Callaway Auditorium, UWA – 2.30pm
20 Oct	WABA Funfest - Queens Gardens, Perth
7 Dec	Channel 7 Christmas Pageant
8 Dec	Carols by Candlelight – Len Shearer Reserve
Dec	Karinya Village Concert

Player Profiles

Our profiles of the people who make up Midland Brick Brass continue to feature the Cornet Section. This section of the band is equivalent to the Violins in an Orchestra.



Victor Moss – Repiano Cornet

Vic started playing in the Boys Brigade in Dublin, later playing with the St George's Band before migrating to Perth. He was a founder member of the Canning Civic Band. Later he moved to SA where he played with the Kensington & Norwood & also The Mitcham Bands before returning to Perth. After a break the lure was too much & he joined Midland Brick playing here since 1994 apart from a short break whilst living in Mandurah.

Rob Prestwidge – Tutti Cornet

Rob started playing when 7, in D Grade Cabramatta Boys Band in Sydney & left when he was 16. As an adult, he started back on Cornet in St Mary's Brass Band & soon found himself on Solo Cornet. He is presently Head of Maths at Swan Christian College & runs a 40 piece 'extended' Big Band (also with a West Indian style steel band) who are going on tour this year, with 15 performances in 5 Goldfields towns in a 10-day period. He spent 4 years in QLD before coming to Perth, playing with Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band. He has 3 daughters, a son, a beautiful grand daughter & his wife (a midwife) is the special lady who has joined him through all these years.



Nina Brotherton – Tutti Cornet

Nina began playing with the Belmont Brass Band 23 years ago. There she received lessons from Lindsay Timms. She later moved to the Canning City Band and then joined Midland Brick in 1991. Nina has completed her Diploma in Children's Services (0-5yrs) and she has two young children (youngest 10 months) who keep her entertained whilst not playing with the band.

Sarah Johnson – Tutti Cornet

Sarah began on trumpet aged 10 in primary school with the School of Instrumental Music program. Progressing later to the City of Belmont & City of Perth Bands. In 1994 she studied at the Conservatorium of Music & joined Midland Brick two years later. During the day Sarah teaches Drama & Art and co-ordinates music at Emmanuel Catholic College.



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