

ANBOC Success

The band performed at the 12th Australian National Band & Orchestra Clinic which was held in Perth during the first week of July. The final concert of the week, in which bands & orchestras from around Australia performed was held at the WA Academy of Performing Arts was opened by the Hale St Mary's Concert Band & was completed with a concert by Midland Brick Brass. The band featured guest Soloist's Greg Aitkin from Brisbane & Peter Younghusband from Karratha (both of whom toured with the band to Singapore in 2000) & a finale featuring 7 Trombones. This terrific performance was captured by Tony Turner who has put together a CD entitled 'Summer Fantasy' from the Trombone solo's Fantasy for Trombone & Summertime. Also on the CD are Prelude to an Occasion, English Heritage, An American in Paris, Candide Overture, The Viking March & Trombones to the Fore. The CD can be purchased from Tony Turner, 43 Violet Grove, Shenton Park WA 6008 or phone 9388 1263. Price \$25 (inc postage).

**U.S. Visitor's**

During August members of the band played host to the Danbury Brass Band from Western Connecticut as they made a brief visit to Perth as part of their 3 week tour of New Zealand & Australia. Whilst in WA the band was welcomed at a dinner held at the South of Perth Yacht Club, performed at the WA Academy of Performing Arts (with Midland Brick Brass), took part in the School Bands Festival at Hale School & rehearsed with a number of Perth's school & community bands as well, of course, as managing to do the tourist bits. Having started their tour in Auckland & spending 5 days in Perth the Danbury Band flew on to Karratha for 4 days, Brisbane for 2 days & Sydney for 3 days before returning to the US.

Register your email address

For those who have internet access you can download a copy of the newsletter from the band website www.wabrass.com If you register your email address we can send the newsletter to you via the net.

Forthcoming Events

29 Sept	WABA Solo & Ensemble Competition, Perth Modern School
12/13 Oct	Duckstein Brewery, West Swan Rd, Henly Brook
20 Oct	John Hughes Big Walk, Fremantle(am) & Terrace Proms, Perth (pm)
7 Dec	Channel 7 Christmas Pageant, Perth
8 Dec	Carols by Candlelight – Len Shearer Reserve, Booragoon
19 Dec	Karinya Village Christmas Concert

Player Profiles

Our profiles of the people who make up Midland Brick Brass are completed by the following members.



Dr Alan Lourens – Musical Director

Alan Lourens was appointed conductor of Midland Brick Brass in late 2000. An alumnus of the band, Alan first joined the ensemble as second euphonium in 1981, and became principal euphonium in 1984. As well as six years of teaching in Australian High Schools, Alan has lectured and/or conducted at Indiana University, Northern Illinois University, Marshall University, the University of Tennessee, The University of Western Australia and the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Dr. Lourens is Head of the School of Performing Arts at WAAPA@ECU.

Mike Willett – Principal Cornet

Originally from Oxford, Mike started playing at the age of 7 with the Yarnton Band (an English 2nd Section band) & enjoyed many European tours with them. During the early 80's he joined Brackley & District, on the Oxford/Northants border appearing with them at the Albert Hall for the National Finals. He moved to Perth in 1988 with his family & joined Midland Brick Brass (then known as the Channel Nine Band) where he has been principal cornet since 1990. Mike works as a contract draftsman in the mining industry & was a member of Australian Brass when it re-formed in 1995.



Glenn Evans – Assistant Principal Cornet

Glenn, who recently celebrated his 30th birthday, began his playing career on cornet 22 years ago with the City of Belmont Brass Band where he received tuition from Lindsay Timms. He later moved to Canning City Band during the late 80's competing with them at the Australian Nationals in Adelaide. Glenn (& his sister Nina – featured last newsletter) joined Midland Brick in 1991. He is currently working for AlintaGas & claims, unfortunately, to be the Number 1 supporter of the Carlton Football Club in Perth.

Tim Jewell – Soprano Cornet

Tim ran his own recording studio for the last 5 years but has decided to get a 'real job' & has recently started to study Mechatronic Engineering at Curtin Uni. He also plays the drums in the local original band "Humbug", and admits to having an ingrained love for all things brass, Thai food & noisy guitars. Introduced to brass at Churchlands Senior High Tim was tutored by Peter Garnaut & former MD Ed Martin.



To receive information about the band call the Secretary, Tony Turner on 93881263 or e-mail on secretary@wabass.com or visit the band website on www.wabass.com