

Christmas at the Club

The band held its end of year wind-up at its HQ, the Lake Monger Recreation Centre, in December. Amongst the revellers were patron & former member Peter Blaxell & wife Stella, Rowland Law-Davis & wife Kay, life members Don Guy, Bob Lafferty & wife Ali. A number of after dinner presentations were made which included the 'Bandsman of the Year' to Tony Turner, 'Musical Achievement' to Ben Bull (Eb Tuba) & a life membership was awarded to long time player & hard working ex-Treasurer Peter Garnaut.

**Sarah represents WA at the Ern Keller**

Principal Eb Tenor Horn player Sarah Ross represented the band & WA as Western Australian 'Champion of Champions' at the Ern Keller Memorial Competition held by St Mary's District Band in Sydney. The field included the champions of each State of Australia, the New Zealand champion & the British Open Solo champion. Sarah chose to play 'Sehnsucht nach der Heimat' by John Hartmann for her Solo piece. The 29th International Soloist of the Year was won

by Euphonium player Joe Cook from Tasmania who played Philip Wilby's 'Concerto for Euphonium'. Joe featured as a guest soloist with Midland Brick Brass in 1998 when he did a series of concerts here WA.

Pipeline Centenary

The band has been approached to take part in a concert, later in the year, to commemorate the centenary of the building of C.Y. O'Connor's pipeline to the Goldfields. The concert, to be held at the Mundaring Weir Hotel is planned to feature the band & the Hills Choir with music from the period & narration linking the music. The band will also be joined by renowned Perth singer Elisa Wilson. More details to follow in later editions.

Multi-National Band

The band has a real multi-cultural feel at present with members originating from Australia, New Zealand, England, Ireland, America, South Africa & Switzerland, some recently former members were from Japan, China, Israel & Denmark.

State Championships

It's that time of year again & the band is beginning to work on the Test Pieces for this years band championships. The set test is 'Seascapes' by Ray Steadman-Allen & as our own choice piece we will be playing Derek Bourgeois' "Blitz" – a very appropriate title given the present climate.

Forthcoming Events

- 16 March - Winthrop Baptist Auditorium, Farrington Rd, Murdoch – 1.30pm
- 23 March - Government House Open Day – Ballroom – 11.30am
- 30 March - National Homes Soccer Night Series – Inglewood Stadium - pm
- 25 April - Anzac Day Parade – Perth - 9.00 am
- 1 June - State Championships – Perth Modern School - pm
- 2 June - WABA - Solo and Ensemble Competition –pm

Player Profiles

Continuing our profiles of the people who have joined the band since the start of this series.



Alex Meredith – Eb Bass

Alex started playing the Tuba when he was 12. Throughout high school he participated in the music programme. At the age of 14 he joined the Claremont Concert Band & later the West Australian Symphonic Wind Ensemble. In 2002 he joined Midland Brick & has enjoyed his time with the band so far. When not playing the Tuba Alex enjoys riding his bike & playing on his computer. He is currently studying accountancy.

Ben Hoare - Bb Bass

Ben has been playing Tuba since Year 8 of Perth Modern School. In 1999 he travelled with the school choir to compete in the International Youth & Music festival in Vienna where the choir were awarded first place. He is currently in his second year studying for a Bachelor of Music (Creative Technology) at WAAPA. Ben (who stands 6ft 12in in the old money) is unsure what he wants to do when he grows up!



Matthew Walker – 2nd Trombone

Matthew has been playing trombone with MBB since March 2002, Prior to moving to Perth from Busselton he had been playing for 7 years. He has played with many of the Southwest's ensembles. In his short time in Perth Matt has performed with UWA Orchestra, ECU Wind Ensemble, METSO, WAYO, Fremantle Orchestra, WASO & the UWA Brass Ensemble amongst other groups. He hopes to perform with WASO again & travel the world teaching music.

Jeff Hanel – 2nd Trombone

Jeff hails from Houston, Texas & has been playing Trombone since the age of 12. Jeff marched for 6 years with "the greatest sounding band in America" The 300+ Spirit of Northwestern Demon Marching Band of Natchitoches, Louisiana. Also playing with the State University Jazz Band & Wind Orchestra. He arrived in Perth during February 2002 & is studying for a Bachelor of Performing Arts (Classical) at WAAPA, like Matthew he has played with a number of Perth's music ensembles. Jeff hopes to someday hold a position in a symphony orchestra & to also teach music.



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