



Newsletter - October 2006

Search for new MD continues

The search for a new Musical Director for the band continues. Following the announcement that current MD, Paul De Cinque, is leaving for Europe at the end of the year the committee have been looking for a suitably qualified replacement. Following advertisements in local and national media a number of applicants have stepped forward. The band is now in the process of auditioning the candidates and is hoping to make the appointment in the not to distant future. Each of the candidates are to be given a trial period in which time it is hoped that both the band and the prospective MD will determine if they are a suitable match.



Lotterywest Grant

The band has been fortunate enough to receive a grant from Lotterywest. The application was made back in November of last year and through the fine work of President Allan Conroy in supplying supporting and thorough documentation the band received notification that the grant would be made. This will assist the band to purchase a new Besson Prestige Euphonium (to match that bought by Principal Euphonium John Kent as featured in the December 2005 issue). Also to be purchased under the funding is a 22" Premier Concert Timpani to complete the 4 Timpani set.

Nina's New Arrival

Solo Cornet player Nina Brotherton has just added another potential player to the ranks. Kaylah Jayne was born on 5 September weighing in at 7lb 10oz. Both mum and daughter are doing well. Nina managed to perform with the band until the week before the birth & is planning to be back playing again by the end of October – what a trouper! Congratulations to Nina, Ian, Drew & Taneisha on their new addition to the family.

While on the subject of new arrivals the band also welcomes new players Alphons Beauregard on Bass Trombone, Evan Williams on Tenor Trombone, Goodren Ingimundardottir on Eb Tuba & Chris Holden on Repiano cornet.

Forthcoming Events

30 September	-	Oktoberfest, Austria Club of WA, Orange Grove	TBA
8 October	-	Elmars in the Valley, West Swan Road, Henley Brook	2.00 pm
15 October	-	Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, Burswood Park	TBA
6 December	-	Carol Concert, Carinya Village, Coolbinia	5.30 pm
9 December	-	Channel 7 Christmas Pageant, Perth City	5.30 pm
10 December	-	Carols in the Park, Len Shearer Reserve, Booragoon	5.30 pm

Southwest Band Camp



About a dozen members of Midland Brick Brass joined with 60 other musicians from Perth and other regional areas to participate in the annual Southwest Band Camp held in Bussleton on the last weekend of August. The camp has been held every year in the towns of the South West of Western Australia since the early 1980's. Rehearsals were held on the Friday evening of arrival and again on Saturday morning before performing a concert at the Bussleton Youth and Community Centre to a very appreciative & sizable audience. On the Saturday evening the band were treated to a wonderful meal served up by the great bunch of organisers and supporters followed by an entertaining evening of Karoke. The band also performed at the Bussleton Esplanade the following day.

Western Australian Band Association

Midland Brick Brass now has a number of its members involved in the governing body for Western Australian bands. For a number of years Peter Garnaut (2nd Cornet) has been WABA treasurer but has decided to step down from the position. At the recent WABA AGM Peter's vacated position was taken up by Ciar Hassett (3rd Cornet). Also standing for election was Laurie Trengove (3rd Cornet) who was elected to the position of Senior Vice-President and Alexia Horton (2nd Cornet) who was elected to the position of Vice-President – Activities. Sarah Ross (Principal Horn) remains in her role as MBB band representative at WABA meetings.

National Plans Proceed

The plans for the band to attend the 2007 National Band Championships are proceeding with accommodation having been booked & airline flights being investigated. The band will be staying in central Melbourne & travelling to the contest venue at Ivanhoe by rail (a 20 minute journey). Negotiations to utilise rehearsal venues of a Melbourne based band are underway to enable the band to minimise the amount of equipment needed to be transported. Flights & bus transfers have yet to be finalised for the 40 strong travel party.

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