



Newsletter - October 2007

Saturday Arvo at the club

During August the band staged the first of its 'Saturday Arvo at the Club' concerts. The concert was a great success with a larger than anticipated audience turning up for a wonderful afternoon of music, refreshments & entertainment. In addition to the music performed by the band the audience was entertained by saxophone quartet 'The Phone Company'. The band plans to hold a series of concerts in a similar vein next year. Many familiar faces from the bands past & also from other Perth bands were in attendance. Amongst those present was Mr Ken Leek of Willagee who has become a familiar face at many of MBB performances



over the last couple of years. Mr Leek, an 88yr old war veteran, has been introduced to the band by his neighbour, Sarah. (He got tired of hearing the horn practicing alone!) He now enjoys regular outings to see the band perform. After our recent afternoon concert at the club, Mr Leek made a very kind gesture by donating \$250 to the band. The band rarely receives donations from the public and were very appreciative of the donation which will go towards the cost of replacing some of our old cornets. A big thank you to Mr Leek and we look forward to seeing you at many future performances.

WABA Entertainment Contest

On Saturday 15 September the band participated in the WA Band Association Entertainment Contest held at the Kwinana Community Arts Centre. The competition was adjudicated by Greg Aitken (BMus, LTCL, FTCL, Grad Dip Ed.) Greg, who resides in Brisbane, is well known throughout Australia as a Performer, Educator and Conductor. The Band gave a fine performance opening with 'Midwest' March, then featuring Flugel player Julia Conroy in Rodrigo's 'Concierto De AranJuez', followed by Goff Richards arrangement of 'Bill Bailey', another Goff Richards arrangement 'I'll Walk With God' & finishing with Peter Graham's Gaelforce.

Forthcoming Events

29 Sept -6 Oct	-	The Royal Show, Claremont Show Grounds	7.00 – 9.00pm
5 October	-	Sunshine Festival Oktoberfest, Geraldton	7.00 pm
14 October	-	Junior Diabetes Research Foundation, Burswood Park	10.30 am
20 October	-	Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Peppermint Grove	11.30am
20 October	-	Burswood Oktoberfest	TBA
21 October	-	Burswood Oktoberfest	TBA
10 November	-	WA Festival of Brass, Swan Districts FC, Bassendean	1.00 pm
6 December	-	Christmas Carol Concert, Carinya Village, Menora	5.30 pm
8 December	-	Channel 7 Christmas Pageant, Perth	8.00 pm
9 December	-	Carols in the Park, Len Shearer Park, Booragoon	6.00 pm
14 December	-	Band Christmas Dinner	7.00 pm

WA Festival of Brass



In a joint initiative, with the Canning City Brass Band, Midland Brick Brass is assisting in hosting the inaugural WA Festival of Brass on November 10 at the Swan Districts Football Club, Bassendean.

The purpose of the festival is to encourage as many of Western Australia's 19 brass bands to participate & perform to an appreciative audience and for those bands that choose to, the opportunity to work up a competition type piece, march and hymn and to have an independent adjudication. WA's 'country' bands & Perth's Salvation Army bands have all been actively encouraged with personal visits from the events organisers in order to ensure that they are aware & informed of the event.

The festival will be divided into two brackets of music. The first bracket will consist of a hymn, march and own choice contest piece whilst the 2nd bracket will consist of a 25 minute entertainment concert. The focus of the entertainment concert section is to offer an entertaining program for bandsmen and women along with the general public.

The festival is open to all Brass Bands with no restrictions on player numbers on stage. From 5 players to 50 players, all are welcome.

The WA Festival of Brass has a major sponsor being "Music Instruments" who have kindly donated some significant prizes. A trophy and prizes will be awarded to (as determined by the adjudicator) for:

- 1) The best hymn
- 2) The best march
- 3) The best own choice contest piece
- 4) The best solo or section feature in the entertainment concert.
- 5) The best entertainment concert.

In fact, to encourage bands to participate in all sections, the major prize of a new Westminster London Bb Cornet valued at \$1,850 will be awarded to the band with the highest aggregate from all events.

Renovation Time

The Lake Monger Recreation Centre is currently undergoing some renovations at present which will eventually see the building of some new storage areas. Plans are currently before Town of Cambridge for the new additions but a new temporary storage area has been built for the band & it is expected that in the next few weeks the band will transfer its extensive library over to the new store (once the hole in the roof is fixed!). It is also hoped the move will give improved access to & storage for the percussion equipment including the bands set of 4 timpani & Tubular Bells which presently have to be man handled into the existing storage. The final move to the new storage areas is expected to take place approximately 12 months from now & it is hoped that the band will then get some purpose built storage areas making access to equipment & music far easier.

To receive further information about the band contact the Secretary, Midland Brick Brass, P.O. Box 2165, Dog Swamp, WA , 6060 or e-mail on secretary@wabass.com or visit the band website on www.wabass.com