



Newsletter - September 2008

Midland Brick end their tenure

Midland Brick have advised the band that, as of September 30th, they will no longer be sponsoring the band. The company advised that they had decided upon a change in terms of the direction of their sponsorship. So, after 19 years under the Midland Brick banner the band will be without a naming rights sponsor. The band will continue to perform under the name of 'WA Brass' until another naming sponsor can be sought. Thus far the band has not secured another sponsor but the search goes on – as will the band.

A 'Monster Concert'

The band will be taking part in a 'Monster Concert' with Perth's top concert band the WA Symphonic Wind Ensemble on Saturday 20 September at the Morley Sports and Recreational Centre, Wellington Rd, Morley. The concert will include a performance by WASWE which will feature Dance of the Jesters by Rimsky-Korsakov, Fiddle Faddle by Leroy Anderson, a Tribute to Duke Ellington, Sevens by Samuel R Hazo and Godzilla eats Las Vegas by Eric Whitacre complete with multi media presentation. MBB will then perform their part of the concert which will include the march – The President, I Know thou art Mine (a hymn setting) by Leonard Ballantine, Folk Festival by Shostakovich, Pastime with Good Company (attributed to being composed by Henry VIII) & Children of Sanchez which will feature Pincipal Cornet player Ben Noonan, Pastorale by Goff Richards and Jubilee Overture by Philip Sparke. The two bands will then join forces to perform Jupiter (from the Planets Suite) by Holst, Irish Tune from County Derry (Grainger) and March from Suite No.1 by Holst. The concert will be in an informal setting, wine and cheese will be available at the bar. Tickets will be \$10 each (\$6 for concession)

See the attached flyer for further details.

2008 WA Festival of Brass

This years WA Festival of Brass is to be organised & underwritten by Midland Brick Brass. The event will be held on November 1 at the Tompkin on Swan Room, Tompkins Park, Canning Hwy, Alfred Cove from 11.00 am until 6.00 pm. The event will again feature a number of WA's bands performing a huge variety of music. The event has been supported by WABA, the City of Melville, **Healthway & the Heart Foundation 'Find Thirty'** program have offered assistance to encourage WA country bands to be able to travel, Music Instruments are offering a Westminster Cornet as the major prize & a number of Perth's music stores including Crescendo Music & Theos will be holding trade stands at the event.



The WA Festival of Brass 2008 is Smoke-Free



Forthcoming Events

20 Sept	-	WASWE/MBB Concert, Morley Rec Ctr, Wellington Rd, Morley	7.30pm
11 Oct	-	Oktoberfest - Kingsway Football & Sports Club, Skeit Rd, Madeley	5.00pm
12 Oct	-	Walk to Cure Diabetes, Burswood Park, Gt Eastern Hwy, Burswood	TBA
18 Oct	-	Opening of the Sailing Season, RFBYC, Peppermint Grove	12.00 pm
1 Nov	-	WA Festival of Brass, Tompkins Park, Canning Hwy, Alfred Cove	11.00 am
7 Dec	-	RAC Channel 7 Xmas Pagaent, Langley Park, Perth	10.00 am
14 Dec	-	Carols by Candlelight, Len Shearer Reserve, Booragoon	5.30 pm



Easter in Brisbane

Over the Easter period the band was represented at the Australian National Championships in Brisbane by 2 quartets and 2 Soloists. Principal Horn player Sarah Ross performed in the open Horn solo's and achieved a third place whilst Ben Noonan achieved a 5th place in the open Cornet solo competition. The 2 quartets performed well also achieving a creditable 3rd and 6th places. Whilst there the players managed to catch up with many old friends and fellow bands people including the City of Canning Band as well as take in the sights and sounds that Brisbane had to offer.

Hatches, Matches and thankfully, no dispatches

Since our last newsletter the band has had 3 weddings and a birth to celebrate. In January Euphonium player Ben Bull and his new wife Natalie were married in a traditional Macedonian Orthodox ceremony which concluded with a reception full of family and friends in the Swan Valley. On March 1st Baritone player Michelle Ward gave birth to son Austin James weighing in at 7lbs 3 oz. Austin is the third child of Michelle and husband Andrew and new brother to Chelsea and Lachlan – they are looking forward to Austin making it all the way through the night! On 21st April Principal Horn player Sarah Ross was married to fiancé Simon Draper who whisked her off to a beach setting at the Paradise Cove Hotel, Mauritius. Not to be out done on July 9th Repiano player Glenn Evans & his new wife Samantha were married at the 'Tresna' at the Ritz Carlton, Jimbaran Bay on the island of Bali and afterwards celebrated with family and friends.

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