

Some big changes

We have a news packed update for you in this edition of the bands newsletter. There have been some big changes since the last edition. The major story, and very exciting news for all associated with the band, is that we have a new sponsor. The Royal Agricultural Society of Western Australia has agreed to an initial term of three years as naming rights sponsor. The committee have been working hard since last year seeking sponsors to ensure the future well being of the band when our previous sponsor advised they would not be continuing. As part of the sponsorship agreement the band will perform each evening at the Royal Show from Saturday 26 September until Saturday 3 October. The band will also be taking part in the Grand Parade on the first three days of the Royal Show which will feature approximately 100 bands people from many of Western Australia's brass bands.

Alan takes over the baton

Gareth Jones has had to spend a good deal of this year back in his homeland of Wales due to the illness of a family member & is no longer able to lead the band. Former MD Alan Lourens has returned to Perth following a spell overseas that saw him setting up universities in Singapore & Dubai. Alan & family are hoping to now set up home in Perth permanently & with that in mind Alan has been appointed to take over as Musical Director of the band once again. He will be aided in the role by Paul De Cinque who will act as assistant MD & who will also return to the band to bolster the tenor horn section.

2009 WA State Championships



This years WA State Championships was held on the long weekend of 29 May – 1 June. The band were very fortunate to have Paul De Cinque step in at short notice to prepare & conduct the band for the competition & help produce a very solid performance.

This years event was held at Scotch College. The Adjudicator for the competition was Chris Goff, Director of Music at Perth College, a member of the WASO Brass Quintet and Musical Director of the Perth Fortress Band. The 'set test' piece chosen for 'A' Grade brass bands was 'Harmony Music' by Philip Sparke, which was certainly a test in every sense of

the word. The band also performed the march 'The Australasian' by William Rimmer. For the hymn tune the band performed I'll Walk with God arranged by Goff Richards and for it's 'Entertainment numbers' the band selected to perform 'A Nightingale Sang in Berkley Square' featuring principal cornet Ben Noonan & Tico Taco Tuba which starred Eb Tuba Stuart Bennion .

The following day the Solo competition was held and for the third year running Ben Noonan (Principal Cornet RASWA Brass) took out the 'Champion of Champions' award and won the right to represent WA in the national Ern Keller competition in Sydney next February. The band also assisted WABA, as it has in previous years, by providing refreshments at the event, the photo above shows action around the canteen during a break in the days program.



Forthcoming Events

26 Sept – 3 Oct -	Perth Royal Show, Claremont showgrounds.	6.15 pm
17 Oct	- Oktoberfest - Kingsway Football & Sports Club, Skeit Rd, Madeley	6.00 pm
17 Oct	- Opening of the Sailing Season, RFBYC, Peppermint Grove	12.00 pm
24 Oct	- WA Festival of Brass, Busselton Senior High School, Busselton	11.00 am
6 Dec	- RAC Channel 7 Xmas Pagaent, Langley Park, Perth	10.00 am
13 Dec	- Carols by Candlelight, Len Shearer Reserve, Booragoon	5.30 pm

Following the matches come the hatches

Since our last newsletter announcing three weddings in the band, comes the announcement that four births are due! Well two are due and two have actually arrived already. On June 22 Eva Lily Bull arrived at St John of God, Subiaco. Mum, Nat and Dad, Ben (euphonium) are extremely pleased to welcome her. On August 2 Asher Mactaggart Noonan was born to Jen (2nd baritone) and Ben (principal cornet) Noonan & has been attending rehearsal since.. Other band members expecting are Dave Timlin (solo cornet) and wife Vicki are expecting their new arrival in August whilst Tim (soprano) and wife Inga are due to be blessed with their first child in November. Hot off the press is news that Jason Payne (bass trombone) & wife Neilina are expecting identical twins at Easter time. Congratulations to all our new parents – just don't let that be an excuse for turning up late to rehearsal. 😊

New Faces

Since our last edition a number of new players have joined the band. Our bass section has been strengthened with the addition of two fine players, Stuart Bennion on Eb Bass & Russell Torrance on Bb bass. Sinead Liddlelow has joined on 3rd Cornet. Sinead is studying at WAAPA as is Thea Rossen who joins on percussion & Ryan Daunt, a student from Carine SHS, has recently joined the band on percussssion. Returning to the band is Michelle Ward on 2nd Baritone after a spell away following the birth of her third child. She takes over from Jen Noonan who, as we mentioned, is due to give birth shortly. Pete Garnaut has again gone off on his travels around Australia with wife Beryl & is due back later this year.

Nationals 2010

Plans are well in place for the band to participate in next years National Championships. The event is to be held in Hobart over the Easter weekend. Flights & accomodation have been booked in preparation. We now wait to find what music is to be selected to be performed.

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