

Australian National Band Championships



The band took part in the 2010 National Championships held in Hobart over the Easter weekend. The music performed for the 'Set Test' was Extreme Makeover by Johan De Meij. The band felt very pleased with their performance and had never played such a difficult piece to such a high standard. Whilst receiving some great feedback from a number of recognised personalities in the Australian banding scene, who placed us in the top six, and an excellent review from the 'Brass Hub', unfortunately the adjudicator didn't agree. The highlight of the weekend for the band was the result of the Open Cornet Solo which saw RASWA's principal Cornet, Ben Noonan crowned as National Champion and Sarah Draper placed a commendable 3rd in the Open Tenor Horn Section.

Band to accompany Trumpet Virtuoso Allen Vizzutti

The band will be taking part in the WA Performing Arts Eisteddfod at the Bunbury Entertainment Centre on 20 June. The organisers have approached the band to take part in the Gala concert after the event and accompany world renowned Trumpet Virtuoso, Allen Vizzutti, who will be adjudicating during the day's events. The performance will feature Allen Vizzutti in a recently produced composition of his own entitled 'Out of the Dark - Into the Light'.

50th Anniversary Concert

The band will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary with a concert and get together on 24 July 2010. The event will be held at the Tompkins on Swan Room, Cnr Dunkley Ave and Canning Hwy, Alfred Cove starting at 4.00pm. After a short concert by the present band former members will be invited to join in for a blow through some golden oldies. Following the concert it is hoped that everyone will stay for some refreshments and an opportunity to catch up with old friends. Past contact records of the band have been scoured in order to produce a list of former members who have been contacted and advised of the event.

Joint Concerts

On Saturday 28 August, RASWA Brass & Leeming Concert Band join forces for a joint concert entitled 'Bring on the Bands'. The event will be held at the Melville Civic Centre (Main Hall), Almondbury Rd, (off Davy St), Melville. The event will start at 5pm. The concert will feature performances by both bands and be played in a casual atmosphere so the audience can relax & enjoy some good music & refreshments. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for concession and children under 16 years are free.

On September 18 the band will be joined by the 100 strong voices of the Perth Undergraduate Choral Society in a joint concert at St Josephs Church, 1 Salvado St, Subiaco.

New Cornets Arrive

The band was happy to take delivery of five new Xeno Bb Yamaha Cornets this month. The instruments were ordered through Billy Hyde Music in Perth back in December but delivery was delayed by Yamaha Japan. The recipients, pictured right, were very pleased to finally get their hands on the new cornets which compliment some of the same bought two years ago. Our thanks, again, go to Lotterywest for their assistance with a grant that allowed us to purchase these instruments.



WABA 2010 "Act Belong Commit" State Band Festival

Preparations are underway for this years State Band Festival. The event starts on the evening of 4 June with the school concert bands. On Saturday 5 June the community concert bands perform and on Sunday 6 June the community brass bands will perform. RASWA Brass play at 4.00pm and will be performing Extreme Makeover by Johan De Mej as the 'Set Test' piece. Also being featured in the performance will be the Hymn 'Salvation is Created' by Pavel Tschesnokoff (arr Alan Lourens), the march 'Cross of Honour' by William Rimmer. Following this the band will feature Principal Trombone, Matthew Walker in the solo 'Feeling Good' recently brought to light by Michael Buble. We will complete our performance with excerpts from Stravinsky's 'Firebird'. On Monday 7 June the solo & ensemble events take place with a healthy field of entrants in all categories. For further details of the event see the WABA website <http://www.waba.asn.au/>

Forthcoming Events

4-7 June	-	WA State Band Festival – Churchlands SHS, Churchlands	
20 June	-	WA Performing Arts Eisteddfod, Bunbury Entertainment Centre	4.00 pm
24 July	-	50th Anniversary Concert, Tompkins on Swan, Alfred Cove	4.00 pm
28 August	-	Joint Concert with Leeming Concert, Melville Civic Centre	5.00pm
18 September	-	Joint Concert with PUCS, St Josephs Church, Subiaco	7.00pm

To receive further information about the band contact the Secretary, RASWA Brass, 24 Woodhams Street, Willagee, WA 6156 or e-mail on secretary@wabass.com or visit the band website on www.wabass.com