

WABA 2010 "Act Belong Commit" State Band Festival

The band again took out the 'A Grade' title at the recent WABA 2010 "Act Belong Commit" State Band Festival held on Sunday 6 June. RASWA Brass performed Extreme Makeover by Johan De Mej as the 'Set Test' piece, the Hymn 'Salvation is Created' by Pavel Tschesnokoff (arr Alan Lourens), the march 'Cross of Honour' by William Rimmer, 'Feeling Good' featuring Principal Trombone, Matthew Walker and completed its performance with excerpts from Stravinsky's 'Firebird'. Solo Tenor Horn player Sarah Draper was awarded the Norm Snow Trophy for best instrumentalist of the day. On Monday 7 June a number of RASWA individuals performed in the solo & ensemble events. Taking the title in the Duet section were Nina Brotherton & Glenn Evans. The RASWA Tuba Quartet won the Ensemble Section, Paul De Cinque won the B Grade Woodwind title, Ryan Daunt won A Grade Percussion, Matthew Walker won the A Grade Brass Solo & went on to win the Champion of Champions play off. He will represent WA in the Ern Keller competition in Sydney next year. Congratulations to all for some superb performances.

Trumpet Virtuoso Allen Vizzutti visits Perth

The band accompanied trumpet legend, Allen Vizzutti at the WA Performing Arts Eisteddfod at the Bunbury Entertainment Centre on 20 June. The performance featured Allen Vizzutti in a recently produced composition of his own entitled 'Out of the Dark - Into the Light'. The band also performed a short concert before Allen and wife Laura took to the stage to close out the evening. Afterwards the audience (and band) got to mingle and talk to Allen. Earlier in the day, the band took part in the Eisteddfod & was awarded the prize for most outstanding ensemble. A number of the committee were invited later in the week to join Allen & Laura as guests of the US Consul General Ken Chern at his home in Kings Park for a musical reception to celebrate the Vizzutti's visit to Perth.



Forthcoming Events

28 August	-	Joint Concert with Leeming Concert, Melville Civic Centre	5.00 pm
8 September	-	Royal Show Press Launch, Claremont Showgrounds	10.00 am
18 September	-	Joint Concert with PUCS, St Josephs Church, Subiaco	7.30 pm
15 Sept - 2 Oct	-	Perth Royal Show, Claremont Showgrounds,	nightly from 6.30 pm
16 October	-	Bindoon Agricultural Show	3.30 pm
30 October	-	WA Festival of Brass, Cannington Town Hall	12.00 pm

50th Anniversary Concert



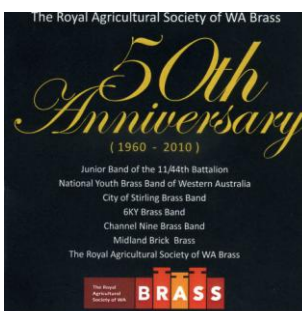
The band celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a concert and get together on 24 July 2010. The event was held at the Tompkins on Swan Room, Alfred Cove. After a short concert by the present band conducted by MD Alan Lourens, former members were invited to join in for a blow through some golden oldies. The concert featured former conductors Ed Martin & Paul De Cinque who both took the baton to conduct a number of pieces throughout the evening. Former conductor, Gareth Jones, was unable to attend because of family commitments in Wales. The evening was a great success & provided an opportunity for old friends & former members to catch up, some of whom hadn't seen each other for as many as 40 years.

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 5 pm. 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. The choir are also celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. The concert entitled 'A Celebration of Choir & Brass' is an opportunity for both ensembles to perform a wide variety of music from 16th Century Gabrieli to 20th Century Bourgeois. It promises to be a concert not to miss. Tickets are available from Epic Events - <https://choirandbrass.epicevent.com/choirandbrass> or at the door. Tickets are \$30, \$25 for concession & include refreshments during the interval

CD



The band has just produced a CD of live recordings taken from a number of events over the past few years as part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations. The CD is available via donation to the band & can be attained through members of the band or by contacting the Secretary (details below) or President, Mike Willett at mgwillett@westnet.com.au

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