



2011 WA State Band Festival

The band competed in the 2011 WA State Band Festival over the long weekend and maintained its championship status with a terrific performance in the 'A' grade section. Preparations for this years competition were far from ideal and required Musical Director Alan Lourens to step in on principal euphonium a week before the contest due to the illness of normal incumbant John Kent. This then required Paul De Cinque to take over the baton with just two rehearsals with the band. A credit to both Alan & Paul for their ability to adapt to the situation and also to the band. The adjudicator for the weekend was Greg Aitken, Head of Brass at the Queensland Conservatorium and a well known performer, educator and conductor.

The band performed the hymn setting Nicaea (William Himes), the set test piece Montage (Peter Graham), a new march RASWASC by MD Alan Lourens & the Star Wars Suite (John Williams) as its entertainment component complete with an appearance of Darth Vadar and princess Leia Organa. Individual members backed up the next day to perform in the solo and ensemble events. Soloists from the band were Stu Bennion (Eb Tuba), Paul De Cinque, Ben Noonan (Cornet) Sarah Draper, Roseanna Dale (Horn) and Alan Lourens (Euphonium). Duets were also performed by members Nina Brotherton/Glenn Evans and Jen Blackweir/Heidi Madden. Percussionist Ryan Daunt took out the A grade percussion title. An all RASWA Brass play off for the Champion of Champions resulted in a win for new member Roseanna Dale on Tenor Horn. Roseanna will go on to represent WA at the international Ern Keller competiton in Sydney next February.

Forthcoming Events

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| 7 August | - | Joint concert with Leeming Concert Band, South Perth Civic Centre | 2.00 pm |
| 17 Sept | - | Joint concert with WA Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Morley Rec Centre | 7.30pm |
| 1 - 8 October | - | Perth Royal Show, Royal Showgrounds, Claremont | nightly from 6.00pm |
| 16 October | - | Royal Freshwater Bay Yacht Club, Keanes Point, Peppermint Grove | 12.00pm |
| 21 October | - | Brass Feast, Callaway Music Auditorium, UWA, Crawley | 7.00 pm |

New arrivals - Roseanna Dale & Braden Whelpdale



Roseanna is 23 years old from Timaru, New Zealand. She started playing tenor horn 14 years ago in her primary school brass band, eventually moving up to the Timaru Senior Band. In 2006 Roseanna moved to Christchurch to study Geology and Geography at the University of Canterbury. She joined NZ's top brass band, Woolston Brass and played principal horn for them over the last three years. Roseanna was also principal horn of six national youth brass bands and the highlight of her brass band career was travelling to Japan with them in 2009 for an international music festival. After completing her studies in 2010

Roseanna decided (with the help of the Christchurch earthquake!) to make the big move to Perth in search of work as a Geologist. She has now lived in Perth for nearly three months and has been really enjoying her new job at a copper mine up in the Pilbara, is settling well into Perth and loves how welcoming RASWA brass has been! She credits the teaching of David Wolffe, Garth Poland and Dave Gallaher to helping her achieve the standard she plays at today. Roseanna is very excited that she won the WA solo's and is honoured to be able to represent the band at the Ern Keller next year.

Braden Whelpdale joins the band on 3rd Cornet. Braden began trumpet tuition at the age of 10 at his local primary school and has loved it since. After completing his year 12 studies in 2010, Braden was invited by band secretary, Sarah Draper, who was his primary school trumpet teacher to join the band. Braden was also taught by former RASWA member Dave Timlin.

In 2008, Braden was lucky enough to perform at the Sydney Opera house as part of his school jazz band and is looking forward to many more challenges and opportunities with RASWA Brass. "In my short time with the band I have already learnt heaps and have really enjoyed the gigs we have done". Braden is an innovative DJ who uses his trumpet skills to add a little spice to parties and events.

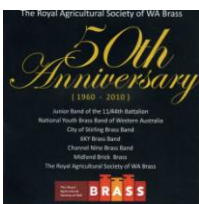


A Brass Feast

In October Brett Baker (principal trombone of Black Dyke Band) will return to WA as artist in residence at UWA. Brett will perform with RASWA Brass in a concert to be held at the Callaway Music Auditorium on Friday 21 October. The concert will include Grondahl's Trombone Concerto, a special arrangement of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue and will also include Gilbert Vinter's Variations on a Ninth. To ensure you don't miss this event visit

http://www.bocsticketing.com.au/events/brass_feast.shtml to book your seat.

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 and 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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