

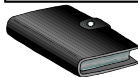


BRASS BITS



APRIL 2009

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Wednesdays 29 April & 6 May: Rehearsals held at Algester Primary School, Endiandra St, Algester. **No. 1 Band.**

Sundays April - May: Sunday rehearsals. **No. 1 Band.** 2pm – 4pm. Followed by marching.

Saturday & Monday 2 & 4 May: Band Camp at the Hall. **No. 1 Band.**

Sunday 3 May: Band Camp at Algester School. **No. 1 Band.**

Saturday 9 May: Rehearsal and marching, Band Hall. **No. 2 Band.** 2 – 4.30pm.

Monday 11 May: Management Committee Meeting.

Saturday 16 May: Rehearsal and marching, Band Hall. **No. 2 Band.** 2 – 4.30pm.

Sunday 17 May: Metro Bands Payout, Mowbray Park, Park Ave, East Brisbane. 1.30 for 2pm start. **No. 1 Band.**

Saturday 23 May: Rehearsal and marching, Band Hall. **No. 2 Band.** 2 – 4.30pm.

Sunday 24 May: Concert, **No. 2/3 Bands.**

Saturday 30 May: Sunnybank State School, 50th Anniversary Fete. **No. 2 & 3 Bands.** 12.30 – 1pm

ALSO: Saturday 30 May: Rehearsal and marching, Band Hall. **No. 2 Band.** 2 – 4.30pm.

Saturday – Sunday 6 – 7 June: State Championships, Maryborough. **Both Bands.**

Tuesday 9 June: Rehearsals cancelled. **Bands 2&3.**

Tuesday 16 June: Rehearsals resume. **Bands 2&3.**

Sunday 22 June: Fete de la Musique, **No. 1 Band.**

Sunday 26 July: Band Day at the Piazza. **No. 1 Band.**

Sunday 25 October: Nambour District Contest.

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MEMBERSHIP FEES

All annual subs for 2009 **must** be paid before the State Championships.

Senior: \$60

Junior/Student: \$35

Associate: \$15

Please see Brian Butler with any queries.

RECENT PLAYOUTS



Toowoomba Tattoo: A most enjoyable time was had by those who took part.

Thank you to those who offered their time. It was very successful both socially and financially.

Games Night: A lot of fun was the order at our Games and Social Night on Saturday 4 April. The only down side was the lack of numbers on a night when it was hoped to bring all members together to get to know one another.

Wynnum Payout: As usual, there was a very receptive crowd for this payout. We received many positive comments from the audience as we left. And fortunately, our playing didn't upset the birds (feathered and pooping variety) sitting above us too much!!

Anzac Day: This was a busy but most worthwhile day. A very early start was made by Kirsty and Richie at Sunnybank, and Glen at Cazna Gardens for the respective dawn services. Kirsty backed up with an early morning service at Brooklands. Sincere thanks to the three of them for their early morning contribution.

Then it was into Sunnybank for the parade and service there. Well done everyone.

Finally it was into the City for the main parade. Did anyone see us as we dashed down the street? I doubt it!!

It was great to see the number of players joining in from all bands. It is appreciated that members donate a few hours of their busy schedules for this important event. Thank you!!



STATE CONTEST

The June long weekend is coming up on us very quickly. Please note the extra rehearsal times in the 'Diary'. All are expected to attend rehearsals as this is a very important event in our calendar.



Marching rehearsals are equally important. Our band prides itself on 'looking good' on the street. Some of our recent outings have

not been up to standard, so let's concentrate and do our very best!!!!

BAND CAMP

No. 1 Band is having a 'camp' over the long weekend in May. (See 'Diary' entries.)

As a way of saying thank you to players for all the work they have, and are, putting in, the Committee has decided to provide morning and afternoon teas, lunches and a barbecue on Saturday night free of charge.

On Sunday evening, we are having a restaurant dinner (pay your own). President Brian will be sending details out shortly.

ABOUT MEMBERS

📞 Welcome our newest member, Rebecca Hannah Sharp, who arrived 24 April. Best wishes to the family.

📞 Would the percussionist please note that we really **do** notice her in parades so she doesn't need to try her gymnastics for effect!

📞 A special thanks to President Brian who is always there to help out the players. On Anzac Day, he was left to pack up all the stands as the players were rushed onto the bus for town.

WEB SITE

Alan Laing is busy keeping our web site up to date. On it you will find some footage of the band at the St. Patrick's Day parade.

Alan wrote:

I received an email from Robyn Rogers, daughter of Kevern Turner, the band's founder.

The information she has forwarded relates to photos she passed on to me a few years ago and I have put them on the website.

I also had an email from Lance Turner, son of Len Turner, who was a younger brother of Kev. He also gave me a little information.

I intend contacting others and trying to build on the current history file.

Robyn wrote: (Edited for space reasons.)

.....the Sunnybank Brass website. I must say that it is looking fantastic.

..... my father, Kevern Turner, started the Sunnybank Band in the early 60's

I thought I would let you know that the second photo is not actually taken outside the Gymnasium which was in our back yard at the time and in which the band practised regularly. It was taken at Our lady of Lourdes School, Mains Rd, Sunnybank on the

occasion of the school fete. I was a pupil there at the time. I'm not exactly sure of the year but it was around 1963. I remember the occasion clearly and I think I was around 10 - 11 years old. Dad is the 4th bandsman from the left and I think is playing a cornet or trumpet. (The portly gentleman.)

The third photo was taken at the beginning of an Anzac Day march. Dad started the tradition of marching down Station Road on Anzac Day and finishing at the RSL Hall in Lister street. After the ceremony, the band would then march down Gager St past our home and into the Sunnybank bowling club. This tradition continued for many years to the delight of the old diggers who would be 'celebrating' at the bowling club.

The fourth and sixth photos were taken at a Nambour Band competition where the band was awarded a first prize for playing "Harbour Lights". I can't remember the exact award but as the band was only quite new, it was in a lower division. I still remember how excited we all were. The 4th photo shows one of the boys receiving the award and shaking hands with one of the judges.

In the 8th photo, Dad is the gentleman in the middle. (Even more portly!)

I hope this information helps, Alan. My sister Debbie and I continue to follow the band and it's progress with interest and a great deal of pride in its achievements.

*Kind regards,
Robyn*

The info can be viewed at

<http://www.sunnybankbrass.com/History%201960.htm>

If anyone can help, please contact Alan.

QBA SNIPPETS

♫ Bundaberg Municipal No.1 band has been regraded by the Music Advisory Board from B Grade to C Grade. The band requested the regrading due to the loss of over 20 key players over the past few months. The No. 1 and No. 2 bands have now combined to form the one band.

♫ QBA Youth Camp, Maryborough 8-15 July. Young players may be interested. Peter Adams (NZ) will be the MD and will be supported by highly qualified tutors. James Morrison will also be conducting a workshop with the Youth Band in the Brolga Theatre, Maryborough. The band has several performance opportunities at the Education Queensland Music Conference.

DETAILS

Have you changed address, phone number, e-mail address? If so, please advise:

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