



BRASS BITS



OCTOBER 2009

Apologies for the lack of newsletters over the past few months. Several issues impacted on my ability to get them out. I have included some items from previous months which did not quite make it to print!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Sunday 25 October: Nambour District Contest.
Both Bands.

Wednesday 11 November: AGM, at the hall.
7.30pm start.

Saturday 14 November: Santa Arrives, Chermside Shopping Centre, 10am – 1pm. Both Bands.
TBC

Sunday 22 November: Awards Night, 6pm.
All members and their families.

Sunday 29 November: Newstead House, No. 1 Band.

Wednesday 9 December: Brooklands carols and concert. No. 1 Band.

Saturday 12 December: Metro Bands playout. No. 1 Band.

Sunday 13 December: Carols in the Park. 6pm. **All players required.**

NAMBOUR CONTEST

We are off to the district contest on 25 October. This year the stage events will be held at Maroochy Events Centre, Maroochy RSL, Memorial Avenue, Maroochy. The Street March has been cancelled as permission was not granted for street closures. Therefore the march will be played while seated on stage.



AGM

All members are requested to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held on 11 November. A Nomination Form is attached at the end of the newsletter. Please give nominations for positions serious consideration.



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AWARDS NIGHT

This is the most important night of the year when our members are recognised for their effort and contribution to the bands over the past year.



More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

It is important that ALL members and their families attend.

NEWS OF THE PAST FEW MONTHS:

Band Camp: A great weekend with members working hard to hone their skills. Special thanks to Brian Butler, Pauline Biggs, Karin Oldham and Alan Wilson for once again displaying their marvellous catering skills.

State Championships: What a weekend this was!! It was wonderful to come home with the B Grade marching trophy again, and with Glen taking out Champion Drum Major. It was also good to see the band socialising, but a big negative was that the bands were split at different venues. We hope to fix that for next year.

The 'after' party on Sunday evening was helped along by the Oldham family who organised a raffle. The winners were:

- \$50 Harvey Norman voucher – Katrina Madden
- 1 dozen beer – Peter Werda
- 1 bottle wine – Heather Wilson
- 1 bottle wine – Wendy Butler
- Car Clean Gift Pack – Melina
- Girls Gift Pack – Sarah Stephenson

The prizes were donated by Qld Fascia & Guttering Services.

We really appreciate the efforts of Mark, Cathy, Glen and Craig who worked extremely hard, and travelled many miles, to prepare the bands. Thank you also to the many family members who deal with the players' absences on weekends.

Mowbray Park: "Bravo! Bravo!" was the repeated call from the spectators at this Metro Bands playout. The Band really fired and, as usual, Mark arranged a wonderful variety concert.

Sunnybank State School, 50th Anniversary Fete: No. 2 & 3 Bands performed admirably receiving many compliments from the crowd.

'**Big Bold and Brassy**', the non-competition get-together of the bands on the Metro Bands playout roster, was very well received by members of the public, especially as Mark stayed with the required theme as requested. What a good chap he is!!!

CONCERT and SOLO EVENT:

This was a great opportunity for the bands to show what they can do, but more importantly, for members to display their skills.

Winners were:

Under 12: Ruby Mineur
Under 15: Jamison Bulloch-Reid
Under 19: Peter Werda
Open Solo: Josh Rim
Open Duet: Josh Rim/Sue Day
Open Ensemble: Peter Werda / Wendy Butler /
Andrew Lee / Bruce Butler

Congratulations to all the entrants:

Maggie Bulloch-Reid, Ruby Mineur, James Pullen, Talivai Leu, Rotorua Leu, Harri Day, David Murphy, Jamison Bulloch-Reid, Levi Windolph, Jessica Wright, David Liggins, Sue Day, Bruce Butler, Josh Rim, Wendy Butler, Andrew Lee, John Torpy, Karin Oldham, Ben Oldham, Tom Oldham, Hannah Oldham, Darren Johnston, Zhian Johnson, Kelvin Oldham, Tom Warner, Peter Werda, Andrew Lee.


GRANTS:

Over the past few months we have been very grateful to receive some grants to assist us with the purchase of a new glockenspiel and xylophone. From our Patron, Cr Graham Quirk, we received \$2000 and from Southside Sport and Community Club \$1825.


The Gone Troppo Swing Band, which rehearses in the hall, has donated a glockenspiel stand to the band. We thank them for their generosity.

The extensions have reached a stage where we will soon have notices erected at the street entries advising of the plans. Slowly but surely we are getting there!


ABOUT MEMBERS


 **Andrew Bradley Wilson** arrived on Friday the 11 September, weighing 9 lb 7 oz. Congratulations to Craig and Kate (and Grandparents Heather & Alan)



 **Alexander Reid** arrived Thursday 17 September, weighing 7lb 7oz. Congratulations to Kevin and Kathy (and Jameson & Maggie).



 Congratulations to Sarah and Andrew Thomas on their marriage. Best wishes for a long and happy future together.

 Will someone please tell our baritone player not to practise marching in her thongs – especially in the middle of the night!!

DVDs

Keith Craddock has been very busy at our playouts and the State Contest (but only No. 1 Band) taking footage of our efforts and putting it on DVDs. Alan Laing has put some on the website, but if you would like to see more, contact Alan.

QBA SNIPPETS

♪ The 2009/2010 Committee as elected at the AGM on 1 August is:

President: Annette Ries

Vice-President: Joshua McKeachie

Secretary: Nicole Small

Treasurer: Sarah Stephenson

Registrar: Roger Roache

Committee Members: Greg Aitken (Chairperson of the Music Advisory Board), Alan Trueman, Bob Keast, Johnathon Germann, Rogan Clancy

♪ The State Championships in 2010 will be held on the Gold Coast.

DETAILS

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

- Glenn Biggs, Secretary: gpmkbiggs@optusnet.com.au
- Brian Butler, President: bbutler@bigpond.net.au

If you have any items, photos etc. for the newsletter, please send them to me: Heather Wilson, Newsletter Editor: hacwil@lizzy.com.au

A boy accidentally swallows a 20 cent coin and starts choking as his father screams for help.

A woman sipping her cappuccino outside a cafe looks up, puts down her cup and newspaper and strolls over to the child.

She squeezes the lad with amazing strength until the coin pops out. Deftly catching it, she hands it to the father and returns to her table.

The relieved father follows her, gushing words of thanks.

"That was fantastic!" he says. "Are you a doctor?"

"No," replies the woman. "I work for the taxation department."

SUNNYBANK & DISTRICT BRASS BAND INC.

Articles of Association Item 11 Section 3:-

Any two (2) members of the Sunnybank & District Brass Band shall be at liberty to nominate any other fully financial member to serve as an officer of the Band or member of the Committee. The nomination, which shall be in writing and signed by the member and his proposer and seconder, shall be lodged with the Secretary at least fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting at which the election is to take place – **Wednesday 11 November 2009 at 7.30pm**, Sunnybank Brass Band Hall, Granadilla Street, Sunnybank.

NOMINATION FORM 2009

I, _____ (fully financial member)

Address: _____

Hereby nominate _____ (a fully financial member)

For the position of _____ in the Sunnybank Brass Band.

Proposer's signature _____

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SECONDER: I, _____ (fully financial member) hereby second the above nomination.

Seconder's signature _____

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I, _____ (fully financial member)

Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

Accept the above nomination and declare that I fully understand the responsibilities laid upon me in accepting such nomination.

Nominee's signature _____

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The above nomination shall be in the hands of the Secretary no later than Wednesday 28 October 2009.

Date returned: _____

Signature of Secretary: _____