

CCB Newsletter

April 2014

Important Dates

Below are a list of important dates for future performances and events

Thursday April 10th 7-10pm. Social event - ice skating Medibank Icehouse.

Saturday June 14th . 12.00-12.30 Haileybury Beaconsfield Campus. Launch of Casey Winter Arts Festival.

Sunday June 15th . 2-4pm St Margarets School Auditorium. Both Training and Senior bands. Annual Concert with Berwick Primary School.

Sunday October 12th. 2-4pm St Margarets School Auditorium . Both Training and Senior bands.

Welcome to the Casey Concert Band's (CCB) first online newsletter ever. Yes I know it has been a long time coming and I am way behind in the times. But it took me a little while to get it all together.

The newsletter will be distributed every 3 months and will be a way for band members to be informed and stay in touch with what is happening in our Band.

Please feel free to forward me any articles you may think would be of interest to add to the newsletter and I am always open for feedback.

Thanks from Ange

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CCB Committee

Did you realise that like most community groups the CCB is run by a dedicated team of volunteers.

This committee is elected at our annual general meeting which is held in October each year.

Even though the committee is in place to help make decisions for the band , every members input and ideas are always welcome.

Our current committee is:

Chairperson – Gavin Catt , Bass guitar, Senior Band

Assistant Chairperson- Ange Marks-Boulton, Tenor horn, Senior Band

Secretary- Liz Wilson, Trumpet, Senior Band

Treasurer- James Park-Baritone Sax, Senior Band

Music Librarian- Angelique Lele- Alto Sax, Senior Band

General Committee – Debra Carrigy- Tenor Sax, Senior Band

-Anne-Marie Clover- Flute, Senior band

-Taylah Charlesworth- Clarinet, Senior band

- Tanya Micallef- Euphonium, Senior Band

Musical Director- Greg Marks

Assistant Musical Director- Dale Granger

Band Patron – Dr Dennis Harvie

Junior Advisory Committee- Madeline Park, Scarlett Marks-Boulton, Jared Worland, Kassandra Llerena, Elana Soliman.

Letter from Musical Director

Greg explains our obligations to council for receiving a grant

Council Grants and our Obligation.

We have been successful in obtaining City of Casey Arts Sponsorship for the last five years in a row. Mostly our grant has been the maximum amount of \$5000. We have used this money to purchase instruments for our training program and senior band, music for both our bands and assistance in funding the concerts we do each year at St Margarets.

As part of obtaining the grant I am required to sign an agreement that we will do at least two free gigs in support of council's planned activities. Our free concert offerings don't count.

In past year's we have struggled to find any council events that have sufficient space for our band to perform. A couple of years back we supported a flood relief concert by playing outside the venue prior to the start. I am told that if we waive the fee of \$125 at next year's Casey Kid's Carnival, (done by our training band) that will count as one of our two annual council gigs.

I have spoken with council officers and suggested that if their events are situated in venues that are too small for our full band we could provide a brass or woodwind quintet, but that we would need plenty of lead time as we would need to rehearse music different to that which we normally play. If any of these are possible, council has agreed that they will count towards our two gigs.

After a quick show of hands at last Sunday's concert I have accepted a council gig on Saturday 14th June at midday to 1230 at Haileybury at Beaconsfield. This will be an outside gig prior to the launch of the Casey Winter Arts Festival. Doing it will be an indication of our willingness to support council as recognition of the support they give us. I will send further details on this via the normal method.

Greg Marks Musical Director

FEES REMINDER

A reminder to all senior band members that term 1 fees are now due. Training band members do not pay fees. If you have any queries please contact James.

CCB Member Profile: Paul Chinnock

Paul is a trumpet player with our senior band. He has been with the band for over 8 years and was born and raised in Berwick. So if you are wondering what CCB or Berwick was like before 2014 he would be the one to ask!

We asked Paul some questions to find out more about this intriguing person.

Q. What other instruments do you play?

Guitar and sometimes ukulele and banjo. I would like to learn the mandolin.

Q. What music do you like to listen to?

My music taste varies greatly. I listen to just about anything. Rock, folk, jazz, classical, gypsy...anything.

Q. What do you do other than band ?

Away from band I do a lot of sport including surfing, baseball, snowboarding, mountain biking, rock climbing and fishing.

Q. Do you have any pets?

Have a border collie/Labrador called abbey

Q. Where would you like to travel to ?

I would like to go to Europe and UK. I would also like to go to Canada and japan snowboarding.

Q. What is your favourite thing to do ?

Have fun. As long as I'm having fun I'm happy. I think that's why I do so many different things. They keep me active and I love doing them all.

Q. Why do you like coming to band ?

I have played since year 7 in high school and i really enjoy it. The band is a great way to keep me playing as I don't think I would still be playing without it. Plus the atmosphere is really good and friendly.



Remembering Jared Dunscombe ...one year on.

We recently commemorated the anniversary of our good friend Jared on February 22nd, marking a year since he tragically left us.

Some of our band members joined Jared's family and "200" of his friends to participate in the "Walk for Jared". It was a lovely morning walking through the beautiful trees of Silvan Reservoir park and we helped raise funds for the "Jared Dunscombe Fund"

Later that evening CCB was privileged to be part of the launch of the fund in his name and we played some good music on Jared's parent's tennis court. We also enjoyed the atmosphere of being part of something that Jared would have been so appreciative of.



End of Year Celebration – December 2014

Our annual end of year break up party was once again held at the Marks-Boulton house. It is always a great evening with both our training and senior band members and their families all coming together.

On the night we had some special awards handed out. The awards and recipients are listed below.

-Jared Dunscombe Perpetual Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to the band as voted by the band members was awarded to Ange Marks-Boulton

- Two awards for members of the band who's contribution to the band is above and beyond any expectations as voted by the musical director Greg were awarded to:

- Lou Harbis
- Angelique Lele



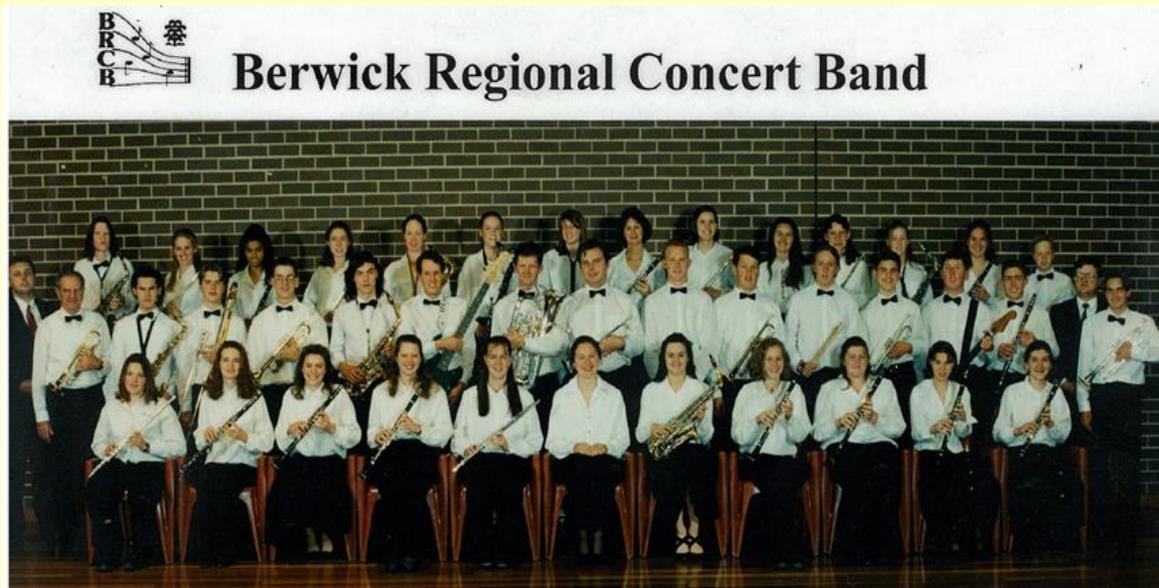
Last minute notes.....

-Casey Concert Band has a Facebook page but we also have a private members only page. If you have not been added to this page but would like to please contact Ange.

-We are looking at an exciting fundraiser event later in the year stay tuned

-Our youngest band member is 7 and our eldest is 70 something. What a great environment for all involved.

-We are always welcoming to new musicians of any ability and any age. If you know someone who would like to be part of this great band please let Greg or a committee member know.



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A great photo of the band taken back when it was called Berwick Regional Concert Band. Can you recognize anyone?
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