



November 2009

It's been a little while, but here's the newsletter for November. Not much was happening last month so we didn't bother, but there's a bit more to report on now!

There are a few things on the horizon for the rest of the year, including the regular 'Brass in the Park' (The concert formerly known as Brass on Bull..), and Christmas concerts in Raywood and Neale St. Uniting Church.

Brass in the Park is on **Sunday 6th of December** this year (1pm to 5pm), and being held on a separate stage next to the rotunda in Rosalind Park. Please invite relatives, friends (enemies even..) along to this great afternoon, featuring music from most of Bendigo's Brass and Concert bands. If you're smart, bring a chair or rug to sit on, and get there early for a spot under a nice shady tree! Fliers for this event are currently being designed and should be ready soon. Please help the organizers by distributing these where possible.

Cheers!

Brendan



MUSICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

The past month has been fairly busy and quite rewarding. After doing a fair amount of work on a few reasonably difficult new pieces, we attended the Bendigo Bands Group Contest day to try them out. Surprisingly, the award we received was for the piece I would have least expected it for, "The Polar Express". Getting the most popular item award for this was a surprise at the time, but after listening to the CD we were provided with, it definitely was the cleanest and most professional work we performed for the day. Well done to all who attended. Thank you to the personnel from Greater Bendigo Brass for sitting in to assist.

More recently we travelled up to Inglewood to present our annual concert, in conjunction with Barbara Mason and Hospital Auxiliary. This year it was a little different, due to the combining of our visit with the anniversary celebrations at the Inglewood Hospital. Overall, I thought we did a great job, considering we struck the first of the hot days for some time and were seated outside. Also, while the crowd appeared to thin out a little, they were all within earshot and extremely grateful for the performance. It was extremely gratifying to receive a framed "Appreciation" certificate from the Hospital for the many years we have been assisting them in fundraising by entertaining the masses. Well done to all who went. Thank you to Col, Howard, Kevin, Hannah and Louisa for helping us out on the day. Well done to the

soloists who performed throughout the concert.

Looking forward, with the end of the year almost upon us, our focus has turned to the Christmas concerts we are involved with. We will be working on a couple of Christmas scores, along with making use of items we have played throughout the year. The concerts I know of are: Brass in the Park, Neale Street and Raywood Primary. I will be endeavouring to make use of similar programs for all of those venues. Keep practicing..!

Andrew Trewartha
Musical Director

BAND FEES

A friendly reminder that band fees are now due. Please see Michael or Alan to pay these if you haven't already done so.

- Single adult \$70 per year or \$20 per quarter,
- Junior players \$50 per year or \$15 per quarter,
- Families \$100 per year or \$30 per quarter.

OTHER DIARY DATES

- **Nov 21** - Spring Gully Dance Catering.
- **Dec 2** - Combined COBBB and BYB rehearsal, starting 7pm.
- **Dec 6** - Brass in the Park (formerly Brass on Bull)
- **Dec 9** - 147th City of Bendigo Brass Band AGM. 7pm at the Band Room. Please bring a plate of supper,
- **Dec 13** - Neale St. Christmas Concert, around 2:30pm.
- **Dec 16** - Raywood Christmas Carols.



BENDIGO YOUTH BRASS NEWS

Contact: Cally Tromans 0431 031 853

Bendigo Youth Brass played admirably at the Bendigo Interband Competition recently. They performed the pieces 'Pirates of the Caribbean', 'Castles of Scotland' and 'Smoke on the Water'.

All the players are congratulated on a fine effort! Rehearsals continue for performances at Brass on Bull, and the City of Bendigo Brass Band AGM.

CITY OF BENDIGO BRASS BAND AGM

The 147th City of Bendigo Brass Band AGM is to be held on Wednesday December 9th 2009, at the band rooms (Tom Flood Sports Centre).

The meeting will begin at 7pm with a performance from Bendigo Youth Brass, with official proceedings commencing at 7:30pm. There will be supper afterwards, please bring along a plate to share (preferably with food on it!).

All committee and office bearer positions are to be declared vacant at the start of the meeting.

Please consider nominating for one of the positions, to help keep the band running well in 2010!

If you would like to nominate, please fill in the tear-off section below and return to Michael Dobson, Secretary.

Band positions vacant at the Annual General Meeting

- * President;
- * Vice President;
- * Secretary;
- * Minutes Secretary;
- * Treasurer;
- * Property Officer;
- * Librarian;
- * Assistant Librarian;
- * Committee Member;
- * Public Officer;
- * Auditor;
- * Bendigo Band's League Representative;
- * Victorian Band's League Representative;

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I am happy to be nominated for the position of _____

I would like more information about the position of _____

Name _____

Signed _____