



July 2011

Welcome to the July 2011 edition of 'Bendigo Brass', the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band Newsletter.

As you are no doubt aware, the past six months have been a busy and evolving time for the band. It seems like a lot has been happening at once, but we are now settling into our stride as the City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band.

A good piece of news is that we recently received our 'Certificate of Incorporation' from the Department of Justice, making the merger finally official in a business sense. Special thanks to President Trevor Trewartha and other members of the committee for their huge amount of work in sorting through the masses of paperwork for this! Undertaking this type of thing is certainly not easy these days, so it's terrific to finally have a positive outcome!

Since the previous newsletter, Hannah Trewartha has been appointed as the new musical director for Bendigo Youth Brass. As Cally has moved on to her new position as MD of senior band, the youth band MD position was made available, and has been aptly fulfilled by Hannah since the Bendigo Competitions. Big congratulations to Hannah on her appointment, and looking forward to hearing the youth band progress under her direction! See below for initial reports from both Hannah and Cally on the progress of both bands.

In other sad news, the band has recently mourned the passing of Cliff Sampson. Cliff was a superbly positive, friendly and enthusiastic member of City of Bendigo Brass Band until recent months with ill health. As well as his capable input on Baritone, his witty sense of humor, friendly character, and

additional work (particularly with Spring Gully catering functions) will be greatly missed and fondly remembered. Deepest condolences to Enid and family. See below for an obituary and tribute to Cliff. Enid wishes to extend to you all, a heartfelt thank-you for your support, friendship and cards, on the loss of Cliff.

As reported previously, the band currently has two sub-committees working on specific projects, being the bands 150th anniversary celebrations, and the uniform for the new merged band. The 150th anniversary committee are progressing with organisation of events for 2012, with nothing specific to report at this stage. The uniform committee are progressing well, a summary of which is included below.

Kind Regards,
Brendan

MUSICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Welcome to my first report as Musical Director! I hope that these reports will be informative and helpful.

Since the last newsletter we have had a couple of performances including competing at the Bendigo Competitions under the directorship of Colin Wellard and the service at the Long Gully Uniting Church under the directorship of Hannah Trewartha. My sincerest thanks to Hannah and Colin for their work.

The band performed admirably at the Bendigo Competitions gaining 3rd place on a count back (thanks Andrew!) I feel that the band had a good grasp on the works we performed and we certainly gained many positive comments from the adjudicator.

Looking ahead our next major performance is at the Ballarat competitions on Sunday 21st August and while we have been working hard on our repertoire we still have a way to go.

The four pieces we are working on for Ballarat are "Partita", "The Elephant", "The Day Thou Gavest" and "Hard to Say I'm Sorry". There are quite a few difficult passages in these works for all instruments, and some practice of these parts by members at home would help the band achieve a good outcome at the competition. I've added links to these pieces on Youtube. These are:

The Day Thou Gavest:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjqlXCtp7GE>

Partita:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zUxew4wxH40>

The Elephant:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g7JzlQKW6hU>

Hard to Say I'm Sorry:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sYlf_YP-ePs

We also have (better quality) versions of these on CD at the band room if anyone is interested.

There are two extra Sunday rehearsals scheduled for August 7th and August 14th (see upcoming dates) and it would be fantastic to see a full band at those rehearsals.

We also have a very special guest at an upcoming Wednesday night rehearsal. Brett Baker is the President of the British Trombone Society and the principal trombone of the Black Dyke Band and we are very fortunate to have him join us for a workshop on the 10th August. It really is an opportunity not to be missed and I am confident we will have a full band (plus) for that rehearsal.

Finally, my thanks to the band for supporting my first few weeks as Musical Director. I am sure we will all continue to grow and learn as musicians and friends.

Cally Bartlett, Musical Director.

UNIFORM SUB-COMMITTEE

The uniform sub-committee have been progressing well with determining and refining the uniform for the newly merged band.

Current developments include:

- Selecting and approving the band logo.
- Purchasing new ties, which will be distributed to band members in the coming weeks. These ties incorporate the colours of green, gold and red to reflect the merged band.
- Collecting existing green band jackets, and removing the pockets with the old COBBB logo. These will be returned and refitted in the coming weeks, with subsequent addition of the new band logo in the near future.

Other uniform committee projects that are currently in the pipeline include:

- Sourcing additional hats, and material / suppliers / manufacturers for additional green jackets.
- A casual band uniform, which will most likely incorporate commemoration of the bands 150th anniversary.
- Other band branding items, such as signs, banners, and potentially name badges for individual members.

After much deliberation and refinement, the committee have approved the new band logo, which is now in use. After a whole band vote between four options ended in a tie between two options, the committee decided to combine these two designs into one logo. The following is the approved logo (shown how it would appear on the band jacket). This is a combination of the previous options 'A' and 'D'. We seem to have the 'merging' of things down pat at the moment!



NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Please ensure that you contact myself of Cally at least an hour before a rehearsal if you are unable to attend:

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BENDIGO YOUTH BRASS NEWS

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Hi Everyone,

The Youth Band has had a change of hands since the last newsletter with Cally Bartlett now conducting the Senior band. The Youth Band conductor is now Hannah Trewartha and I am very excited about what is coming for the band.

I'm hoping to find a gig/ ployout for us in Term 3 and maybe a competition at some point in the near future. We are going to explore a lot of new and untouched music that will broaden our repertoire knowledge and I am really hoping that we can build the band numbers up from all the

different schools in town. There is also talk of a training band on the table that I will be developing over the next 6 months that will feed into the Youth Band and we may just take over the world with brass players one day :P

Hannah Trewartha

Musical Director

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DIARY DATES

- **Sun Aug 7th** - Senior Band Rehearsal. Girton Performing Arts Building (Black Box), Wattle St Bendigo (next door to Elliot Bros). 2pm-5pm
- **Wed Aug 10th** - Regular Wednesday rehearsals and workshops with special guest Brett Baker.
- **Sun Aug 14th** - Senior Band Rehearsal. Bendigo South East Secondary College (Flora Hill) Hall. Enter from Ellis St. 2pm-5pm
- **Sun Aug 21st** - Ballarat Competitions. Venue: Wendouree Centre for Performing Arts, 1220 Howitt St, Wendouree. Time: TBA
- **Sat Aug 27th** - Working Bee to help move and consolidate equipment, and generally tidy up the band room. From 10am to 5pm. Please let Hannah Trewartha know if you are available to help, even for an hour or so.
- **Sun Dec 4th** - Brass in the Park. Possibly Maiden Gully Carols this day also. TBA.

CLIFF SAMPSON

Thanks to Enid Sampson for writing the following obituary for Cliff.

A LIFE REGIME

Cliff Sampson passed away on July 4th, after a long illness. During his 76 years, he was apprenticed in Horsham to become a Ford mechanic. At 14 years, he joined the Pipe Band there, being with them for 9 years, until meeting Enid in Daylesford.

Transferring there to work at the Ford garage, which he and family eventually bought, including a Melbourne - Daylesford transport run. 10 years later, the new owner of Hepburn Spa offered for him to work as his Production Manager, which he did until Schweppes took over.

As at that time, Organ's Coaches in Kyneton were wanting a mechanic - bus driver, he enjoyed a brief time with them. He injured his back while there, which then forced an early retirement for Cliff. During those 48 years, he was a playing and committee member, and drum major of the Daylesford Municipal Brass Band, and a member of the City of Bendigo Brass Band until recently. Continuing work also with the Daylesford Highland Gathering Society to become a Life Member.

He was in the Aust. Facetor's Guild (specialist cutting of precious gemstones) for 19 years, winning competitions, being Vice President, qualified judge and instructor. Cliff did much travelling interstate to Seminars, Gemborees and Gemkhanas, as well as fossicking up in the gem fields.



Cliff on Baritone at the 2006 Ballarat Comps (with Enid in the background)



Cliff at work grinding facets.



Some of Cliff's gems in different settings.



An Amethyst

MORE PHOTOS FROM EASTER

Thanks to Julie Kirby (Eddie Albert's granddaughter) for emailing through these photos from the 2011 Bendigo Easter Parade. I believe they were taken from the Shamrock balcony.

