

Sunday at Subi & Housewarming concerts

The band recently enjoyed a couple of concerts with good crowds in attendance. On 18 August the band was joined by New Zealand Euphonium Star Riki McDonnell in a performance at the Subiaco Arts Centre. With the queue tailing back a hundred metres from the door before opening, we were aware a keen crowd awaited us and from the completion of the first number, we knew they were there for a good time. Riki, who performed with the band at this year's Australian Nationals Championships, wowed the audience with some technical fireworks and the band matched his efforts with a fine set. On 8 September the band opened the doors to the Ellie Eaton Theatre at the Showgrounds for its 'Housewarming Concert'. The concert was used to celebrate the bands new 'home' at the Royal Agricultural Showgrounds in Claremont & admission charges were used to benefit the Motor Neurone Disease Association of WA. Joining the band to further entertain the audience was percussion virtuosi Louise Devenish who showed her superb musicianship with a wonderful performance on Marimba and Melodica. It was nice to see a number of former band members as well as former MD Ed Martin at the performance and be able to show them our new premises. The band room now displays the bands trophies, certificates, banners, photo's and other memorabilia from its early days as the junior band of the 11/44th Battalion of the City of Perth Regiment through to today's band.



Stu's TV career cut short



RASWA Brass President Stu Bennion was called upon to take part in filming for the TV advertisement for the 2013 IGA Perth Royal Show.

Stu, looking resplendent in the Drum Majors regalia, complete with mace, was required for an afternoons filming at the Showgrounds and after many takes managed to not fluff his lines. Unfortunately his on-screen career appears to have mostly ended up on the cutting room floor as he flashes up on the screen for about 1 second! Undaunted, Stu is hopeful that a sharp eyed movie mogul from Hollywood will recognise his very raw talent as a triple threat and snap him up for a life on the silver screen.

Forthcoming Events

19 October	- Opening of the Sailing Season - RFBYC	12.00pm
24 October	- Recording 'The Anzacs'	
17 November	- WABA Solo & Parties competition - Ellie Eaton Theatre	TBC
1 December	- Private Wedding - RFBYC	TBA
7 December	- Ch 7 Christmas Pageant, Perth City Centre	TBA
22 December	- Christmas Carols - All Saints Church, Henley Brook	TBA

Perth Royal Show

The band took part in this year's IGA Perth Royal Show with performances each night on the 'Cultivate' stage and also on the Main Arena. On the first evening of 'The Show' the band welcomed to the main arena the Governor, Malcolm McCusker, RAS President Hugh Harding, members of the RAS board and special guests for the official opening ceremony. During the week the band performed numerous charts from its' PLS series, keeping the crowd entertained with a wide variety of music from Village Peoples 'YMCA' through to ACDC's 'Back in Black'.



As the band were preparing to perform one evening MD Alan Lourens, President Stu Bennion and Stu's son William were featured in an 'on ground' interview with host Angus which was broadcast live around the arena's big screens. The discussion roamed between the cost of the various instruments within the band to the various professions of the members who make up the band through to who did all the work at Will's home. Fortunately for Will he came up with the right answer every time! (Good onya Sarah)

A Recording in the pipeline

Over the next few weeks the band will be preparing for a recording session. The band was contacted by Ted Egan AO (folk musician, writer, presenter and former administrator of the Northern Territories) following the Australian Nationals at Easter with a proposition to record an arrangement of a March that Ted had composed some time ago. Ted visited the band back in August with his arranger Eric Kowarski, bringing the music along for the band to play through.

Ted was very pleased with the result and suggested that the band record the arrangement for a new CD he is producing.

Over the following few weeks the march was tweaked by MD Alan Lourens & a sample recording of the revised version sent through to Ted, who lives in Alice Springs. The march 'The Anzacs' has been a project of Ted's for some time and he has also written lyrics to the tune which he hopes to promote for next year's Centenary of the ANZACS. The band will be recording the March at Churchlands Senior High School on 24 October.

The final result will include choirs singing the lyrics over the brass music.

Welcome to Jordan

The band is pleased to welcome percussionist Jordan Berini to its ranks. Jordan was recommended to join the band by Robyn Gray (who, by the way, has just been appointed to the position of Principal Percussionist with WASO). Jordan is currently studying a Bachelor of Music in Classical Performance at WAAPA. Jordan's first concert with the band was the joint concert held at the Canning Leisureplex back in June and has since performed with the band at the Sunday at Subi Concert, Housewarming Concert and just completed his first Royal Show with a work out on drum kit for 8 straight nights! Congratulations and welcome Jordan.