



MUSIC TO OUR EARS

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From the President

All I have running through my head at the moment are all the old clichés about where has the year gone: is it Christmas already and so on. Perhaps as we get older Newton's Theory of Relativity applies to how fast the years seem to go....

But back to reality, between now and Christmas, and I'm talking right up to Christmas Eve - it's flat out.

First up we have our traditional end of year concert, or for this year, our end of year concerts, with Inaccord and our concert bands performing on the 22nd, and Swing and Big bands playing at a dance the following weekend. We split them for a couple of reasons – with all six bands playing in a single concert, although logistically easier it made the program just too long- bands had to really squeeze their programs and the number of pieces they played which reduced the opportunity for each band to show their capability with an interesting range of music. The Big and Swing bands seem to play a genre of music that begs to be danced to – see if you can stop your foot beating time, so this year we are giving it a try. If this seems to work, next year we are talking about putting on similar style events in our hall.

Speaking of halls, we are also going to try using the Memorial Hall next door for a couple of concerts. I know some players are worried about the acoustics but where we are playing at the moment isn't perfect either. The attraction of being able to carry the equipment next door without having to use the trailer is pretty appealing. The size of the hall is probably closer to the size of

our audiences; it's always better to have a full hall rather than rattle around like a pea in a whistle.

Our Christmas party will be on the 6th December. And we will have our traditional goodies of sausages and terribly bad (for your health!) sweets, chips and lollies (yummmm). But we have a twist; the Swing Band has volunteered to fire up with a few of their popular pieces - -I am really chuffed as I have never understood how a large group of people who love music can get together without someone playing something – just for the pure joy of it. I was really excited when the Swing Band volunteered – it started me thinking how it would be great if others volunteer – I even thought about asking our Conductors to strut their stuff and have a blast but it's probably too late for that now.....

And lastly on the run up to Christmas we have not one, not two but three performances for the Christmas Band – hopefully it won't be like last year with all events cancelled.

So, a lot of activity means a lot of work for everyone. We really do well playing and being our own roadies; but please don't be afraid to roll your sleeves up and help lift and carry. I know that some of us have health problems but it seems to me that if you can carry your instrument from your car to the hall, then there must be something that you can carry. Another cliché I know but many hands do make light work – no prima donnas please.

Cheers
George

Out in front

Our final instalment on conductors has been temporarily suspended as Reece has been away and he is very hard to catch up with! We will bring you all you ever wanted to know about Reece in a future edition. In the meantime ... here is a pic of the Beginner Band taken at a recent rehearsal. They are obviously all working very hard. Good lookin' bunch, aren't they!



Thanks Willy for the photo... Ed

Concert Band at Renaissance Open Day

On October 11, a Sunday, the Concert Band presented a one-hour concert in the entertainment hall at the Renaissance Retirement Village at Victoria Point. The concert was part of the activities provided for residents, guests and visitors during the Renaissance Open Day.

The Band played an excellent variety of music, but, unfortunately, the 1-2pm time slot was somewhat late in the day's events to attract a large audience. In other words, most people had gone home or had returned to their villas by the time we commenced our program. Those who did wait to hear us proved to be very appreciative of our music, however.

Happily, the concert was an indoor event, as heavy rain swept over the retirement

complex as Band members scurried to load the gear in to the trailer and later to unload it in to the Band room.

John Allen

Final concert for the year

November 22 is St. Cecilia's Day. St. Cecilia is the patron saint of music, so it is appropriate that the last formal concert for the year should be held on her day.

The venue is the Thornlands Primary School Hall. The concert commences at 1.30pm, and features the ever popular small group Inaccord, the Beginners' Band, the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band. With four groups performing, the audience is guaranteed an entertaining program with a rich variety of music.

The concert band repertoire is immense, and covers just about every style of music. The Redland City Bands' library possesses over eight hundred pieces of music, thus giving the conductors a vast array of music from which to choose a program. Not only is new music being added to the library on a fairly regular basis, but some items bear repeating from time to time. So, our Sunday November 22 concert will feature new repertoire as well as a number of familiar items.

The bands look forward to another enthusiastic audience to enjoy an afternoon of well chosen music.

If you are a fan of Swing Band and Big Band music, we haven't forgotten you! Come along to our Dance party at Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield St, Cleveland Sat 28 Nov at 7 pm

Farewell Adrian!

The November 22 concert will be the last time our long-serving percussionist Adrian Rickards will be performing with the Redland bands. Adrian is moving with his family at the end of the month to live in Clifton, near Toowoomba.

Adrian has made an enormous contribution to the jazz bands, the Wind Ensemble and the Concert Band over a long period of time. He joined the Band in 1994 and has been a loyal and faithful member ever since. He has rarely missed a rehearsal or performance over all those years.

Adrian is a versatile percussionist on all instruments at the back of the band, and, as well, is a capable pianist. His services in the percussion section will be greatly missed. He will be extremely hard to replace. In addition, Adrian has served on the Band committee and has been a trailer driver on a number of occasions.

All people associated with the Redland City Bands wish him well for the future and trust his percussion playing continues to give satisfaction with another band.

Good Luck, Adrian and Many Thanks!



Congratulations!

Cleveland High School held its Awards Night on Wednesday 21 October. Among the recipients were:

- **Madaleine Reilly** – Perpetual Trophy (Music)
- **Shimona Clark** – Most Outstanding Student - Woodwind – Years 8 & 9
- **Tim Reed** – Most Outstanding Student - Brass – Years 8 & 9 and
- **Rebecca Taranto** – Outstanding Student – Strings – Years 8 & 9

We are very proud of you. Congratulations on your awards!

If you have won an award, why not share it with us? Drop me an email and I will make sure you are in the next newsletter - Ed

Inaccord news in October

This was not quite as hectic as the previous two months, but we still played six concerts in the five weeks or part weeks of October. Memorable ones were for Beenleigh Senior Citizens and Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre. November has seven entries on our booking list.

At Beenleigh we met the activities officer of Beaudesert Senior Citizens, who prevailed upon us to come and play for their Christmas break-up function. Due to problems with the rail system the attendance at Waterloo Bay was down, but we were received with enthusiasm, and again agreed to add their Christmas function to our calendar. Our December booking sheet now has fourteen entries. We should be fully conversant with most of the carols and Christmas songs by Christmas Eve.

We have been asked to open the program on 22nd November in the Concert Band section of our end of year concerts, and have planned a program to showcase our musicians and vocalists. It is likely that we will share a couple of numbers with Dot and Mac, a very agile pair of sixty somethings who love to dance, using many of the moves you see in the TV dancing shows. Dot and Mac have been regulars on our program this year in venues with enough room for dancing.

A trivia item of interest:: Our keyboard player, Angus loves the egg and lettuce sandwiches which are included in the morning tea/lunch which we often receive, and Dot looks after him, often loading his plate with some from her end of the table, while the rest of us wonder why the favouritism.

Glen Vieritz

Inaccord engagements

Mon 9 Nov	Sandgate Pen Club	10.30 -12.00
Wed 11 Nov	Lake Sherrin	10.30
Fri 20 Nov	Melaleuca Place	10.00
Mon 23 Nov	The Pines	10.00
Fri 27 Nov	Moreton Shores RSL Home	10.00
Thur 3 Dec	Mandalay	10.30
Tues 8 Dec	Prinz Willwm	10.30

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Wed 9 Dec	Salvin Park Low Care	10.30
Thur 10 Dec	Amelia House	10.30
Mon 14 Dec	Finlandia	10.00
Tues 15 Dec	Church lights TBC	TBA
Wed 16 Dec	Carindale Court	10.30
Sat 19 Dec	Angl Church Cleveland	7.30
Mon 21 Dec	The Pines	10.00
Tues 22 Dec	Possible date for Inaccord Party	
Wed 23 Dec	Wellington Park	10.30

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Place	Time	Band
16-Nov	Capalaba College end of year concert	Capalaba State High	TBA	Swing Band
22-Nov	Annual Concert	Thornlands	1:30pm	Beginners/Wind/Concert/Inaccord
25-Nov	Rehearsal	Edgar Harley	7:00 pm	All Xmas Band players
28-Nov	Dance Party!	Donald Simpson Centre Cleveland	7.30 - 10.30	Swing/Big Bands
2-Dec	Rehearsal	Edgar Harley	7:00 pm	All Xmas Band players
5-Dec	Carols	Capalaba/Redlands Pres Church	TBA	Christmas Band
6-Dec	Bands Christmas Party	Edgar Harley	TBA	All members and Friends
20-Dec	Carols	Wellington Pt Reserve	TBA	Christmas Band

Latest details are always available on www.redlandcitybands.org.au/events.php

TBC = to be confirmed; TBA = to be advised

Any news?

Is there a birthday, special event or information you would like passed along? Please tell us and we will include it in our next issue! Happy snaps always welcomed.