



# MUSIC TO OUR EARS

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## From the President

Hi to you all.

A comparatively quiet month for our bands this month, with only two concerts; the Concert Band had a great day at Mooloolaba; not just the playing but the day out was great and our two jazz/swing bands put on a great concert in the park a couple of weeks ago. Of course underlying these two is Inacord who just "keep on keeping on" with their hectic program. Speaking of programs, we have pencilled in our first concert for 2010, which gives a sudden reminder on just how fast Christmas is approaching.

The other event that I am taking a great interest in is making the hall more functional. I need to thank the volunteers who assembled early one Sunday to move the orange and blue shelving into the roll-a-door storage room – it has tidied up the hall and also made the storage room more useful. My next target is the office. This was the working bee that was interrupted by the break in a couple of weeks earlier. I haven't heard from Council for a couple of weeks on how their plans for security screens are going, and as school holidays seem to coincide with the window breaking season, I shall be following that up.

The Committee is just starting to draft up the budget for next year. The first step will be getting a "wish list" together from conductors and band reps and trying to accommodate everyone. My aim is to balance the budget if we can, or only spend what we "earn" dipping into our savings only if we find we have to. We have an annual income of about

\$30,000.00, from your fees, playing fees of our bands, fund raising (Bunnings BBQs are worth over \$1500 each time we fire up the barbie!). Redland Council is still supportive, and we acknowledge the grant from the Mayors fund to help us with the recent Seniors concert however they are being stretched so their funding has halved in the last year – from approximately \$3000 in 2008, to \$1500 in 2009 to we are not sure in 2010. Their new grant system allows a maximum grant for band operating expenses of \$3000 annually, but it depends on how many organizations bid. Sponsorship might be an option to consider.

Looking forward, October is a big month, with all bands having a concert; all bands other than the Beginners Band that is; but they are excused because their conductor has run off with the drummer; or perhaps to put it another way, Tess and Reece were married on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October and plan to spend most of the month thinking of everything but band music. We all wish them love and happiness.

Looking even further forward, this year we all have our fingers crossed for the weather leading up to Christmas – last year the Christmas Band didn't play a note because of the weather – this year we have three concerts booked (sadly the traditional Victoria Point concert isn't one of them) so dust off your reindeer horns and Santa hats and cross those fingers.

Cheers

George McDonald  
President

## **Out in front**

**We are continuing our spotlight on conductors. In this edition, we bring you Tracey James, the conductor of our Swing Band. Tracey is the newest addition to our conducting team.**

I was born in Sydney...Go the Blues!  
I moved to the Redlands in 1988, and completed high school at Cleveland High.

I was first introduced to music in primary school when Santa gave me this tiny little Casio keyboard, and then my parents felt I needed organ lessons. I changed from keyboards to bass guitar after my parents took me to see John Farnham's 'Whispering Jack' tour and I became obsessed with the sound of a bass guitar, and how it's deep resonance could be felt through the floor.

My instrumental music teacher at Cleveland High introduced me to percussion when I was in year 10. I soon fell in love with percussion and drums, from the sounds to the

physicality of playing the instruments. I also treasured the camaraderie that developed between the percussionists. I wanted to be a music therapist when I left school, however my parents believed there weren't any secure careers in music, and therefore I should undertake an academic degree.

In 1993 I started a retail management cadetship with Woolworths.  
I have three children Jordan, 14; Brandon, 10; and Hannah, 7 and a husband Steven.

I have a Certificate in Music (Percussion), Griffith University Qld Conservatorium of Music.

I am in my third year of a Bachelor of Music Studies, majoring in percussion and Instrumental teaching at the Qld Conservatorium of Music.

My specialty is four mallet marimba and hand drumming such as djembe. I enjoy helping others, socialising with family and friends, cooking, and laughing.

***Tracey James***

## **Big fun in the sun ...**

On Sunday, September 13, the Concert Band travelled to Maroochydore on the Sunshine Coast to participate in the Band Spectacular organised by the Buderim Concert Band. The Buderim Band participated in our Band Spectacular in the Redlands last year and this was our return trip.

The rehearsal in the Maroochydore RSL Club at 11.30 was followed by a sumptuous lunch provided by the ladies of the Buderim Band in the delightful setting on the nearby beach foreshore.



*Tim and his boat by the bay ...*



*Our conductors for the afternoon:  
Todd, Inez and John*

(More pics of the Maroochydore Band Spectacular are available on our [website](#). Many thanks to Jill and the Buderim Concert Band for the photos).

The concert, in the RSL Club, featured our Concert Band, the Buderim Band, the Siena Catholic Concert Band and the Lynda, Leigh 'n' Peter Trio. Each group presented its own short program, which was followed by four Combined Band items, with three different conductors.

The RSL concert hall was small and was packed with a very enthusiastic and appreciative audience. The response to our part of the program was excellent and reflected a well-chosen and well-played selection of items. These items were the Normandy Veterans march, the hymn tune Deep Harmony, the Morris Dance, Toselli's Serenade, the third movement of the Greek Folk-Song Suite and the Finale of the Ballet Parisien Suite, which is, in fact, the Can-Can.

The Combined Bands played the Alamo March of Karl King, a short selection of music from My Fair Lady, Celebration and Song, by contemporary American composer, Robert Sheldon, and Jerry Nowak's Rock 'N' Roll Explosion, the title saying it all. The Combined Bands were in fine form, gel-ing very well with the different conductors after the one brief rehearsal. The Siena Band is a developing group, heading in the right direction, and the Buderim Band has continued to improve under their energetic conductor, Inez Durrer.

This was a most enjoyable day's outing for our Concert Band, and the first out of our local area since the trip to Stanthorpe in 2006. All members were in a positive frame of mind after the concert, and there is already talk of a return trip by the Buderim Band down here next year to take part in one of our concerts.

*John Allen*

## Wind Ensemble not so tranquil!

The Wind Ensemble played to a full house at Tranquil Waters on Thursday, 17 September. The program was varied and included: Horkstow Grange, Get Smart, Liberty Bell and Green Onions.

A couple of our talented musicians were featured on the night; Shimona Clark and Adrian Rickards. Shimona played 'Bella's Lullaby' as piano solo with band (and with excellent accompaniment by Rebekah McKaskill and Sam Hewerdine on clarinet), while Adrian played two well known pieces, 'Burn for You' and 'Sweet Caroline', on the piano, as he did at our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner.

The band's rendition of 'Liberty Bell' proved to be a crowd pleaser - so much so that the band played it again (in shortened form) as an encore! They received a well deserved standing ovation for their efforts.



*Wind Ensemble in action at Tranquil Waters, Victoria Point. Thanks go to Ray Hardman for the fantastic photo.*



## Bridge to Brisbane 30 August

What do our younger players do on weekends when they are not performing? Well, some of them get out of bed very early and do the Bridge to Brisbane! Four of our Concert Band players, Jane and Sarah Hawkins, Kirralee Parsons and Megan Morley donned hats and sunscreen and armed themselves with water in preparation for this gruelling event. As sensible musos do, they decided to tackle the 5 km section this year – it was their first year after all – and made the even more sensible decision to walk not run. Blisters and aching muscles made themselves known on Monday but all agree that they enjoyed the experience.

***Congratulations to all who completed the Bridge to Brisbane – Ed***



*Jane, Sarah, Kirralee and Megan in their Bridge to Brisbane shirts – proof that they finished!*

## Inaccord news

Inaccord has been as busy as ever through September. We had seven concerts including a low key wedding reception on Macleay Island. The groom had heard us during seniors' week at one of our shopping centre concerts and decided that we would be a lot better than recorded music. It was a long day, but a good time was had by all.

The month was not without incident. After one concert four of seven players succumbed to gastro-enteritis, and over the next week four others, players or associates, were also

laid low. Fortunately there were always enough on deck to complete our scheduled events.

Five of our concerts were for regular clients, but we did visit two new groups. One was the Coorparoo Friendship Club and the other was at Donald Simpson Centre for the Cleveland Stroke and Friendship Club. Both must have been happy with our music as they have booked us again for 2010.

In October we have a further seven concerts scheduled, including another appearance at Lakeside, outside Aldi, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, in their Promotion Week.

*Glen Vieritz*

## Inaccord engagements

Thur 8 Oct	Finlandia	10.00
Wed 14 Oct	Salvin Park	10.30
Thurs 15 Oct	V. Pt Lakeside Festival	10.30
Tues 20 Oct	Prinz Willem	10.30
Fri 23 Oct	Amelia House	10.30
Tues 27 Oct	Waterloo Bay Leisure Centre	10.15 -11.45
Fri 6 Nov	Legacy10.00 Cuppa	10.30
Mon 9 Nov	Sandgate Pen Club	10.30 -12.00
Wed 11 Nov	Lake Sherrin	10.30

## Upcoming Events

Latest details are always available on [www.redlandcitybands.org.au/events.php](http://www.redlandcitybands.org.au/events.php)

Date	Event	Place	Time	Band
11 Oct	Open Day	Renaissance Vic Pt	1:00 pm	Concert Band
15 Oct	Lakeside Festival	Victoria Point	10:30 am	Inaccord
17 Oct	Lakeside Festival	Victoria Point	TBA	Big Band & Wind Ensemble
18 Oct	St Gabriel's Fete	Carindale	11:00 am	Swing Band
21 Nov	Concert	TBA	TBA	Swing & Big Bands
22 Nov	Concert	Thornlands	1:00pm	Beginners, Wind Ensemble & Concert Bands

5 Dec	Xmas Carols	Capalaba Presbyterian Church	TBA	Xmas Band
6 Dec	Bands Christmas Party	Edgar Harley	TBA	All members and Friends
13 Dec	Xmas Carols	Redlands Council Carols	TBA	Christmas Band
20 Dec	Xmas Carols	Wello Pt reserve	6:30 pm	Xmas Band

TBC = to be confirmed; TBA = to be advised

## Any news?

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

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