



MUSIC TO OUR EARS

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From the President

We have been in the Lions Club Community Hall for almost four months now and rehearsals are going well. We need to remember that this is NOT our building; we are very lucky to have this space to call home albeit temporarily. We have been fortunate - until quite recently we were the only tenants. This situation has changed and the Lions Club now has tenants using their hall during the day and on weeknights (when we are not there of course!). As a result, we now pack away our gear after each and every rehearsal. I know this situation is not ideal but the alternative is that we cancel rehearsals until we are back in our own premises. As usual, your support and understanding is appreciated.

Wendy



STOP PRESS!!!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, some of our bands were faced with nowhere to rehearse. The call went out and offers came flooding in. A knight in shining armour rode to the rescue and the Big Band and Swing Band commenced rehearsals at the Birkdale Baptist Church Monday 1 September. Our heartfelt thanks to Council staff and our own Donald S who helped us through this very difficult time.

RCB in Beijing orchestra

Dana Henley, 13, a member of the Redland City Bands for the past three years recently returned from China after being part of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Orchestra.

Dana who plays a plethora of musical instruments and sings with the Redland City Swing Band joined with other musicians aged between 12 and 25 from China, Guam, the USA, Japan and other states of Australia to make up a 2008 strong marching band with the goal of promoting the spirit of the Beijing Olympic Games. Dana was one of 45 playing cymbals and one of the 22 playing djembe - a type of african drum.

The group performed at various Olympic sites in China including the Great Wall; they were the first foreign group to perform at Tiananmen Square; they played at the introduction to one of the Olympic Games events at Tianjing. They performed as a tutti group - all 2008 of them - and in individual hubs - Red for the USA, Gold for China and Green for the Pacific Region.

"It was quite an experience" said Dana, "meeting lots of new people, working in a different language, seeing ancient sites, playing music in such a large group. China is great. I loved the people - they were so friendly and lots of fun. I loved the shopping and finally got the hang of bartering. And I loved the country - it's so different from Australia - it was really hot and we ate heaps of rice."

Edgar Harley update

If you have taken a drive down Smith Street recently, you will have seen the work being done on the Edgar Harley building. It has been extended and is being painted. My sources tell me that work is on schedule and is due for completion around the end of October. When we have a definite date for movement back into our dear old friend, I

will put out the call ...

Website update

Have a look at our revamped website at www.redlandcitybands.org.au. Sincere thanks to Angus for all his hard work in getting this website back up and running and for putting up with all my ill-informed questions (I have no technological ability whatsoever).

RPAC

As you know, the Redland Performing Arts Centre is now playing host to a wide variety of acts and performances. To date, we have not been able to reschedule the concert that was cancelled earlier this year and don't believe that rescheduling will occur this year. Attempts are being made to obtain information about booking this venue (hire and associated costs eg caterers, wait staff, ushers) in 2009. Will keep you posted!

Anniversary celebrations

Preparations are in full swing for our 25th anniversary dinner. We have booked a function room at the Redlands Sporting Club for Sat 25 July 2009. Thanks to Don, Kerry, Sue and Joy who have done all the running around to make this happen. Many thanks to Mr Rick Veale, CEO Redlands Sporting Club, for allowing us the use of this room at no hire cost.

Absences from rehearsals

If you are unable to attend a rehearsal it is up to you to let your conductor know.

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Date claimers: (contact us for more info)

- 21 Sept – Capalaba Regional Park 12 noon – Swing Band
- **18 Oct – Mayors Concert – Concert Band - time tba; please keep all afternoon and evening free if possible**
- 19 Oct – St Gabriel's Carindale 10:55 am – Swing Band
- 26 Oct – Lions Club Wello Pt time tba – Big Band
- ?? Oct – Lakeside Vic Pt – dates & times tba – Wind Ensemble & Inaccord
- 23 Nov – Thornlands SS hall 1 pm – all bands
- 4 Dec – Vic Pt community carols – Xmas Band
- 6 Dec – Xmas party