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New Member Information

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Members Information

Congratulations on your decision to join the Gosford City Brass Band. Joining a Brass band can be a long term or even lifetime commitment. The knowledge and enjoyment of music gained make it a valuable and rewarding experience.

The Gosford City Brass Band has been in existence since 1898 providing support and entertainment to the people of the Central Coast.

The band is a non profit community organisation and actively encourages family involvement and junior development. The band provides each member an opportunity to play their chosen instrument, use of band facilities, social interaction and training in musical skills and performance at a high standard.

Rehearsals

- NO 1 Band - Thursday - all playing year as defined by the committee 7:30 - 10pm
Minimum entry level is 5th Grade AMEB
- Drum Corp Wednesday during school term
6 - 7pm
- NO 2 Band - Wednesday during school term
7 - 8pm

Private Tutoring -

Group lessons are available to members only. These are provided by Yang Liu on request. A minimum of four in a group is required.

Individual tutoring is also being offered to members on a Saturday morning at the discretion of the Musical Director - Mark Downy - for no fee with the proviso that the student practices and improves weekly, and is not having existing private lessons. Parental guidance and support for home

practice is a must - please discuss with Mark if you are interested.

Fee Structure:

Single Membership - \$100 annual fee due September, may be paid up til end of January OR \$25 due on the beginning of each school term with approval from the treasurer
Family Membership - \$150 annual fee due September, may be paid up til end of January OR \$37.50 due on the beginning of each school term with approval from the treasurer.

Fees are set on an annual basis at the A.G.M. in October.

A family is regarded as a group of related people living in the same household.

Additional costs include \$50 for a concert shirt – Thursday band only &
\$25 for a casual shirt which is required for members 19 years or older.
All juniors (U19s) will be given a new shirt.

No uniform items will be issued without a membership form being completed and fees paid.
Contact the Treasurer if you need to organise alternative payment methods.

Borrowing a Band Instrument - you are required to:

1. Be a financial member of the Gosford City Brass Band & have given your full current personal details to a Band representative;
2. Paid the \$50 instrument fee;
3. Completed the necessary paper work required by the Equipment Officer;
4. The borrowed instrument must be maintained at a high standard.
5. Under no circumstances are you to make self repairs;

6. If you intend to use the instrument outside the organisation a letter to the committee requesting permission is required on an annual basis.
7. Gosford City Brass Band must be your first musical priority.
8. Drum Corp members will be issued the first set of sticks free. Other items such as drum pads may need to be purchased. Drums will be available at the hall but these are not to be taken home.

Attendance at Rehearsal

As a member you are expected to attend every rehearsal, concert and playing performance.

Behaviour at rehearsal is to be attentive, respectful and courteous at all times. It is expected that you pay attention and keep talking to a minimum. Try to avoid playing when other sections or players are being instructed.

If you intend to be absent notify the musical director well in advance and enter your name in the apology book.

If sporadic attendance is planned you must write a request to the committee for continued membership. No discount will apply to membership fees. Your involvement in concerts will be at the discretion of the Musical Director/Committee.

Inside the Band Hall is a **NON-SMOKING** area. If smoking outside please be considerate by moving away from doors or windows where smoke may enter the building.

Instruments

The musical instrument you play is an expensive and precision made piece of equipment. It should be well cared for and maintained. Your instrument should be in good working order so that you can get the best value out of lessons and rehearsals.

Once a year the Bands runs an instrument cleaning workshop. If you have not been to one before keep an eye on the noticeboard for this event generally planned for early July.

Uniform

Snr Uniform:

Black trousers or
Black skirt with black stockings
Black socks
Closed in black shoes
Black bow tie
Plain long black tie
*White short sleeved shirt with emblem
/ Long sleeved blue concert shirt (performance item)
/ Band Casual shirt (most outside performances)
*Red Jacket (*if available*)
*Hat (*if available*)

Jnr Uniform:

Black trousers
Black socks
Black closed in shoes
* Band Casual shirt (available to U19s)

Drum Corp Uniform

At this stage as per junior uniform, however this will be revised.

* The Band will provide items marked with an * upon request to the Equipment Officer and the rest you will need to find for yourself.

/ These items are required to be purchased.

Blue concert shirts only for Thursday members.

U19s will be issued a casual shirt at no charge.

Please keep in good condition. As you grow you can exchange for a larger size.

It is expected that you will present yourself at a public functions in a neat and clean condition and to remain fully dressed ie shirt buttoned up and tucked in, tie on until such time that you have left the venue. Be proud of the uniform you wear and conduct yourself in a manner which reflects the bands image.

Clothing damaged will be at your own expense.

All items of uniform owned by the band need to be returned washed and in good condition upon resigning.

Fundraising

Throughout the year the band actively runs fundraising activities which are an important part of the band's existence. To be self sustaining the band requires and requests that each member co-operates and support these activities.

Any fundraising suggestions are always welcome. Please contact a committee member with your ideas or involve yourself in a sub-committee.

Access

The Photocopier and Storage rooms are out of bounds to all members other than those approved by the committee. Do not enter this area unless invited by the Musical Director/President/Equipment Officer/Secretary/Treasurer or Librarian.

Music

Please communicate with the Librarian or approved committee member to obtain home practice copies of any music. It is your responsibility to ensure that folders are kept up-to-date and contain music relevant for concerts and playouts. No original music is to be removed from the band hall.

Competitions

Gosford City Brass Band is an Open B graded band. We regularly attend state competitions in September usually in Sydney and also the National competition held over the Easter break. The National competition may involve interstate travel. If you are a member of the competing band please make every effort to make yourself available at these times. If you do not wish to compete please notify the Musical Director as soon as possible.

Solo competitions are also open to all who are interested and are age based. The Band encourages all juniors to participate in these to build performance and confidence skills.

The main ones are-

National championships at Easter location varies between states, solos for junior U19s and Open.

Metropolitan championships in Sydney mid May;

State Championship in Sydney towards the end of June - events for Juveniles U15s, Junior U19s and Open;

Hunter Regional championships in Rathmines in early August varying age groups

Duets, quartets, quintets and ensembles are also organised at these types of competition.

To encourage solo work the band also runs a totally in-house competition – the Norm Holloway towards the end of November.

Communication

Every attempt is made to disperse information to members verbally, through newsletter, through email and through the website. It is important to keep details up-to-date and if you don't know what's going on ASK.

By-laws

Are available from the Band's website in PDF format for you to download and/or print.

Articles of Association

Are available in digital or hardcopy format upon request to the Secretary.

Band's Email

gosfordcitybrassband@hotmail.com

Band's Website

Feel free to submit items for display.

URL: <http://gosfordcitybrassband.tripod.com>

Committee 2008/09 -

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Daniel Hopley	Drum Major	

HAVE FUN and ENJOY banding