

JUNEE BAND NEWS

from the President

First of all let me just say thanks to all who voted for me and elected me as president, I will do my best in the interests of the band and with the support of all our members to make the Junee Band a talking point for the Junee community.

Sponsored by...

This year we started a sponsorship scheme to assist with the costs of running the band and in particular the Training Band programme. We are extremely grateful for the support of these individuals and businesses.

The Junee Band is proudly supported by:

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Next I must say a heartfelt thanks to our out-going committee for the wonderful job you have done over many years. Without you I am sure we would not be where we are today. I wish you all the best and hope you still will be active members of the band.



The band is enjoying rehearsals and has a fantastic repertoire of music that can be played at the drop of a hat.

Once again we held our heads high at the Leeton Eisteddfod, playing in four categories and gaining 2nd place in all! What a great effort. Thank you Keith and all you wonderful musicians. Who knows what we will come up with next year...

On the weekend of 7th and 8th November we again traveled to Leeton to take part in the Leeton Outback Band Spectacular. This is always a fun weekend and the highlight for many is playing in the massed band on stage on Saturday

The Committee

President Jackie Starr

Vice-pres. Fran Griffin

Secretary Robyn Leonard

Treasurer Mary Jellett

Other Committee members

Alison Ashley

Ros Ashley

Alison Costello

with about 160 musicians from all around playing an amazing variety of instruments.

We have played at the June Farmers' Markets a few times this year and will continue that next year.

The band will be playing at the Christmas on Broadway on the 28th November, the Ganmain Christmas Carols on the 13th December, and presenting an end of year concert in the Athenium of December 6th.

I think the highlight for the year was playing at the concert at the Athenium Theatre for the Kangaroo March. This was a fantastic night and all who attended congratulated us on a great performance. I was, on behalf of the band, presented with a cheque for \$330 by the Friends of The Athenium. This

was the proceeds from the gold coin donation.

The Training Band is progressing well and it is a real pleasure to see them at their rehearsals and lessons enjoying playing together.

As you all know the CWA is selling the hall. This at first was not good news for us but with lots of talking and searching we have found a new home.



The Friends of the Athenium have offered us the Athenium as our new home we are just sorting out the details and hope we will be in our new home very soon. We will need a helping hand for the big move so when I have a date I will let you know.

Lastly we are planning an end of the year concert to be held at the Athenium on Sunday 6th December at 4pm. A great time to perform at our new home and a chance for the Training Band to preform and show how they are progressing.

Thanks again for your support throughout the year.

Jackie Starr, President



from the Musical Director

Towns everywhere are struggling to keep bands going as the generation(s) which would normally feed into community bands are not availing themselves of the opportunity. In Junee we have been very lucky with some new talent moving to the area, but we need to start with younger folk...

The new Training Band has been one of the biggest changes for this year. A community grant from CSU helped us get it up and running. With the help of income from our raffles and our sponsors (another innovation) we've managed to keep it going beyond the end of the grant.

The scheme has been more successful than we dreamed. A very low drop out rate and almost full attendance every week was not our expectation. From a music education perspective group lessons every fortnight is not ideal, but it is a good way for students to "try-before-they-buy". Most band schemes in schools require the students to have a weekly lesson and a band rehearsal. At present we cannot fund that. Our scheme is designed to get students started, with the expectation that those students who like it will :

- a) eventually take up weekly lessons with a private tutor or through the Riverina Conservatorium of Music;
- b) purchase their own instrument(s); and
- c) become proficient enough to join the 'adult' band.

Those who play with the Training Band for even a short while and then move to other things will still benefit from the brain training which music provides like no other pursuit!

This year has been really good for Junee Band. It has developed a very good repertoire of music covering a reasonably wide range of styles and much of this stays in the folders so it can be performed as required. We will be starting work on some new music soon.

We are always in need of musicians! At the moment we have no trumpets and no percussion and could desperately use some more saxophones and clarinets.

Keith Griffin, Musical Director

from the committee

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

Diary

Junee Christmas Carols	Nov 28
Junee Band Concert	Dec 6
Ganmain Christmas Carols	Dec 13



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END OF YEAR

CONCERT

FEATURING

JUNEE
TRAINING
BAND

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 4:00 PM
JUNEE ATHENIUM

ADMISSION: GOLD COIN

JUNEE TOWN BAND