



## Official Newsletter of the Marching Koalas

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## Gum Notes ~ 2nd April, 2013.

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Bishop Collins Accountants

Welcome to your weekly Gum Notes.

### Ironman 3-

Tickets are on sale at the moment. **\$15 per person.** This is a **major** fundraiser, so please get your orders in and support this very worthwhile activity. All money raised goes towards the tour.

Band members, get all of your family and friends involved. Flick them an invite and make it a social night.

Email: [astorey@ausgrid.com.au](mailto:astorey@ausgrid.com.au) and let her know.

### Directors' News:

James' last performance.



Drill Girls

### Kurri Nostalgia Festival .

Congratulations again for a fine performance at this year's festival. The organiser was there to see us and was very impressed with the way we played and presented ourselves, a lovely compliment! Her parting words were, "See you again next year".

### The Royal Easter Show.

This was a great day out for the band! The Koalas were very impressive on the parade route with many people applauding and responding to our music. The Entertainment Officer saw us on parade and was full of praise for the band, specially commenting on our great uniform. She hopes that the Koalas will be back next year.



### Tour to Calgary - July 2014

Things are starting to move along quite nicely in preparation for the tour to Canada next year. To give you a rough idea of what the tour could be like, the following will serve as a starting point.

Depart Australia on Saturday 28th July, arrive Calgary 28/7 for one night then transfer to visit our Red Deer Royal friends for 2 days before visiting Edmonton Mall. We hope to do a Canada Day Parade in one of the small towns nearby before returning to Calgary for the Stampede Parade. After the Stampede Parade we hope to go to Banff for a couple of days for performances and site seeing, one being the Athabasca Glacier, an awesome experience. We would then return to Calgary for Stampede events including the Chuck Wagon races. Our tour would end on 11th July and return to Sydney on 13th July. To give an idea of the costs involved, we are hoping for + or - \$4000 so start saving, it will be a wonderful experience in a country that loves Australians!

### PIES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS!

Our supplier will soon be unable to deliver our usual Tuesday night supply and so we are asking for a volunteer who could pick them up from Bones Bakery at Waratah before 5 pm each yes day night. Please give us a call if you can help.

### Uniforms.

Please check your uniforms to see if they need a dry clean so that they look as smart as they should.

### Sydney Easter Parade.

Please note that the new arrival time at Hunter Stadium is 7 am.

### A Run With a Storey 28th April.

Notes have been issued for this event and should be completed to Mr Wolfgram. The note will also be posted on our website if you want to complete it there and return.

## **From the Canteen**

The new Canteen crew have requested a roster of people willing to donate Canteen Snacks. The following is the dates for your contribution. (Please remember, any expense will be reimbursed).

9/4/13— Alison

If you can help with Term 2, please let Alison L. know.

Please consider our Canteen when you are making purchases, as we don't have too much change available. Please bring along \$5 notes, or smaller amounts, as we really cannot cope with \$20 or \$50 notes. Sorry.

## **Urgent Cry For Help!!!**

We really need someone who can pick up our pies and sausage rolls from Waratah every Tuesday before 5pm. If we cannot arrange someone to help with this, then we won't be able to sell them. Please let Alison Loredo know ASAP.

Email Alison at [aaahelman@optusnet.com.au](mailto:aaahelman@optusnet.com.au)

## **Fundraising**

Expressions of interest for the **Warehouse Shopping Tour** to Sydney on Saturday, 14th September are now being taken. You can book online or register your interest via Marching Koalas website .Put this in your diary. Interest is high, so please let us know asap.

## **Entertainment Books**

Orders are now being taken for the Entertainment Books. They are still \$60, but \$12 comes to Koalas. Lots of great savings in the 2013-14 book. If you would like to order a book, please email Carolyn on [caralee67@icloud.com](mailto:caralee67@icloud.com)

## **Donations for Trivia Night**

A Trivia Night has been booked in for Saturday, 1st June. We are now beginning to collect donations for prizes to make the night a resounding success. Please bring in your donations to rehearsal each week.

## **Easter Raffle**

Congratulations to Tony Wolfram for winning the Easter Prize.

## **Belmont North Meats**

326 Pacific Hwy

Belmont North

Is offering 10% Discount to all Koala members and their families.

## **April Birthdates**

Aaron Wright—10th April

Emily Huber—12th April

Ky Lowrey—14th April

Ellan Harrigan—26th April

Many happy returns for your day.

## **Years of Service Certificate**

To clear up any confusion—Certificates are awarded based on the date on which the Treasurer receives and receipts the \$100 Uniform Bond and all forms are returned to the Welfare Officer. This date is recorded as your official start date.

## **FEES**

**Band Fees** are now due for the 2013 year.

Registration \$100/year

Term Fees \$35/Term or \$140 for the year.

**IF** Term fees are paid in Term One a 10% discount applies. (Therefore, \$126.) If anyone has a question about their fees please email me on [treasurer@marchingkoalas.org.au](mailto:treasurer@marchingkoalas.org.au) and I will get back to you.

**Bank Account details:**

**Newcastle Permanent Building Society**

**BSB: 650 000**

**Supporters:** 961908800 (Registration, Term Fees and Fundraising, Uniform etc).

Thank you. Harrold Watson (Treasurer)

## **From the Uniform Room**

Please, when you are returning your uniform, it is imperative that you have your uniform dry-cleaned.

If you need anything from the Uniform Room, please contact Robyn Booth on 0417 696 417. Please phone beforehand and make an appointment to visit Waratah West Public School. Appointments **MUST be** made.

Any outstanding monies would be appreciated for all accounts to be finalised.

Thanks, Robyn

## **Koala Website**

The website is live! Visit our new website at [www.marchingkoalas.org.au](http://www.marchingkoalas.org.au)

If you would like to fill in permission notes online, please email

[publicityofficer@marchingkoalas.org.au](mailto:publicityofficer@marchingkoalas.org.au)

Permission notes will be available to print online, also in case you lose your copy or are away from rehearsal when they are handed out. Feedback, comments, suggestions are welcome.

Please visit our web site: <http://marchingkoalas.20m.com/> for pics and info

**30th Year Anniversary Tour to New York, Washington and Orlando for an Adventure Tour to the East Coast of America in April , 2012.**

CELEBRATING 29 YEARS OF BANDING AROUND THE WORLD!

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Anywhere ..... Anytime !!

**"Entertainment on the Move"**