



## Official Newsletter of the Marching Koalas

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## Gum Notes ~ 9th April, 2013.

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Bishop Collins Accountants

Welcome to your weekly Gum Notes.

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**\$15 per person. 24th April.**

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

### **Directors' News:**

#### **Sydney Easter Parade.**

The parade in Sydney last weekend was a resounding success! With over 1000 participants in the event, the Koalas lead the group through the main CBD district of Sydney with the crowds lining the route giving the Koalas a warm reception. Whilst our band numbers were significantly down, those present put in an extra effort and produced a good solid sound all round and marched well the whole way. Well done!

The Parade organiser has sent her congratulations and appreciation of how well the band performed and were received and has indicated that she would like to invite us back next year. As well as being important for our band to look and sound good, these events raise funds that will go towards the 2014 Canada Tour and benefit band members through the allocation of Koala Credits, (see below), for performances, attendances and fundraising.

#### **Future Performances.**

We are going into a period of time which is traditionally lacking in performances for the Koalas which we don't mind. It gives us a chance to fine tune music and routines, attend fund raisers and recruit new members. It is therefore important that your attendance on Tuesday night rehearsals is very important so that as a member of the team, you have put the time required to ensure that when the performances opportunities start coming in, the band as a whole will be ready.

**Our next performance is on Sunday 28th April at "A Run with a Storey" which is an important event to support one of our Koala family members. We need everyone there on that day so make sure you keep it free! Permission notes are online.**

No other performances are booked in at this time so this is a great time to have your uniform dry cleaned and ready to go.

#### **KOALA CREDITS.**

'Koala Credits' is a program which is designed to reward band members for their participation in the activities of the Marching Koalas. Credits are awarded to members for their participation in Rehearsals, Performances and Fundraising events and a record is kept of their tally.

Although the main purpose of the Koalas is to provide its members with a unique musical experience, funds are necessary to assist in its operation. The funds are mainly raised through performances and special fundraising events that are regularly held throughout the year. When a major overseas tour is organized, band members usually receive a substantial subsidy from their overall tour cost. This subsidy is calculated using the Koala Credits of each member and the amount of funds allocated for the total band to share. Naturally, the maximum participation by a band member at Rehearsals, Performances and Fundraising events attracts the maximum Koala Credits and therefore the maximum subsidy so it is within every band member's interest to attend as many functions as possible.

Members who do not tour still maintain their Credits until the next overseas tour and no Credits can be converted to cash.

#### **Canada Tour, July 2014.**

Our good friends in Red Deer, north of Calgary, have extended an invitation to the Koalas to participate in a 2 night Homestay when we visit them during the tour. This will be a highlight for the Koalas who will get to experience some real Canadian hospitality. As in the past, Koala members are always with their buddy and billeted with families who are screened by our hosts. Whilst in Red Deer we will have access to Edmonton Mall which is an amazing experience, check out the site!

### **Band Council.**

The Koala Band Council will be updated soon so that members of the band can have an input and contribute to the band's activities. More information will be distributed when we return next term.

### **PIES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS!**

A HUGE thank you to Mrs Cherry for volunteering to pick up our pies and sausage rolls.

### **Uniforms.**

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

### **From the Canteen**

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 Loreda 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.

Donation Letters are available if anyone wishes to

approach businesses for prizes for our Fundraising.

### **Belmont North Meats**

326 Pacific Hwy

Belmont North

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

### **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.

### **APRIL Birthdays**

Kyle Barrett—1st

Emily Huber—12th

Ellan Harrigan—26th

Aaron Wright—10th

Ky Lowrey—14th

Happy Birthday.

**Please** visit our web site: <http://marchingkoalas.org.au> 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!

Contact 0413186711 Geoff, 0413603622 John, 0413186713 Candace

Anywhere ..... Anytime !!

**"Entertainment on the Move"**









## Equipment Officer

We would like anyone who would like to fill or assist in this capacity to contact the Koalas either by email or phone for more details. We would like someone to start learning the ropes, so that when Jambles does finish with the Koalas, then his role can be filled with ease. You will become part of the team that travels everywhere with the Koalas and enjoy the full band experience.

## Term 2 Rehearsals

We start back on 30th April, commencing at 6:00pm. Please arrive ready to play by 6:00pm, not arrive by 6:00pm. Make sure you have your music stand and music.



## Section Leaders

A revision of current section leaders is underway with some new people being appointed to important positions.

## Special Band Workshop

A special workshop day will be held at Callaghan College Wallsend on Sunday 19th May. All members should attend. **Photos**

Photos have been added to Skydrive. To view photos taken at the latest performances, go to <https://skydrive.live.com> Login with Account=marching-koala@live.com.au Password=newMK1982

