



Official Newsletter of the Marching Koalas

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Welcome to your Gum Notes.

Directors' News:

LIGHT UP NEWCASTLE.

Congratulations to all band members who were part of this local event. The band sounded and performed so well after our summer holiday break of 6 weeks, we will improve further from here. Our routine was very well received and attracted a large crowd to see us perform. Late In The Evening was the standout number as far as crowd participation was concerned – many toe tapping, jiving people were evident! Some great pictures in this edition and also on our website.

UPCOMING EVENTS. (Check details when notes are issued).

- Friday 19/2 – GOOGLE celebration in Sydney.
- Saturday 5/3 – Newcastle Show (to be confirmed)
- Sunday 13/3 – Jets Home game at Hunter Stadium
- Saturday 19/3 – Kurri Nostalgia Festival
- Sunday 20/3 – Sydney Royal Easter Show
- Monday 28/3 – Sydney Easter Parade
- Monday 25/4 – Newcastle Anzac Day Parade

Please put these dates into your calendar of band commitments to make our band be full strength!

2016 Band Fees Due.

For band members the fees are as follows:

Bond \$100 -

Term Fees \$35/Term -

Registration \$100/year.

If paid by end of term 1, Annual fees are a reduced \$226 per band member, else full year fees are \$240. This is made up of \$100 rego and \$35 per term.

PLEASE NOTE – These fees are required to pay for our running costs which include an annual Public Liability Insurance in excess of \$6000 which ensures the safety of all members whilst at any Koala organized event.

If paying by direct deposit please pay into

**Newcastle Permanent,
BSB 650 000 and**

Supporters account 961908800 for Registration, Term Fees, Fundraising, Uniform etc).

EUROPE TOUR.

- The dates are from Wednesday 29th June until Thursday 14th July inclusive.

- A few highlights for the band will be performing at the Schonbrunn Palace in Vienna, The Vienna Film Festival and at the Charles Bridge in Prague.

- \$240 lunch option for Supporters – thank you to those people who have replied to a previous request for either a 'yes' or 'no'. A non reply after the next progress is paid for will be considered as a 'no', which means that at lunch time on tour they will not be catered for.

TOUR CANCELLATION FEES

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING BOOKING CONDITIONS AS PER ORIGINAL PROPOSAL.

Payments Schedule:

Initial Deposit - At time of booking: \$500.00 per person

(bookings will be made when deposit has been received in our office)

Interim Payment - 6 month's prior to departure: \$1,000.00 per person

Final Tour Payment - 2 month's prior to departure

Interim payments are not required for any tour to New Zealand, Pacific Islands, Australia or Flight Only bookings.

Cancellation charges per tour member: (Notice of cancellation must be made in writing)

Time of booking - 6 months prior to departure: \$300.00 per person

6 – 2 months prior to departure: \$1,000.00 per person

2 – 1 month prior to departure: 50% of total tour cost (airport taxes are refundable)

1 month prior to departure and after commencement of travel:

Nil Refund

Please note there may be specialised inclusions in your tour such as Train Tickets, Theatre Show tickets, instant purchase airline tickets etc that are non-refundable in addition to the above Cancellation Charges. These cancellation fees are in addition to any cancellation fees that may be levied by our tour suppliers.

Newcastle Permanent, Management Account

BSB 650 000 and

Account Number 967956504 for tour payments

- **TOUR EXTENSION** – anyone planning to extend after the tour ends should contact Gullivers Music Travel direct to secure their arrangements. This should be done sooner rather than later.

- **Copies of Passports and Insurance Policies** should be given to Liz Dawson at rehearsal before the end of March – this deadline if for airline seating confirmations.

- A meeting of all tourers will be announced mid March – please attend if touring.

Hat Boxes

Is there anyone who can help with assembling hat boxes please? Contact Jo O'Brien at rehearsals.

Supporters:

All Supporters are required to pay \$10 to Harrold Watson, which covers you under Koalas insurance policy, for when you are helping Koalas at any function, chaperones, fund-raising event, or meetings (especially to have voting rights). The \$10 is due for each financial year.

Uniform Room

The Uniform Room is open each third Tuesday of the Month:

16 February
15 March
19 April
17 May
21 June
19 July
16 August
6 September
18 October
15 November.

LIGHT UP NEWCASTLE PHOTOS:

