

Official Newsletter of the Marching Koalas

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Touring Calgary - July 2014 Welcome to your weekly Gum Notes 10th September2013







Directors' News

Maitland Relay For Life

The Koalas performance at Maitland last Saturday was warmly appreciated by the organising committee and walkers. We like to support causes such as this to give something back to the community. Well done to all performers, you did a good job!

CANADA TOUR MEETING Tuesday 17th September 6pm for 6.30pm

Supporters and band members touring to Canada next year, should attend a night in the Bini Shell for Canada Tour information and discussion. The points to be discussed will include:

- Air Travel arrangements
- · Accommodation arrangements Red Deer
 - Bruderheim
 - Calgary
 - Banff
- Land Arrangements.
- Supporters access to the band.
- · Meal arrangements.
- Post tour arrangements.
- Tour Highlights.
- · Harvey World Travel information Travel Insurance
 - -Passports
 - -ESTA visa waiver

- Band sponsorship.
- Raffle prize and general fundraising.
- · Question time.

Walk for A Cure - Sunday 13th October

The Koalas have asked to kick off this event on the Newcastle Foreshore. It is a way for our band to again support worthwhile community causes.

Granny Smith Festival - Saturday 19th October

We Need To Contact You!

We are in the process of updating band member details. One parent per band family to please fill in the form on our website by clicking on Update Your Details in the top menu bar (at http://marchingkoalas.org.au/register/ If you do not have access to the internet or can't fill out the form for whatever reason please see one of the management committee at rehearsals who will do it for you. You will also then be able to fill in permission notes online from your phone or your computer to cut down on paper use. Hard copies will still be issued to those who need it.

Your details will be safe with us and are only used for communication regarding the band. We need these details updated by 31st August. Thanks, Julie (Publicity Officer)

Fundraising

Fundraising event - Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Belmont

Monday October 7, 2013. (Public holiday)

9am to 4pm.

If you can lend a hand for an hour or two, that would be great. Please text or ring Carolyn on 0416 125335 if you are able and willing to help. Don't forget Band Members receive Koala Credits.

Supporters

Supporters meeting 8th October.

Raffle tickets have been given to each band member tonight. One book per member at a time. If traveling supporters wish to obtain raffle tickets as well, please see Carolyn Armstrong or Cindy McElhone at Tuesdays night rehearsals. Each book must be signed out to the individual person traveling.

All ticket money sold will be credited to the band member or supporters, Canada tour cost.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 17/12/13.

From the Uniform Room

We are in URGENT need of a helper for the uniform shop which will now only be open the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5pm to 7pm. We now have a couple of people to open and close the shop but due to Security, so no one is there by themselves we would love a volunteer to help from 5pm till 6pm you would mainly be there as the extra person but would be welcome to help out if you wanted. Please consider helping even if its not every night we could use a roster if we have the volunteers.

The nights will be 15th Oct 19th Nov

If you need anything before these dates please see Jo O'Brien at Rehearsal.

Canteen

We are looking to fill our Canteen roster for next term if you can help out please let Alison Loredo know.

September Birthdates

Brendan Bourke - 23 September Ava Slee - 26th September Many happy returns for your day. Solomon Rodrigues - 26th September Ruby Rodrigues - 27th September

Fees

Band Fees are now due for the 2013 year. Registration \$100/year Term Fees \$35/Term or \$140 for the year. If anyone has a question about their fees please email me on 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).

USA Tour: 967956504

Thank you. Harrold Watson (Treasurer)

Koala Website

The website is live! Visit our new website at www.marchingkoalas.org.au If you would like to fill in permission notes online, please email 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 **NEW** web site: http://marchingkoalas.org.au/ for pics and info

Completed the 30th Year Anniversary Tour to New York, Washington and Orlando , America in April , 2012 .

Touring to the <u>Calgary Stampede</u> in July 2014.

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