



## Official Newsletter of the Marching Koalas

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Welcome to your weekly Gum Notes  
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### Directors' News

Dear Parents and Koala members,

Over the past few months, the Koalas has seen a turnover of older members retiring and a number of new members joining. It is fantastic to see so many musicians enjoying their time as a Koala and being able to experience so many varied and exclusive performance opportunities that no other musical ensemble gets to do in Newcastle.

There are a few performances already booked into our diary for the second half of the year with I am sure many more to come!!! The last 3 performances have been extremely prestigious and have been booked based on the Koalas reputation for excellent musicianship, entertainment value and performance discipline and etiquette.

You have all done a fantastic job so far and we wish to continue this however, there are a few band members that are not playing their music during performances and we are concerned that this may hinder our progress with devising the new routine and future performances. We need to work together as a team to ensure that all members are successful in their playing abilities within the Koalas environment.

Last term we started listening to a few sections and discussing with each member how we can better help them to learn their music. We also looked at shuffling a few members around to play different parts depending on their musical abilities and whether they can already play their music off by heart. No parts have been set in concrete as we explained to members. It is really important that everyone plays their parts confidently and accurately. We will continue this process over the next few weeks and will have each section perform their music off by heart for the Directors.

You can help by PRACTICING your music EVERY WEEK. We ask that all of our parents ENCOURAGE and SUPPORT their child in setting aside practice time each day to ensure a full sounding band.

If you need help or are experiencing difficulty let us know!!!!

With nearly 70 members, we have the capabilities of achieving a magnificent sound and floor show...  
ONE BAND; ONE SOUND

#### Our next Performance/Engagements

28th July: Our postponed workshop event at Callaghan College Wallsend. All players required for routines!!!!

##### **For workshop please remember**

- Arrival time is 9AM
- Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided
- Bring Music stand, Music and Instrument
- Wear comfortable clothing
- Joggers for marching practice ( No Uggsboots)
- Hat and Sunscreen
- BRING FULL PERFORMANCE UNIFORM FOR CHECKING

11th August: Wallsend Winter Carnivale

7th September: Relay for Life Maitland. Details to come

## **The Marching Koalas EOI – Equipment Officer**

The Marching Koalas is a massive organisation that is reliant on the help and support of parents and guardians to ensure the smooth running of all aspects of the group.

One role in particular is the position of Equipment Officer. This position requires somebody with the time to ensure that instruments are organised and kept in working order for both rehearsals and performances.

#### **Role and Responsibilities**

- ♪ Liaise with Band Directors on specific equipment requirements for each performance.
- ♪ Oversee the loading and unloading of instruments to and from the trailer on rehearsal nights and performances.
- ♪ Maintaining the equipment - instruments, cases and flags.
- ♪ Attend performances by coach - load and unload buses. Stay with instruments as required to ensure security and safe keeping of equipment.
- ♪ Collate information on instruments in preparation for upcoming Tours.
- ♪ May be required to mind "Kimmy".

You will have the opportunity of travelling with the band to experience and share many amazing and memorable events. This will provide you with an opportunity to get to know the band members and

their families and become a positive role model for them. And don't forget a guaranteed fun time with our chaperones!!

Anybody who is interested in this position may come in and work with the current officer to ensure a smooth transition of positions. The current position has been filled by Peter Johnson for the past 15 years.

Please email [marching\\_koalas@yahoo.com](mailto:marching_koalas@yahoo.com) if you are interested in this position.

### Welfare

Chaperones required, if you have had a child in the band for at least 12 months and are interested in supporting the band please see Mr Wolfgram (Welfare Officer) at the beginning of next term to express your interest.

### 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 (apart from 20th August which will be 27th August). 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

16th July      27th August    17th Sept      15th Oct      19th Nov

### Canteen

The new Canteen Roster is

30th July - Jo O'Brien	6th August - Jo Jones
13th August - Sue Logryn	20th August - Alicia Lowry
27th August - Cindy McElhone	3rd September - Christine Huber

If anyone would like to add their name to the rest of term please see Alison Loreda

### Supporters Club

Supporters meeting will be at 6.30 on 30th July. Sorry for the inconvenience of changing meeting date but it was changed to align with management meeting.

We need to finalise details for the Warehouse Shopping Tour to Sydney on Saturday, 14th September. You can book online or register your interest via Marching Koalas website. Put this in your diary. We need more supporters so it can go ahead. It will be a fun day of shopping and socialising so please let Cindy McElhone know by next Tue 30th July as we may have to cancel if this function is not supported. Tickets will be \$80 which includes bus, morning and afternoon tea with lunch at Star City Casino.

We are putting together a raffle to be drawn in December. Tickets sold by band members will go directly off their Canada tour costs, More tickets sold means less expense for tour.

### Band Council

Band council raised \$34 from our Crazy hair night. Thanks everyone.

We will have a band council meeting at break on Tue 30th July. All members please attend.

### July Birthdates

Thomas Van Koeverdan - 8th July	Brittany Keen - 8th July
Taylah Date - 10th July	Laura Bergin-Brown - 13th July
Kye Cherry - 15th July	Caitlin Forster - 18th July
Sarah Mephan - 19th July	Rachel Mepham - 19th July

Many happy returns for your day.

### 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](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)

### 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.

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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 [Calgary Stampede](#) in July 2014.

CELEBRATING 31 YEARS OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL BANDING !

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