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Rehearsals

Junior Band 4.00pm – 5.30pm
Beginners of any age are welcome.

Senior Band 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Come and enjoy the camaraderie!

Membership

Registration (once) : \$10

Annual membership : \$10
from January 31st

well, our fundraiser on the 16th November happened ...

and the **PremiAir V8's** were amazing! And they want to come back! As **V8 Brass!**

The Work shop at Griffith East Public School were a huge success. Thanks to Griffith East Public for hosting, and thanks to Fran and Keith Griffin for taking the flute section.

At Woodside Hall, newly fitted with some acoustic battens, we had magnificent food, music of many types (starting the evening with Highland Cathedral, with Duncan from Parkes on bagpipes), solo performances (thank you Connor!), big groups, small groups, strings (thanks Paul!), brass, sax and voice (thanks Casual Sax), three different concert bands and folk (thanks Sticky Fingers). The raffle was amazing, and the auctions entertaining. We cleared \$2917.00. We found out we could do just about anything we set our hands to, in a limited amount of time. So, we are amazing, too.

But we couldn't have done it without support. The list includes:

Griffith Showground Trust	Griffith East Public School	Casual Sax
Councillor Christine Stead	Ross Davidson, Builder	Sticky Fingers
Keith & Fran Griffin	AJK Transport, Yenda	Mark Macedone
MIA Coaches	Calabria Wines	Rossies Foodworks
Griffith Rotary Club	Limone	Atkinson Hydroponics
Griffith Motor Inn	Real Juice	Owen Toyota
Riverina Grove	Hanwood Butchery	Ivory & Ash
Yarrow Park Olives	Dissegna Family Farms	Amcal Chemist
Griffin Plaza	Piccolo Grossera	Kendalls Shoes
Coles	Beelbangera Store	Bev Rose
Vaccari's Bakery	Codemo's Butchery	Naomi Raison
St Albans Cathedral	Miei Amici Cafe	Beryl & Max Goodger
Griffith City Cinemas	John Dodd Pharmacy	Sam Vasta
GB Sports	Griffith Central (Cheryl)	Michelle Parr
Lake Wyangan Public School	Priceline Pharmacy	Patricia Tyrell-Clarke
The Steggle's Shop (Melissa)	Griffith Newsagency	Murrumbidgee Regional Conservatorium

Membership

Although, in the easy going way in which most Band business is conducted, we have not chased registration or membership dues, registration and membership dues do exist! **Registration** is once and forever, and covers your access to insurance cover for some instances should anything untoward happen on a Band event, and access to Spond or other forms of communication.

Membership is an annual fee of \$10 per member, which covers voting rights, day to day electricity and water at the Band Hall, etc. Considering that most activities cost about \$15 per session, joining the Griffith City Band leaves you in the black, and thus possibly able to make a further voluntary contribution that would help keep paper in the photocopier, snacks in the Junior Band box, and make a start on Trevor's back-pay.

Registration and membership dues can be paid in cash to the Treasurer, or by EFT to the Griffith City Band bank account (NAB): BSB 082 632 Account Number 796 056 922. Please, please, please put the name(s) of the Band member(s) in the reference field of your transaction.

Spond

Spond is a free app that the Band is using to communicate to and between band members. It is great for alerts to rehearsal times changes, notice of performances (gigs), play lists for gigs and many other uses. It is available on Android and iOS platforms, and can be attached to either an email address or your phone number.

Use of Spond is particularly helpful for Trevor. If you can use Spond to say whether you will be attending rehearsal then he is able to plan rehearsals, which gives us better use of his time. For instance, he may decide we need to work on a piece in which your instrument is a vital part. But if your entire instrument section doesn't turn up that night, and no-one tells him, he's wasted his time, and will have to change plans on the spot. And unless he knows you are going to turn up, that extra help may never happen, which is frustrating for everybody else who wants to play that piece well.

Please, if you can, use the Spond app. It's not an irritating piece of technology, it's a tool to help our Band improve. Setting up a Spond account is simple – or if you do have problems, just ask Trevor.

Calendar

Details on the band hall whiteboard or via Spond. Please respond to event notifications on Spond.

Sat 14th December: Griffith Community Carols: Be at Memorial Park, Banna Ave, Griffith at 5.30pm to play at 6.00– 6.30pm

Sun 15th December: Griffith Central Plaza Christmas Festival: Be at Griffith Central Plaza at 10am to play at 11.00 am, until they ask us to stop.

Mon 16th December : Last rehearsal for the year***Band in recess until Australia Day rehearsals

Proposed events 2020

10th & 11th January 2020: Elvis Street Parade; Parkes; rehearsal on 10th, parade on the 11th at 9.00am, details to be announced

Sun 26th January 2020: Australia Day: Griffith City Council, details to be announced

Rehearsals for this event will be held on Monday 20th and Friday 24th January at 5.30pm

and

late March – early April: Instrument Workshops for Beginning and Advanced Musicians

And don't forget to keep in touch about the State Band Championships !

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