

Newsletter of the Griffith City Band

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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 comaraderie! President: Suzanne Thorpe Secretary: Suzie Brennan Treasurer: Rob Weppler & Jude Pedler Conductor: Trevor Peacock

Membership

Registration (once) : \$10

Annual membership : \$10 from January 31st

SUPPORT GRIFFITH CITY BAND and GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!! Saturday 16th November 2019

the **PremiAir V8's** are coming!

The PremiAir V8's are an enthusiastic group of musicians from Eastern Creek: a brass band, who love to play loud music and have fun. This year they are giving free workshops to beginning musicians of any age as well as performing! They love raucous, sing-along brass music: Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Tom Jones, Dolly Parton, Burt Bacharach,... and The Wiggles ! and they love to have a good time.

> Get your tickets for the **Dinner and Show**, **6.00pm** Saturday 16th November **Woodside Hall, Griffith Showgrounds (enter from Coolah St)** Griffith City Band and other local bands and musicians also performing! Raffle and Lucky Door Prize!

Tickets available via links on www.griffithcityband.org.au, or www.facebook.com/GriffithCityBand

We will need helpers, before and during this event, but your biggest help will be in coming along and bringing as many of your friends as you can, to help us raise money for the band, and have fun doing it!



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 you don't tell him you're not going to turn up, you may miss out on vital help or instructions, or he may have to change plans on the spot, which is frustrating for everybody.

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.

Tues 5th November: Helping students try out an instrument for school band, Griffith North Public School: 5.15pm

Sat 16th November: Brass, Woodwind and Percussion Workshops. 9.00am – 12 noon, Griffith East Public School

Sat 16th November: PremiAir V8s Fundraiser Woodside Hall, Griffith Showgrounds: 6.00pm til late !

Tues 19th November: Helping students try out an instrument for school band: Griffith East Public School: 5.15pm

Fri 22nd November: St Albans Cathedral Twilight Fair, cnr Anzac & Binya St: 5.00 - 600pm

Sun 1st December: Yenda Carols: proposed: 6.00 – 6.30pm

Mon 16th December : Last rehearsal for the year***Band in recess until Australia Day rehearsals Sun 26th January: Australia Day: Griffith City Council, details to be announced Rehearsals proposed for this event on Monday 20th and Friday 24th January