

# Lane Cove Adult Beginner Band

## INFORMATION BOOKLET

The Lane Cove Adult Beginner Band is a concert band specifically formed to give adults who have never had the chance to learn a concert band instrument the opportunity to do so, and to play together with other likeminded people.

It is envisaged that the band will begin at the most basic level assuming no previous musical experience. The band will progress as a group and members will be guided through a band development program.

The band will ultimately become a performing ensemble in its own right, with those members of the band who make significant progress being offered the opportunity to join the more experienced ensemble currently performing as the Lane Cove Concert Band.

### WHO CAN JOIN?

Membership of the Adult Beginner Band is open to any adult who has minimal musical experience or to those who have not played for many years. People with previous musical experience who choose to join the band should be aware that the band will progress at a rate sympathetic to the musically inexperienced members.

### INSTRUMENTS

The following instruments are suitable to play in a concert band:

| <b>Woodwind</b>       | <b>Brass</b>         | <b>Percussion*</b>                               |
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| Flute                 | Trumpet/Cornet       | Drums  |
| Clarinet              | Euphonium / Baritone | Timpani  |
| Saxophone (all types) | Trombone             | Mallet percussion<br>eg. xylophone, glockenspiel |
|                       | Tuba                 | Auxillary Percussion                             |

\* percussion players may learn all of these instruments or choose to specialize

Members of the band must organise their own serviceable and reliable instrument. If you don't have one then there are commercial organisations which hire instruments, and a limited number will be available for hire from the Lane Cove Concert Band. Contact LCCB instrument officer David Cant on 9428-2277 for further information about instrument hire.

### TUITION

All members must undertake lessons from a tutor, as band rehearsals are intended to *reinforce* the skills, techniques and knowledge acquired during those lessons. Organisation of and payment for lessons is entirely the responsibility of the individual members, though a list of possible local instrumental tutors can be provided on request.

## **FEES**

The Adult Beginner Band will be an integral part of Lane Cove Concert Band Inc, and members of the Adult Beginner Band will be required to become members of that organization (membership form attached). The annual membership fee is \$150 and there is a once only \$10 joining fee. Adult Beginners Band members must pay an initial amount pro-rata amount of \$50 which covers the \$10 joining fee, the band method book and membership to **30<sup>th</sup> June 2008**. Invoicing for the next financial year will occur in July 2008.

## **REHEARSALS**

Weekly rehearsals will be conducted each **Wednesday evening from 8pm till 9.30 pm** in the band room located upstairs at 180 Longueville Road, Lane Cove (Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Centenary Centre). The group will not rehearse during school holidays. Rehearsals will be under the direction of the Lane Cove Concert Band Musical Director, Phil Arnold who has extensive concert band experience and has conducted adult beginner groups previously in Western Australia.

## **WHEN DOES THE BAND BEGIN**

**Rehearsals will commence on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.**

It is hoped that all members will have had at least three lessons with their tutors prior to the first rehearsal and will have learned how to assemble their instruments and play their first notes. If you have any friends or family who may also be interested to join the Lane Cove Adult Beginner Band please let them know as soon as possible so that all members can start on 21<sup>st</sup> May and move through the initial stages together as a group.

*This is a wonderful opportunity to join a local music organization with a proud history of achievement. Similar adult beginner groups have gone on to achieve impressive results. At the very least you will be participating in a positive and enjoyable musical environment with people of similar interests and ability.*

## **WHAT TO DO NOW?**

If you have made the decision to join the Lane Cove Adult Beginners Band – congratulations and welcome aboard. You will now need to:

- Send your application form to:  
Treasurer, Lane Cove Concert Band  
23 Sofala Ave, Riverview 2066
- Include \$50 initial payment (cheque to Lane Cove Concert Band Inc)
- Organise an instrument
- Enrol in lessons with a tutor of your choice
- Start practicing

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| If you would like any additional information please contact Jackie Brighton on 9427 5529. |
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