



Lane Cove Youth Orchestra

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ANNUAL REPORT

AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS IN 2012/13

What a busy and successful year. In summary we have achieved the following:

- Increased membership to 48 players.
- Maintained our zippy website and kept a high profile at the Lane Cove monthly Art and Design Markets by presenting busking groups.
- Provided challenging but enjoyable repertoire to ensure continued musical development of our players.
- Searched hard and made discoveries at our annual workshop, this time on the Cockatoo Island. In addition we managed a full public performance at the conclusion!
- Inspired our students' interest in upcoming events – most immediately our Term Three Cameraygal Festival concert. This year we will present our **Barefoot Birthday Splash**. This will be a very special event as it will celebrate our 21st birthday. Again we will pursue an element of fun and mischief as we invite the audience to enjoy the concert while swimming or sitting in a chair, in or out of the water, with or without their shoes!

Following is a summary of major events.

Term Two 2012

Kidnapped by Pirates: On the weekend of 19 & 20 May we held an intensive music workshop and sleepover on the tall ship **James Craig**. What an experience! Firstly the Sydney Heritage Fleet 'pirates' enslaved us forcing us into hard labour - hauling cargo, swabbing decks & tying knots before we could fall exhausted into our hammocks. Then on Sunday morning, when we thought all was safe, the music tutor 'pirates' descended upon us with an intensive & grueling schedule of practice!! However did we cope? Well, we had more fun than we've ever had, finished the weekend with a triumphant concert and found great friends and supporters in the directors, staff and volunteers of the Sydney Heritage Fleet! Thank you SHF!

See us on You Tube - *LCYO Pirate Dance* and *LCYO Drunken Sailor*.

28th May 2012 - AGM

Nominations were taken for the position of President / Manager of LCYO for 2012/2013. Lyndall McNally was nominated, seconded and re-elected.

Shirley Stidston tendered her resignation as Secretary. Heather Golby was nominated, seconded and accepted the role of Secretary. Heather's primary role would be to take care of the supper roster and supper helpers.

Karen Bones tendered her resignation as Treasurer. Mei Lai Ngan was nominated, seconded and accepted the role of Treasurer.

Heidi Richards was nominated, seconded and re-elected as Assistant Treasurer. Heidi agreed to take on additional responsibilities related to the running and minute-taking of the AGM, ordinary meetings and Public Donation Fund meetings.

There were no other nominations from members for these positions.

Ordinary members were elected: - Juliana Ellis, Garry Lewis (who would take care of child protection forms) and Paul Hummerston.

13th June - Sydney Eisteddfod.

Our intensive workshop earlier in the term was designed to prepare us for participation in the Robert & Elizabeth Albert Youth / High School Orchestra event in the Sydney Eisteddfod. This popular event, held last week, provided tough competition with 17 orchestras in the field. We are proud to announce that we were given an award of Highly Commended. Well done all, this is a great achievement. Special thanks to Mark and Dominique for their superior music direction.

Tuesday 19th June - our Joint Concert with Bremer State High School of Ipswich.

What a wonderful concert. Such a special treat to have all those fabulous young players with us. The evening's program offered rich variety with stage band, concert band, choir and of course orchestra, with a final fling featuring a massed orchestra of Bremer and LCYO players. Our Patron Colin Piper commented on how much he enjoyed the concert and after chatting with the Principal and some of his music staff he noted 'what a comprehensive music programme they have going up there!' Bremer tour director Bill Redpath happily reported that their entire tour was enormously successful and that our joint event was a true highlight. Again we thank Bremer for including Lane Cove in their itinerary. We were especially honoured that Principal, Mr Bruce Saxby, flew to Sydney especially to attend our event.

Term Three 2012

LCYO is just one of Shell's Social investment partners. Another group supported by Shell is the **Pyjama Foundation**. The Pyjama Foundation recruits, screens, trains and supports volunteers from the community, known as 'angels,' who visit and mentor vulnerable children in foster or alternative care to read books aloud, play numeracy and literacy games and other fun learning activities.

On 19th August 2012 we were fortunate to be invited to perform at an exciting event. We were the special surprise guest artists for a 'high tea' presented by Shell to thank 120 'angels' who help children through the 'Pyjama Foundation'. The event was held at Lachlan House in Parramatta Park.

Programme:

Pirate Dance	Leroy Anderson
Pirates of the Caribbean	Badelt / Ricketts
Sibelius Symphony No 2 (4th Movement)	Sibelius / Leidig
Drunken Sailor	Grant Hull

We acknowledge Shell for its enlightened Social Investment Program which gives such valuable support to community education. In particular we thank Shell for supporting community music education through sponsorship of the LANE COVE YOUTH ORCHESTRA.

Cameraygal Festival event for 2012 - On the eve of Saturday 15th September 2012 Lane Cove Plaza resonated with wonderful orchestral sounds! And for those shoppers who wandered through at exactly 5.30pm there was also a surprise treat. In the arcade near the library we created a 'FLASH MOB'. – Our players suddenly assembled and performed a lively Irish dance for an astonished and unsuspecting audience. Then, as quickly as they had appeared they moved on and reassembled on the bandstand for a full orchestral concert, part of Lane Cove's 21st Cameraygal Festival.

The large audience which rapidly assembled on the grass was also given a visual treat as *Motifex Audio and Video Productions* created a coloured light show under the elegant canopy of the Lloyd Rees Bandstand.

During the evening LCYO proudly introduced student conductor Claire Vowell, a former LCYO member now undertaking music studies at a tertiary level. With the help of a Shell/LCYO bursary she is able to further her studies with LCYO gaining valuable conducting experience under the expert guidance of Chief Conductor, Mark Brown.

Programme:

Sibelius Second Symphony: 4th Movement	Sibelius/Leidig
The Drunken Sailor	Hull
The Thieving Magpie	Rossini/Ling
Bacchanale from 'Samson and Delilah'	Saint-Saëns/Isaac
Pirate Dance	Anderson
Russian Sailor's Dance	Gliere/Isaac
The Lord of the Dance	Hardiman/Moore

Conductor, Mark Brown

Term Four 2012

Our Christmas Concert on Monday 3rd December 2012 was superb. We thank St Ignatius College for their generous provision of Regis Hall for this event. How lucky were we to enjoy the huge talent of special guest soloist Billy Burton? Billy joined us for the last four rehearsals in Term Four to help prepare for our concert. He gave inspiration and encouragement to everyone - especially our trumpet players. Congrats to Gilbert whose duet with Billy in **Winter Wonderland** was sensational. You can view video clips of **Wonderful World** and **Winter Wonderland on You Tube**: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cronduyJ_FY.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hxvldWV1rw>

Another video uploaded to YouTube features Claire Vowell, our Scholar Conductor. Claire, a Shell Scholarship recipient, has been receiving expert tutelage from Chief Conductor Mark Brown. Click here to see Claire conduct the delightful **Three Noels** by Clare Grundman.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXyR0dD0a7o>

Monday 10th December - Xmas party at **Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre** was great fun. We were able to have a rehearsal in the crèche in preparation for the Waterbrook carols event. Thanks to all who came along and all who helped.

We were delighted to be invited by Waterbrook Greenwich to present a short program of festive themes and Christmas carols for their residents on 21st December. It was exciting to hear singer Georgia McCarthy, daughter of the nurse at Waterbrook, give a lively performance of festive pop tunes on the night. Well done Georgia! Huge thanks to Waterbrook for the generous gifts they gave to us all - my gingerbread house did not last long!!

Conductor: Mark Brown

Programme - Xmas Concert:

Overture

Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson
Winter Wonderland	Felix Bernard
.....	Arr Paul Lavender, James Curnow
Duet : Billy Burton and Gilbert East	
Mother Ginger	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
From 'The Nutcracker Suite'	Arr Sandra Dackow
We Three Kings of Orient Are	arranged and orchestrated Tommy Tycho
Joyful, Joyful	Arr Arthur Greenslade
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson
Three Noels	Clare Grundman
Wonderful World	Arr Arthur Greenslade

Jingle Bell Rock..... Arr Arthur Greenslade

Deck The Halls Arr Chip Davis

Finale

Christmas Carols Arr David Good

Now for our achievements thus far in 2013:

Term One 2013

Term one was busy preparing for Term Two –this was to be our busiest term ever! No concert this term but plenty of new members and much excitement over upcoming events.

Term Two 2013

4-5 May – ***Sleepover and Workshop***. Again we chose an urban camp venue and again for us it was a first! We decided to seek adventure on Cockatoo Island!

This exciting event attracted virtually 100% attendance from students. Sixteen enthusiastic parents also came along to give a hand and to enjoy the excitement of exploring what was, for many, a new frontier.

As usual we had a number of objectives for our workshop this year - to provide intensive musical tuition in preparation for the upcoming *Sydney Eisteddfod*, to provide an opportunity to broaden our players' experiences of Australian history and culture and of course to have an amazingly good time!

Island destinations present an immediate challenge for visitors - namely transport. Not only did we need to bring tents, bedding, food & cooking utensils as would any group embarking on a weekend camp, but also, as we are a full symphony orchestra, we needed to bring percussion equipment, music stands and chairs. Consequently we had to hire a large van plus a barge to transport the van! Thankfully Waterbrook, Greenwich helped immensely by providing funding to assist with transport costs.

It was such an adventure! On arrival at around midday on Saturday our players' first task was to set up camp. Our camp site was along the old slipway at the foot of the tall smoke stack. Some young campers had never erected a tent before while others were quite proficient, so pooling their resources the students managed to set up their yellow & blue tent village quite quickly.

Next on the programme was a keen test of our players' map reading and clue solving skills. In small groups they set off with maps to explore the island and try their luck at finding treasures, some hidden, some in the open for all to see. These adventures, prepared by Heather Golby and Steve Buchert (thank you!), took our explorers to remote corners of the island and demanded creative problem solving, historical researching, athletic and photographic skills. Many of these photos featured in the June edition of *The Village Observer*.

On the Saturday evening, after a well-received BBQ dinner prepared by parents, our conductor Mark Brown, lead the players through the dog-leg tunnel then through tunnel No 1 to 'Building 30' where he ran a lively rehearsal. Later the players chose either to watch movies in Building 5, part of the old convict precinct, or to return to our camp site to play games. Later still, but not too late, there was silence along the slipway as all players fell asleep (we hope).

Early on Sunday morning the music tutors arrived on the 8.30am ferry from Woolwich and the real work started. Thanks to funding from Rotary we were able to engage 7 tutors to run intensive sectional workshops. We hired the entire Mould Loft, Building 6, for these tutorials and players worked hard to prepare not only for the upcoming Sydney Eisteddfod but also for an end of camp concert held at 3pm.

Huge well attended concert.

Conductor Mark Brown

Programme

Blunderbuss Battles

Ralph Ford

Yorkshire Ballad	James Barnes
Berceuse & Finale from the Firebird Suite	Stravinsky/Isaac
Kinetica	Mark Grandison
Mars the Bringer of War	Holst/McAlister
Take Five	Desmond/Cerulli
Mack the Knife	Weill/Cerulli

Sydney Eisteddfod – Sunday 19th May - Two weeks after our island adventure we competed in the *Sydney Eisteddfod - the Robert & Elizabeth Albert Youth Orchestra Award*. This year the event was held in the spectacular new Chatswood Concourse. To our delight we again achieved an award of **Highly Commended** with a score of 88.

Programme

Blunderbuss Battles	Ralph Ford
Yorkshire Ballad	James Barnes
Berceuse & Finale from the Firebird Suite	Stravinsky/Isaac

Music in the Sails

We were thrilled to be invited back to the home of the Sydney Heritage Fleet, Wharf 7 Darling Harbour just alongside the wonderful tall ship James Craig on which we enjoyed our music camp in 2012.

We presented a lively program with a sense of mischief and playfulness – General Manager, Ross Muir along with two volunteers, Marianne & Carolyn, worked hard with their sandpaper to give credence to Leroy Anderson's *Sandpaper Ballet* in a maritime setting.

Blunderbuss Battles	Ralph Ford
Kinetica	Mark Grandison
Yorkshire Ballad	James Barnes
Berceuse & Finale from the Firebird Suite	Stravinsky/Isaac
Take Five	Desmond/Cerulli
Mack the Knife	Weill/Cerulli
Sandpaper Ballet	Leroy Anderson
The Syncopated Clock	Leroy Anderson

Coming up in Three 2013:

- Monday 22nd July 2013 7pm - AGM
- Monday 9th Sept – **Barefoot Birthday Splash** our Cameraygal Festival event for 2013 this year to be held in the Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre.
- Sunday 6th October 2013 – (In the spring holidays) performance for the Opening Ceremony of the 23rd World Congress on Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Sponsorship:

- In April 2010 **Shell Gore Bay Terminal & Clyde Refinery** confirmed we were successful in our bid to be selected as one of their Social Investment partners for the next three year period. Shell confirmed a total benefit of \$45,000 for 2010-2013 being \$15,000 per year. The funding is primarily for provision of scholarships for successful eligible students but occasionally some funding can be used for special events.

- **Lane Cove Council** – we have been informed that we have been successful in our bid for funding for the 2013-2014 year. We requested \$4,987 and have been granted partial funding of \$4,600.
- **Lane Cove Rotary** – for a number of years Rotary has generously supported our workshop by providing funds to help pay for tutors. Again this year they are supporting us by providing \$1,700.
- In August 2012 **Hamilton & Co** again supported us with a generous donation of \$1,000 to assist with sheet music purchase. Our thanks to Jocelyn & Greg Gregory. It is such an honour that Jocelyn and Greg attend all of our events.
- November 2012. We applied to **Hycorp Property Group** for a funding grant and happily we were successful. We were presented with a grant of \$2,500 to be used to purchase staging platforms or risers. These were delivered last week and will be used for the first time at our next concert on 9th Sept at the LC Aquatic Leisure Centre.
- Three generous patrons from the community have again pledged their support during 2013 by donating \$280 each.
- **Waterbrook, Greenwich** – kindly gave a donation of \$500 towards transport for our Cockatoo Island adventure in May this year.
- June 2013 – **Shell** confirmed they are keen to continue sponsorship and have committed another \$7,500 sponsorship to take our contract up to the end of the calendar year 2013.
- June 2013 - **St George, Lane Cove Branch** – we made a submission for funding from St George to ‘Get Something Started’ in the community. Our submission was for a children’s prom hosted by ‘HAPPY DRAGON’, the St George mascot. Result – unsuccessful.
- Russell and Yvonne kindly continue to maintain their **Optimo Software** service to us free of charge. This amazing software package has made substantial improvements to our library - **Optimo Software** gives a unique way to file and search on all sheet music, books, recordings and other resources, linking them together and incorporating them in to one database. Our sincere thanks go to Russell and Yvonne and to Juliana Ellis who is assisting with database entries and general maintenance of library files.
- We have just been approached by Derek Galloway who runs a new business in Lane Cove called **Flute Connections** www.fluteconnections.com. Derek has offered a sponsorship of around \$300 per year in return for some advertising in our literature to help promote his business. Arrangements to be confirmed in a meeting ASAP.

Tax Deductible Gift Recipient:

The Lane Cove Youth Orchestra Donations Account is eligible to receive tax deductible donations. We are endorsed by the Australian Taxation Office as a Tax Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR).

So any donations over \$2 made to ‘LCYO Donations Fund’ are tax deductible!

Promotion

Website:

www.lanecoveyouthorchestra.org.au Our website has been completely re-designed. This site is extremely elegant, simple to use, features plenty of photos taken by Will Davis www.davisuals.com.au and a few performance videos. Our sincere thanks go to Giselle and Corey Stidston for establishing and maintaining this site.

A-Frame Sign:

Moirs Bookshop on Burns Bay Road has regularly displayed our A-frame sign outside their lovely bookstore. Hopefully we will be able to continue to take advantage of this service even though the shop has changed ownership on the retirement of Ian & Rosemary Moir.

Busking in the Plaza:

As a major promotional tool we continue to provide small groups of players to busk in the Plaza at the monthly Lane Cove Alive Art & Design Markets. We take this opportunity to hand out promotional literature such as Shell Scholarship application forms, LCYO brochures, concert flyers. Huge thanks to Juliana Ellis who has organised the roster to date and we welcome and thank Anna Birch who has recently agreed to take over this job. We have observed that players who have taken advantage of this opportunity have benefitted greatly. They show increased confidence and have a more relaxed appearance in the public arena. Relaxed, happy confident buskers make more money!

In Conclusion:

We thank to all who have helped throughout the year to make the Lane Cove Youth Orchestra thrive and grow:

- Our parent helpers on the supper roster and others who have helped with events and equipment management.
- Our extremely hard working committee in particular Heather Golby (Secretary) and Mei Lai Ngan and Heidi Richards (Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer).
- Sponsors listed above
- The on-going generosity of other continuing supporters: - Lane Cove Public School, Baker's Delight Lane Cove, Moirs Bookshop & The Village Observer.
- Event and venue supporters - Sydney Heritage Fleet, Waterbrook Retirement Resort, Will Davis photography and Motifex Audio and Video Productions.
- And of course, as acknowledged in each term's description, we thank our wonderful team of tutors and conductors for sharing their extensive knowledge and giving expert musical direction.

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