



# Lane Cove Youth Orchestra

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## ANNUAL REPORT

### AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS IN 2013/14

Following is a summary of major events commencing with last year's AGM.

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013 - AGM**

An annual general meeting of the Lane Cove Youth Orchestra Inc. was held at Lane Cove Public School, Lane Cove, NSW. The following committee members were elected:

- President Lyndall McNally
- Secretary – Heather Golby
- Treasurer - Mei Lai Ngan
- Assistant Treasurer – Heidi Richards
- Ordinary Members:
  - Garry Lewis
  - Juliana Ellis
  - Shirley Stidston
  - Anna Birch

#### **Term Three 2013 – Our 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday and our 2013 Cameraygal Festival event**

We held two events to celebrate our coming of age:

1. **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 - BAREFOOT BIRTHDAY SPLASH.** We held this concert in an exciting and different venue - the Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre, Little St, Lane Cove.

After introductory words given by MC Ian Longbottom, it was great to see players, formally dressed but with bare feet, splashing through the wading pool to the stage (generously provided by **Hyecorp Property Group**). Mark, dressed most appropriately in tails (but also bare-footed), strode boldly after them to take up his position - very stylish! Following Acknowledgement of Country, delivered by Charlene Davison, and the official opening by our Mayor, Scott Bennison, we made a great start to the concert with Handel's **Water Music, suites 1 and 2.**

Next we presented two works from Bizet's **L'Arlésienne Suite**. We were privileged to have Colin Piper, our patron, distinguished conductor and SSO percussionist to conduct the **Farandole**. LCYO scholar conductor and Shell Scholarship recipient, Claire Vowell, conducted the **Carillon**. Claire worked with great finesse revealing the skills she has developed over the past 12 months as a result of her regular podium time with LCYO plus expert guidance from Mark Brown.

The most unusual item on the programme was Leroy Anderson's **The Typewriter**. This novelty piece calls for a typewriter as a percussion instrument. We took this opportunity to revisit the retro concept of the typing pool by using not one but three typewriters. A trio of percussionists was introduced to 'play' the typewriters - 'lead typist' Colin Piper was joined by Gerard Patterson, pianist & former LCYO conductor and Ryan Barlow, former LCYO percussionist & violinist. Wearing colourful stenographer's visors they clicked, clacked, tinged and whirred their way through the piece to the amusement of the whole audience.

We rounded off the concert with an impressive rendition of the first movement of Schubert's **Symphony**

## **No 8, the 'Unfinished Symphony'.**

Huge thanks to all helpers and especially pool managers, **Bluefit** who were most generous in giving us this unusual performance venue and who supported us in every way.

2. **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 - PLAY-IN & OPEN REHEARSAL.** Past players, parents and the general public enjoyed a casual performance with celebratory refreshments in LCPS hall. Past programmes, posters, photos and memorabilia were on display for all to view.

### **Term Four 2013**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013 **Children's Pyjama Time Christmas Concert**

With Mark's expert direction we actively engaged the whole audience and stirred up a very enthusiastic 'mosh pit' of toddlers at the front! The foyer of the Lane Cove Library provided a comfortable, attractive and accessible concert venue with good acoustics. We thank library staff, especially Jennifer Bice and Karen Mitchell.

#### *Programme*

<b>Jingle Bells Forever</b>	Pierpont/Sousa/Smith
<b>Santa Claus is Comin' To Town</b>	Cootes/Cerulli
<b>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</b>	Marks/Bullock
<b>Nutcracker Ballet (March &amp; Trepak)</b>	Tchaikovsky/Isaac
<b>Winter Wonderland</b>	Bernard/Lavender/Curnow
<b>Frosty the Snowman</b>	Nelson/Rollins/Moss
<b>A Christmas Festival</b>	Anderson
<b>Sleigh Ride</b>	Anderson

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 - Our Xmas party at Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre** was great fun with heaps of food, great company and hours of swimming. Thanks to all members and families who came along. Special thanks to parents who helped with the food and BBQ and to Andrew Hungerford of **Bluefit**, the pool managers.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** - we were again delighted to be invited to present a program of festive themes and Christmas carols for the residents of Waterbrook Greenwich. Huge thanks to Waterbrook for their support during the year.

Now for our achievements thus far in 2014:

### **Term One 2014**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014** - Term one was busy preparing for Term Two but we still held a short open rehearsal to mark the end of term. It was terrific to see so many interested family members sitting in on this lively session to see just how hard all players need to work under the firm baton of Maestro Mark Brown! Huge thanks to Mark & Dom! We welcomed Sky on French Horn and said a sad 'goodbye' to Anton on trumpet.

### **Term Two 2014**

**10-11<sup>th</sup> May – Sleepover and Workshop.** As usual we have a number of objectives for our workshops - 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!

This year we chose another spectacular venue – **Sydney Harbour YHA** (Youth Hostel) in Cumberland St in the historical 'Rocks' area of central Sydney. This modern structure is remarkable as it is built on stilts above archaeological remnants of Sydney's colonial past. Historical relics have been preserved and made accessible for all.

Players plus a number of parents and families enjoyed great food and very comfortable accommodation in this amazing venue.

We held rehearsals in the Education Centre of the **YHA** and at the **KGV** Recreation Centre across the road.

On the Saturday night after dinner we embarked on a short but exciting walk around the Rocks, under the Harbour Bridge and up to the *Sydney Observatory* where we enjoyed a wonderful tour and an opportunity to use both the historic 1874 refracting lens telescope, the oldest working telescope in Australia and the computer-controlled reflecting telescope. Due to cloud cover we were unable to see stars through the telescopes, instead we viewed land based objects then visited the planetarium to see projected images of the night sky.

We thank the Rotary Club of Lane Cove plus Waterbrook Greenwich for their funding assistance.

**26<sup>th</sup> May 2014 – *Orchestral Showcase Concert*** – We held our concert in LCPS hall. Our rousing finale also featured guest group, LCPS orchestra with conductor Colin Tripolone. Our very own *LCYO String Quartet* also featured on the programme.

*Programme:*

<b>The Magic Flute, Overture</b>	W A Mozart
<b>March, Seventeen Come Sunday</b> , from <i>English Folk Songs Suite</i>	R. Vaughan-Williams/G Jacob
<b>Jupiter – Bringer of Jollity</b> , from <i>The Planets</i>	Gustav Holst/Leidig
<b>Suite from The Hobbit</b>	H Shore/Wagner
<b>LCYO String Quartet</b> (Melissa, Saye Kaeo, Olivia, Jessica)	
<b>Let it Go</b>	Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez/Badillo
<b>Hey Jude</b>	John Lennon and Paul McCartney/J Long
<b>A Trumpeter's Lullaby</b> , Featuring <b>Gilbert East</b> , solo trumpet	L Anderson/ Lang
<b>Symphony No 1 in C Major Op. 21</b> , 1st Movement, Adagio Molto	Ludwig van Beethoven
<b>Gallop (Can-Can)</b> from <i>Orpheus in the Underworld</i>	J Offenbach/C Binder
Also featuring LCPS Orchestra	

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June - *Sydney Eisteddfod*** - the Robert & Elizabeth Albert Youth Orchestra Award. This year the event was again held in the spectacular Chatswood Concourse. Players excelled themselves and were given a most complimentary report, but alas we did not gain a place.

*Programme*

<b>The Magic Flute, Overture</b>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
<b>March, Seventeen Come Sunday</b>	R. Vaughan Williams
<b>A Trumpeter's Lullaby</b>	Leroy Anderson

**Coming up in Three 2014:**

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2014 7pm - *AGM*
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Our Cameraygal Festival event for 2014 this year to be held in the music Workshop space at the Sydney Conservatorium with the assistance of generous sponsor, Westbourne Constructions. This year we will present **Reflections**, a concert responding to the theme of this year's Cameraygal Festival – **Projecting Forward**.
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2014 –A performance at the Maritime Heritage Centre, Wharf 7 Darling Harbour, for the Sydney Heritage Fleet's celebration of the 140<sup>th</sup> birthday of tall ship *James Craig*. We have also been invited to spend Saturday night on this beautifully restored square rigger, sleeping in hammocks and finding time for some last minute rehearsals.

## Sponsorship:

- 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.
  - History - 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.
  - 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.
  - May 2014 – We have been invited to meet with Shell to discuss ongoing funding.
- **Lane Cove Council** – we have applied for funding for the 2014-2015 year. We requested \$4,940 but have not yet been informed of the result of our application.
- **Westbourne Constructions**, a Chatswood based company has kindly offered to sponsor the venue for one event per year to the value of \$3,500. We are thrilled to be using this sponsorship this year for our September event at the Sydney Conservatorium.
- **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 have supported us by providing \$1,700 for our workshop and camp.
- In October 2013 **Hamilton & Co** again supported us with a generous donation of \$1,250 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.
- Three generous patrons from the community have again pledged their support during 2014 by donating \$280 each.
- Waterbrook, Greenwich – kindly gave a donation of \$500 in May 2014 towards our workshop and camp at the Rocks in May this year. Waterbrook also provided wine for our concert in May 2014.
- 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.
- **Bluefit** – supported us in both our Term Three concert and our end of year Xmas party by providing facilities at reduced costs.

## 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](http://www.lanecoveyouthorchestra.org.au) Our sincere thanks go to Giselle and Corey Stidston for establishing and maintaining this site.

[LCYO Facebook](#) – Newly established in February 2014 - thanks to Corey Stidston for his help in setting this up.

## **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 and The Village Observer.
- Event and venue supporters - Sydney Heritage Fleet, Waterbrook Retirement Resort.
- 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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