



Lane Cove Youth Orchestra

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015 AGM

AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS IN 2015-2016

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

13th July 2015 - 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 at this meeting:

Lyndall McNally	President
Heather Golby	Secretary
Svetlana Belchenko	Treasurer
Harry Bouchier	Ordinary Member
Elizabeth Baldwin	Ordinary Member
Juliana Ellis	Ordinary Member

TERM THREE 2015

On Monday 17th August 2015 we were honoured to have a visit from renowned composer George Dreyfus. George who lives in Melbourne took the opportunity to visit on a trip to Sydney as he was aware we were playing one of his works – The *Peace Theme* from *Sons of the ANZACS*. His visit was a rare treat for us.

Sunday 13th September. **IN THE LIMELIGHT** – our 2015 **Cameraygal Festival** event. This was a joint concert with Riverside GHS ensembles with conductor Melinda Hole and co-ordinator Clarina Wang.

With assistance from generous sponsor Westbourne Constructions, we held this concert in the beautiful Music Workshop Space at Sydney Conservatorium. We were most grateful to the Claudio Saya who provided coach transport from Lane Cove and Gladesville to the Conservatorium.

Our programme:

LCYO launched the programme with the Finale from *Symphony No2* in C by Tchaikovsky arranged by Sandra Dackow. This was followed by Vernon Leidig's arrangement of the Fourth Movement of the *Sibelius Second Symphony*.

Next was the *Peace Theme* from *Sons of the ANZACS* composed by George Dreyfus. LCYO enjoyed performing this work and acknowledging the Centenary of the ANZAC campaign.

The Riverside GHS Ensemble, with conductor Melinda Hole then presented arrangements of the Finale from Beethoven's *Eroica* Symphony and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*.

Maddie Wagner was next on the program giving a beautiful rendition of Little Passacaglia, a piano work by Peter Sculthorpe written in response to the terrorist act in Bali in 2002.

LCYO followed with three movements of Beethoven's **Symphony No 2 in D Major** - adagio molto / Scherzo: allegro / allegro molto.

The event concluded with a huge lesson in How to Train Your Dragon as LCYO and RGHS played this popular movie theme by John Powell, arranged Sean O'Loughlan.

TERM FOUR 2015

11 November 2015. We were honoured to be invited by **Viva Energy Australia** to perform for their Gore Bay residents meeting held in the Greenwich Sailing Club. Mark and Dom were unavailable on that date but

we were thrilled to have with us our Patron Colin Piper and esteemed violinist Ros Horton. Our thanks go to Colin & Ros for their superb care and direction. Meeting attendees and representatives from Viva Energy were clearly impressed with our performance.

Wednesday 16th December 2015. **Christmas in the Library** – A sparkling concert with a festive spirit. It was a pleasure to welcome Arne Tripolone with his talented young string group from Hunters Hill Public School who certainly added vigour to our finale - the *Hallelujah Chorus*. We were thrilled to welcome Kaylar Michaelian and thank him and the **Hyecorp Property Group** for their generous funding to be used for staging equipment. We also thank library staff for the use of the venue - local, convenient and with good acoustics.

On Friday 18th December, we were again delighted to be invited to present a short program of festive tunes and carols for the residents of **Waterbrook Greenwich**. Huge thanks to Waterbrook for their support during the year and for the great Christmas gifts - those gingerbread houses are amazing!

Also on Friday 18th December we held our Christmas Party in the **Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre**. We had a terrific time with heaps of food, great company and hours of swimming and 'swanning around'. Special thanks to Andrew Hungerford of Bluefit, the pool managers.

Programme -Christmas

<i>A Christmas Festival</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>How to Train Your Dragon</i>	<i>Powell / O'Loughlan</i>
<i>Symphony No 2 in C, Finale</i>	<i>Tchaikovsky / Dackow</i>
<i>Mother Ginger, from 'The Nutcracker Suite'</i>	<i>Tchaikovsky / Dackow</i>
<i>March & Trepak, from 'The Nutcracker Suite'</i>	<i>Tchaikovsky / Isaac</i>
<i>Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer</i>	<i>Marks / Bullock</i>
<i>Winter Wonderland</i>	<i>Felix Bernard / Lavender, Curnow</i>
<i>Sleigh Ride</i>	<i>Anderson</i>
<i>Frosty the Snowman</i>	<i>Steve Nelson, Jack Rollins / Moss</i>
<i>Santa Claus is Coming to Town</i>	<i>Fred Coots / Cerulli</i>
<i>Hallelujah Chorus, from 'The Messiah'</i>	<i>Handel / Isaac</i>

Now for our achievements thus far in 2016:

TERM ONE 2016

4th April 2016 - A Great Start

Lane Cove Youth Orchestra completed Term One with a flourish as they joined with the Camerata string group from Mowbray Public School to present an informal concert on Monday night 4th April.

Under the direction of skilled conductor Mark Brown LCYO performed excerpts from works-in-progress including Beethoven's Symphony no 3 Eroica and Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet. Mowbray Camerata, with conductor Katrina Papallo, then gave a wonderful rendition of The Robin Hood Adventures by Alex Pringle.

The concert concluded with an exciting highlight as players from both groups jointly entertained the audience with beautiful tunes from Mendelssohn's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

TERM TWO 2016

28-29 May – Sleepover and Workshop.

This year we headed off to the Georges Head Battery in Chowder Bay Mosman where we stayed in the comfortable Land's Edge Sydney Harbour accommodation facility.

On Saturday afternoon our wonderful guide, Mel from NSW Parks & Wildlife, gave us a tour of the old military fortifications, part of the outer line harbour defence built in the late 1800s to prevent enemy ships from infiltrating Sydney Harbour. We were also extremely lucky as Mel invited us to hold our Sunday rehearsals in the Armoured Casemates – the underground gun rooms and air raid shelters built between

1870 and 1880. We can't imagine the noise which would have been generated by the firing of huge canons inside these fortified bunkers. Now, with the guns no longer in place, these dark and spooky spaces gave our musicians an exciting and very different rehearsal experience! I listened from every angle, inside and outside. It was a surreal experience to wander through the bush and hear a Beethoven symphony emerging through a small fern-covered opening in the ground.

4pm Sunday 19th June - Outside it was bleak, cold and teeming with rain but inside Lansdowne Gardens nursing home the piano lounge was very warm. LCYO played to a most appreciative audience of residents and their families. It was wonderful to observe the residents' reactions to the youthful group and the music they presented. One lady accurately conducted the whole program from her seat.

Well done to all players and thank you to staff & residents of Lansdowne Gardens for your warm welcome.

Sydney Eisteddfod – Scheduled for Wednesday 1st June 2016. We were allotted the final time slot on the night and felt that this would have been too difficult for young families so we decided to withdraw from the competition this year opting for a concert instead.

7pm Monday 20th June 2016 SOUNDS FROM UNDERGROUND

Held in the dark in Lane Cove Public School hall this concert revisited our music camp experience in which rehearsals had been held in an historic subterranean gun room.

During the concert music director, Mark Brown, conducted with flair...or flare? - actually he conducted with a glow sword. The players followed the black dots using clip-on music stand lights and trip hazards in the hall were illuminated by mini battery-powered bud lights.

This lively performance was enriched by a backdrop of photos and videos from music camp projected onto a large screen. For this we extend huge thanks to Hiwa from Motifex Audio & Video in Lane Cove. Hiwa has also made a fabulous DVD video of the whole performance using special cameras capturing images in low light. Thanks again to our wonderful conductor Mark Brown, our tutors, players and families.

Programme

<i>Symphony No 3 in Eflat Major Op. 55 (Eroica)</i>	<i>Beethoven</i>
<i>- Allegro con brio</i>	
<i>Nocturne (A Midsummer Night's Dream)</i>	<i>Mendelssohn Meyer</i>
<i>Dance of the Clowns (A Midsummer Night's Dream)</i>	<i>Mendelssohn Mays</i>
<i>Montagues & Capulets (Romeo & Juliet Suite)</i>	<i>Prokofiev Isaac</i>

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM THREE 2016

Sunday 11th September 2016 – Our Cameraygal Festival event will be held in the Music Workshop space at the Sydney Conservatorium with the assistance of generous sponsor, Westbourne Constructions. We will be joined by guest players from Willoughby Girls' High School with Director Lucy East. This year we will present *Sound Celebration*, a concert responding to the theme of this year's Cameraygal Festival. The theme this year is *Celebrate Lane Cove* as this is the 25th birthday of the Cameraygal Festival.

SPONSORSHIP:

- We acknowledge **Viva Energy Australia** (formerly Shell) for its enlightened Social Investment Program which has given such valuable support to community. Sadly 2015 marked the end of this generous sponsorship for LCYO. Viva Energy Australia will focus its ongoing social investment programme on mental health and substance abuse replacing the former objective of education. We thank Viva Energy for its past support of community music education through sponsorship of the LANE COVE YOUTH ORCHESTRA.
- **Lane Cove Council** – Council generously awarded us \$4,650 for the 2015-2016 year and we have applied again for funding for the 2016-2017 year with a request for \$5,000. Results of this application have not yet been announced.

- **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 again this year for our September event at the Sydney Conservatorium. The concert will be called *Sound Celebration*, responding to the theme of this 25th birthday year of the Cameraygal Festival – *Celebrate Lane Cove*.
- **Lane Cove Rotary** – for many 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.
- **Lane Cove West Tennis Club** – our thanks to Dmitriy Belchenko for securing \$1,000 donation from this generous organisation in April 2016.
- In August 2015 **Jocelyn & Greg Gregory** again supported us with a generous donation of \$1,000 to assist with sheet music purchase. We are most fortunate to have continued support from Jocelyn even after her retirement from Hamilton & Co.
- November 2015. We again applied to **Hyecorp Property Group** for funding for equipment. Happily we were successful. In December we were presented with a second grant of \$2,500 to be used to purchase more staging platforms or risers. We now own two small and two large risers which we agree to share amongst other groups in the community.
- **Waterbrook, Greenwich** – kindly gave sponsorship of \$800 in May 2016 to assist with our camp in Chowder Bay.
- **Cranbrook Care** –David Clark and Joanna Watkins, formerly of Waterbrook, now work with Cranbrook Care managing Lansdowne Gardens nursing home in Neutral Bay. They have pledged a \$500 sponsorship for 2016.
- Three generous patrons from the community again supported during 2015 each donating \$340, being the term fee amount for one player for one year.
- **Bluefit** – supported our end of year Xmas party by providing facilities at reduced costs.
- Russell and Yvonne Hammond kindly continue to maintain their **Optimo Software** service to us free of charge. This amazing software package give 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.
- **More In kind support**
 - Lane cove Public School Venue and equipment – hall, canteen and percussion
 - Bakers Delight Bread for weekly suppers
 - The Village Observer Reasonable advertising rates and inspired assistance with the writing of news and articles about LCYO.
- **Commonwealth Bank** – We submitted an application for the 2016 CBA Community Grants program in February. Thanks to John & Katerina Phibbs for informing us of the program. However, again we were not successful - perhaps we will have better luck next year.

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).

Donations over \$2 made to 'LCYO Donations Fund' are tax deductible!

PROMOTION

Website: www.lanecoveyouthorchestra.org.au - Our sincere thanks go to Corey Stidston for establishing and maintaining this site.

Facebook [LCYO Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/LCYouthOrchestra) - Established in February 2014. We try to update as often as possible.

Print media - We are placing an advertisement in **The Village Observer** six times per year. In addition, with the help of Ros Horton, violinist and author of the Music Notes pages, we give some exciting news about our plans and activities in each monthly issue. Thank you Ros.

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 Svetlana Belchenko (Treasurer), and all parents who come along during rehearsals to help out in a variety of ways.
- Sponsors and supporters listed above
- And of course we thank our wonderful team of tutors and conductors for sharing their extensive knowledge and giving expert musical direction.

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