



# Lane Cove Youth Orchestra

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## ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2019 AGM and SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS IN 2018-2019

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

### 18 June 2018 - 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
Akiko Miyashita	Secretary
<i>Position vacant</i> (Heather Golby agreed to act as temporary treasurer)	Treasurer
Sharon Knight	Assistant Treasurer
Mari Murata	Ordinary Member
Heather Golby	Ordinary Member
Janet Merewether	Ordinary Member

### 24 September 2018

Committee meeting held to elect Heather Golby to position of Treasurer.

Heather Golby	Treasurer
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## TERM THREE 2018

**July 2018** - As agreed at the AGM in June 2018 we engaged bookkeeping services from *Back to Business Bookkeeping (B2B)*. With assistance from B2B we adopted the cloud accounting software package called **Xero**. We opened new bank accounts in the Commonwealth Bank of Australia so we could have 'two-to-sign' on online transfers. This proved difficult so in October we applied for a CommBiz account. CommBiz is designed to facilitate transactions requiring authorities from more than one person.

- *CommBiz bank fees for not-for-profit groups are free up to 300 transfers per month.*
- *Xero not-for-profit subscriptions are \$37.50 per month.*
- *If B2B professional services are required, the rate is \$85 per hour.*

**Sunday 16 September 2018** – Our Lane Cove Festival event, **Adventures & Victories**, was held in the Music Workshop space at the Sydney Conservatorium with the assistance of generous sponsor, Westbourne Constructions. We were joined by guest players from Ryde Secondary College with director Lucy East.

We were most fortunate to have as Master of Ceremonies Cr Pam Palmer, Mayor of Lane Cove.

We were also thrilled to present composer and performer Adrian Hallam who played the solo horn part of the rousing Viking Saga, which he composed in 2016.

Other highlights included scholar conductor, Bryn Arnold, in his conducting debut skilfully guiding players through the rigorous *Russian Sailor's Dance*, and oboist Odessa Girdis playing the beautiful solo in *Gabriel's Oboe*.

All players gave an outstanding performance and everyone appreciated the beautiful settings of the Sydney Conservatorium.

### LCYO

<i>Sibelius Second Symphony (Fourth Movement)</i> .....	<i>Jean Sibelius / Leidig</i>
<i>Gabriel's Oboe (from the film 'The Mission')</i> .....	<i>Morricone / Ling</i>
<i>Russian Sailor's Dance</i> .....	<i>Reinhold Glière / Isaac</i>
<i>Viking Saga</i> .....	<i>Adrian Hallam</i>

*The Falcon Movement 1—Flight*..... Jessica Ellis  
*Symphony No 5 in C Minor, Op. 67*..... Ludwig van Beethoven

#### **Ryde Secondary College String Ensemble**

*Steampunk* ..... Richard Meyer  
*Rondeau from Abdelazer* ..... Henry Purcell  
*Meditation from Thäis* ..... Jules Massenet / Kilmer  
*The Spirit of Adventure from Pixar's UP* ..... Michael Giacchino / arr. Lucy East and Robert Longfield

#### **LCYO and RSC String Ensemble**

*Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl*..... Klaus Badelt / Ricketts

### **TERM FOUR 2018**

**Monday 10 December 2018.** In response to our awareness of hardships faced by farmers and farming communities in western NSW due to the enduring drought, we presented ***The Red Earth Christmas Concert and Drought Fundraiser*** to support communities in Gunnedah, Lane Cove's sister town. This exciting event was planned and presented together with Hunters Hill High School. We also invited interested young musicians from nearby primary schools to participate by attending a series of rehearsals and the final concert. Audience members were invited to buy 'clouds of raindrops' to be released into the musical 'long dry gutter' and 'hot tin roof'. We raised over \$2,500 to be directed to needy families via the inspirational Namoi Partner Schools Programme under direction from president, Ken White, who is also the Principal of Gunnedah High School.

We were honoured to be joined by three special guests. Cr Pam Palmer, Mayor of Lane Cove again assisted by taking on the role of MC. Trent Zimmerman, MP Member for North Sydney, complimented us on our music and fundraising efforts and gave the happy news of our success in gaining a grant through the Stronger Communities Programme to fund the purchase of a half sized bass. Farmer, Andy Frend, travelled from Gunnedah to speak to us. Andy gave us a heart-felt account of a farmer's life in times of drought and how drought affects a whole community.

#### **Lane Cove Youth Orchestra**

*A Christmas Festival*..... Leroy Anderson  
*Cossack Dance* ..... Tchaikovsky / Dackow  
*Sleigh Ride* ..... Leroy Anderson

#### **Hunters Hill High School String Ensemble**

*Libertango* ..... Piazzola / Kazik  
*Strings Cut Loose* ..... Brian Balmages  
*Jupiter from Holst, The Planets* ..... arr Monday  
*Jingle Bell Rock* ..... Beal, Boothe / Maudlin

#### **Massed Ensemble - LCYO, HHHS Strings and Guests from Participating Primary Schools**

*The Dance of the Tumblers*..... Rimsky-Korsakoff / Dackow  
*Five Australian Christmas Carols* ..... W. G. James, J. Wheeler  
*Frosty the Snowman*..... Rollins / Moss  
*Winter Wonderland*..... Felix Bernard / Lavender, Curnow

**On Friday 14 December**, we were delighted once more to be invited to present a short program of festive tunes including the beautiful Australian Christmas Carols by WG James for the residents of The Baytree. We thank The Baytree for their support during the year and for the generous Christmas surprises - the gingerbread Christmas trees were delightful and much appreciated by LCYO families. We presented the same Christmas repertoire as listed above.

Also, on Friday 14 December we were privileged again to be able to hold our Christmas Party in the Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre. The weather was drab, but we had a terrific time with lots of food, great company and friendly competition on Bluefit's giant inflatable obstacle course. We thank all members and families who

came along. Special thanks to parents who helped with the BBQ and to Andrew Hungerford of Bluefit, the pool managers.

Now for our achievements thus far in 2019:

## TERM ONE 2019

Our focus in Term One was to make a solid start on **Beethoven's Sixth Symphony** plus our exciting composition project **Inspired by Art**.

Working with composer Tim Hansen and collaborating with the Art Gallery of NSW we commenced preparations for the composition of our new orchestral suite **Inspired by Art**. As an introduction we used the fine example set by Mussorgsky in his **Pictures at an Exhibition** to help outline a structure for the suite – a series of movements connected by a recurring theme. We selected six young composers eager to try their hand at composition inspired by visual artworks - Bryn Arnold, Jared Atherton, Brianna Golby, Alicia Gunardi, Boyd Kirkman and Aidan Wong. These students visited the Gallery on 28 April where they were introduced to a selection of works from the Australian collection in two groups led by experienced art educators. Students then chose an artwork to inspire their responses in music.

## TERM TWO 2019

The Beethoven and Mussorgsky rehearsals continue. A series of workshops for the six young composers was held and on 10 June Tim Hansen directed a group composition workshop with the whole orchestra to develop our recurring theme to link individual movements.

**On 19 May 2019** we held a fundraising High Tea to support the composition project. This delightful and delicious event was the brainchild of Heather Golby our Treasurer. Our sincere thanks to Heather and to all who helped by giving donations, working in the kitchen and/or buying tickets to the event. Huge thanks to the young players who worked so hard as waiters serving food to our guests. We raised over \$1,500.

We are currently preparing for our annual camp to be held this year at Newington Armory on 22-23 June. We will rehearse in the mess hall of the former Royal Australian Naval Armament Depot and look forward to the Disarmed at the Armory Tour – including train ride, museum visit and lamplight tunnel tour.

**Monday 1 July 2019** - Term Two will conclude with a casual open rehearsal to be held at LCPS commencing 7pm.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM THREE 2019

**Sunday 15 September 2019.** Our Lane Cove Festival event will again be held in the Music Workshop space at the Sydney Conservatorium with the assistance of generous sponsor, Westbourne Constructions. The concert, to be called **Inspired by Art** will see the world premiere of our composition of the same name. We look forward to hosting our guests, a string ensemble from Willoughby Girls' High School with Director Lucy East.

## SPONSORSHIPS

### **Sponsorship**

- Our two-year sponsorship from major sponsor **Mirvac Projects** has now concluded. We are most grateful to Mirvac for their generous support but now we are keen to find another sponsor to support our scholarship program.
- **Lane Cove Council** – Council granted us \$4,000 for our 2018-2019 project 'Building Skills, Boosting Confidence'.
  - This year we applied for to Council for a \$5,108 grant for our 'Inspired by Art' composition project. Last Friday Council gave notice of its Proposed Financial Assistance Grants for 2019-2020 recommending LCYO receive \$4,000. So, providing there are no objections this amount will soon be confirmed as our 2019-2020 grant.
  - We have also applied to Council for a Venue Subsidy grant of \$1,672 being the deposit amount for the Sydney Conservatorium booking for our 'Inspired by Art' concert on 15 September 2019. We have not been notified of the outcome of this application yet.

- In September 2018 we applied for a grant through the **Australian Government Stronger Communities Programme** to purchase a half-sized string bass. As mentioned above Trent Zimmerman, MP, honoured us by attending our Red Earth Christmas Concert to announce our success. We purchased the bass, with a generous discount, from the **Sydney String Centre**. We thank Trent Zimmerman and the Sydney String Centre.
- **Westbourne Constructions**, a Lindfield 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.
- **Lane Cove Rotary** – For many years Rotary has generously supported our workshop by providing funds to help pay for tutors. This year they have supported us by providing \$1,700 for our camp.
- **The Baytree by Ardency** – kindly gave sponsorship of \$800 in May 2018 to assist with our camp on the tall ship *James Craig* in Darling Harbour. We have approached **The Baytree** again for support for our upcoming camp. Unfortunately, they are restructuring and changing staff and have reported that they don't have any remaining budget for this financial year. However, they are keen to continue to work with the LCYO and the new staff members wish to meet me to discuss future relationships.
- We applied in December 2017 and September 2018 for a grant from the **Create NSW, Arts & Cultural Projects** fund to support our composition project with composer Tim Hansen. Unfortunately, we were not successful on either occasion. I received most positive feedback from the panel and was encouraged to try again.

## DONATIONS:

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).

<b>Account Name</b>	<b>LCYO Donations Fund</b>	
BSB	062 192	<b>Donations over \$2 are tax deductible!</b>
Account Number	1040 7307	
EFT Description	'YourNameDonation'	

### **Donations Received**

- In May 2019 **Jocelyn & Greg Gregory** again supported us with a generous donation of \$1,000. We are most fortunate to have continued support from Jocelyn despite her retirement from Hamilton & Co.
- Fundraising High Tea to help support our composition project – as described above. We raised over \$1,500 in ticket sales and tax-deductible donations.
- Other generous donors from the community continue to support us. We received donations totalling \$2,955 in 2018. To date in 2019 we have received \$3,575.

### **In kind support**

- **Bluefit** – supported our end of year Christmas party by providing facilities at reduced costs.
- **Sydney String Centre** – gave us a generous discount on the purchase of our half-sized string bass. We paid \$3,015, the listed price being \$3,195.
- We thank Russell and Yvonne Hammond who have kindly provided **Optimo Software** service to us free of charge for 10 years. Sadly, they can no longer provide this service for free. We have decided we will discontinue with **Optimo** as we used very few of the functions it offered and instead use a free iCloud storage facility for our library lists.
- Lane Cove Public School Venue and equipment – hall, canteen and percussion. As a 'thank you' this year purchased new drum heads for the LCPS hall drum kit.
- Bakers Delight Bread for weekly suppers
- The Village Observer Reasonable advertising rates.

## REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

- LCYO is obliged to report all donations received in the Donations Fund to ROCO (Register of Cultural Organisations) within 21 days of the end of a semester (Jan – June, July – December)
- Australian Government – LCYO must report to ACNC (Australian Charities & Not for Profit Commission) by 30 June each year.
- NSW – Fair Trading – LCYO must report within one month or our AGM.
- Working With Children Check – new rules to note – parents on overnight camp now must have a WWCC. As usual all tutors, non-parental helpers, committee members or players over 18 years of age must have a current WWCC.

## INSURANCE

LCYO insurance updates.

We have a combined policy provided through NFP (Not For Profit) Insurance Brokers. Previously we held separate policies for Public Liability and Volunteers' Accident insurance and no Management Insurance. This new policy, started in **February** 2018, covers the following:

- *General Public & Products Liability*
- *Personal Accident – volunteers accident insurance*
- *Management Liability – Directors and Officers*

Instrument insurance – covered by Marsh Advantage Insurance. Renews in **August**.

Workers Compensation – covered by Icare Workers Insurance. Renews in **February**.

## PROMOTION

**Website:** [www.lanecoveyouthorchestra.org.au](http://www.lanecoveyouthorchestra.org.au) - Our sincere thanks go to Corey Stidston for establishing and maintaining this site. This report plus our financial report will be uploaded to our website.

**Facebook** [LCYO Facebook](#) - Established February 2014. There is a link on our website to our Facebook page.

**Print media** - Occasionally we place an advertisement in **The Village Observer**. Christine Powis is the new editor of this most successful publication.

## IN CONCLUSION:

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

- Our extremely hard-working committee, Akiko Miyashita (Secretary), Heather Golby (Treasurer), Sharon Knight (Assistant Treasurer), Janet Merewether and Mari Murata.
- Our parent helpers on the supper roster and others who have helped with events and equipment management. Special thanks to Mari Murata for her assistance.
- 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.

Lyndall McNally  
President

Akiko Miyashita  
Secretary