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ANNUAL REPORT AND SUMMARY OF MAJOR EVENTS IN 2010/2011

What a busy and successful year. We have:

- Renewed sponsorship agreements with existing sponsors.
- Consistently maintained membership levels at around 45 players.
- Maintained our zippy website and kept a high profile at the Lane Cove monthly Art and Design Markets by presenting busking groups.
- Worked and played hard at our annual workshop.
- Won our section in the Ryde Eisteddfod
- Tested the acoustics of a new performance venue in Lane Cove
- Given a successful benefit concert for a Queensland school following devastating floods.
- And of course we have presented stunning performances at our term concerts expanding our network of friends and supporters by regularly collaborating with other groups.

Following is a summary of major events.

Term Two 2010

Our workshop at Newington Armory on the weekend of 19-20 June 2010 was fantastic. Those who arrived on the Saturday for the sleepover will agree that we had a terrific time exploring intriguing old buildings and armament storage bunkers and learning some fascinating historical facts about the Armory - previously the Royal Australian Navy Armament Depot (RANAD). Later on Saturday evening Michael Thrift directed a lively, enjoyable and hugely productive rehearsal. Thank you so much Michael. The staff at the YMCA Lodge were friendly and helpful and the facilities were very comfortable.

Our last rehearsal of the term followed 'hot on the heels' of this workshop - the next day in fact, Monday 21st June. This Open Rehearsal provided an excellent opportunity for parents, siblings & friends to enjoy an intimate orchestral experience as Mark invited them to sit in with the players and experience firsthand the thrills and spills of an orchestral rehearsal.

Our Annual General Meeting was also held 21st June 2010 in the canteen prior to the commencement of the open part of the rehearsal.

Term Three 2010

We participated in two main events during this term.

1. A milestone was reached in the Ryde Eisteddfod, held 16 August – we won our event! We received a lovely certificate and a \$100 prize which we spent the following week on a celebratory pizza supper for all players. Congratulation to all, especially section leaders who played beautifully in their solo parts.

Repertoire played at the Ryde Eisteddfod:

Russian Easter OvertureN. Rimsky-Korsakov
..... arr. Sandra Dackow

2. Monday 20th September 2010 at LCPS. Our Cameraygal Festival event for 2010 - **Music & Dance**

Extravaganza! What a terrific concert! Our collaboration with the Lane Cove Dance Academy was an exhilarating and memorable experience. We entertained a huge audience, dazzling them with colourful costumes, graceful movement, a professional lighting scheme and of course fine music.

A huge 'Thank You' to directors Dianne & Jane and all teachers, dancers and parents involved with Lane Cove Dance Academy. We also thank Liz McMahon and Ash Robertson - what a treat they gave to us with their fiery, polished tango routines!

Phil Cullen from Action Sound & Lighting with his operators, Dan & Steve did a fantastic job with the lighting - they didn't just light the stage and performers - they gave a real light show.

Conductor, Mark Brown

Repertoire Music & Dance Extravaganza:

Ballet Music from AidaGiuseppe Verdi
.....arranged by Merle Isaac

Procession of the Sardar Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov
From 'Caucasian Sketches'arranged by Merle Isaac

Waltz of the Flowers Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
From 'The Nutcracker Suite' scored by Larry Clark

Mazurka Léo Delibes
From 'Coppélia'arranged by Alfred Pfortner

Blue Tango..... Leroy Anderson
.....

La Comparsita Matos Rodriguez
.....arranged by Merle Isaac

Puttin' on the Ritz Irving Berlin
.....orchestrated by Don Rose

Term Four 2010

Our **Christmas Concert**, held on Sunday 5th December 2010 with special sponsorship from NSW Govt Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care, was immensely popular with all age groups - performers and audience members alike. How lucky were we to enjoy the huge talent of special guest soloist Billy Burton? It was a delight to have Billy join us for the last 4 rehearsals of term where he inspired and encouraged our group - especially our trumpet players! Along with a professional rhythm section, comprising Dave Manuel on drums, Eric Hutchens on bass and Daryl Wallis on piano, we were able to put together a bracket of spectacular swing numbers which have been so popular with audiences for decades. With Billy's stunning solos these numbers were highlights in our concert. With thank Tommy Tycho who gave special access to his arrangement of *The Christmas Song*.

We were also thrilled to be joined by six guest players from our community - Rosalie Lucas on clarinet, Judy Mitchell on viola, David Cant on tuba, Graham Holland on trombone and Graham Ball & Peggy Molchanoff on percussion. Our finale of sing-a-long carols was in great shape with leadership from Svetlana Podzorova and the Lane Cove Choristers. This collaborative concert event has certainly emphasised how the gift of music can link the generations.

This concert was held in the new Regis Hall on the Regis Campus at St Ignatius College Riverview. We extend our thanks to Riverview for giving us access to this lovely venue.

Conductor: Mark Brown

Repertoire:

Christmas Festival	Leroy Anderson
Mother Ginger	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
From 'The Nutcracker Suite'	arr Sandra Dackow
Carol of the Bells	M. Leontovich, P. Wilhousky
.....	arr Richard Hayman
What A Wonderful World	arr Arthur Greenslade
Featuring Billy Burton on trumpet	
Disco Christmas Medley	arr Arthur Greenslade
Featuring Billy Burton on trumpet	
Santa Clause is Coming to Town	Fred Coots
.....	arr Bob Cerulli
Frosty the Snowman	Steve Nelson, Jack Rollins
.....	arr John Moss
Winter Wonderland	Felix Bernard
.....	arr Paul Lavender, James Curnow
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson
The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)	
.....	arranged and orchestrated Tommy Tycho
Featuring Billy Burton on flugelhorn	
Christmas Carols	arr. David Good
With lead singers Svetlana Podzorova and the Lane Cove Choristers.	

Now for our achievements thus far in 2011:

Term One 2011

Our Term One concert *Water the Shape Shifter* held on Monday 4th April in LCPS hall was a special benefit event to assist Bremer State High School in Ipswich, South-East Queensland – an area inundated by floodwaters in January.

What a great success! We managed to raise \$1,450 to help replace valuable music resources. Our thanks to all for generous donations of time, talent and much-needed funds.

- ◆ We uploaded onto **YouTube** a short video of the first item on the program *Into the Storm* by Robert W Smith. Simply type *Into the Storm* or *Lane Cove Youth Orchestra* in the Google search bar.

Alfonso Calero captured the event with wonderful photos – a gallery of which is available to view on our website.

During Term 1 we were very excited to embrace 6 new members - Catherine, Joanna, Natalie, Darius and Yang Yang on violin and Samantha on cello. A warm welcome to all. Happily we have also welcomed back Emma Jensen after her trip to Sweden. Fantastic to have you back Emma.

Conductor Mark Brown

Repertoire:

Into the Storm	Robert W. Smith
The Song of the Volga Boatmen	Traditional
.....	arr M L Lake

Water Music..... Handel
.....arr David Stone

Suite I: Bourrée, Air
Suite II: Alla Hornpipe

Moon River.....Henri Mancini
..... Arr Dominique Guerbois

Violin - Krishani Dhanji, Olivia Ellis, Mehrnaz Mirhosseini, Maddie Wagner, Viola - Sarah Fitzgerald, Cello -
Jessica Ellis

O Waly Waly (The Water is Wide)Traditional Scottish Air

Violin - Dominique Guerbois, Cello - Julienne Guerbois, Soprano - Camille Hollingdale

Concerto for TromboneLauny Grøndahl

2nd Movement : Quasi una leggenda, andante grave

Trombone - Mark Brown
Piano – Cheryl Oxley

Symphony No 104 (“London”) D Major Joseph Haydn

1st Movement : Adagio and Allegro

11th May 2011 - Lane Cove Citizenship Awards.

I am proud to announce that Tom Tait, who we nominated for an award through the Lane Cove Citizenship Awards program, was given the top honour of receiving ‘**Lane Cove Citizen of the Year**’, the premium award. Following are the details of my nomination:

I was introduced to Tom Tait approximately 5 years ago when he attended one of our Lane Cove Youth Orchestra concerts. Tom immediately took interest in our group and over the years has proven to be the most loyal, constant and committed supporter:

- 1. Tom introduced us to the Lane Cove Rotary Club. He invited us to apply for funding for an upcoming music workshop/camp. Tom then ensured that our request was given a strong voice at Rotary meetings, thus optimising its likelihood of success. Our request was granted and since then Tom has assisted us similarly every year to raise funds for our annual workshops which are so vital for preparation for concerts or eisteddfods.*
- 2. Tom also recommended we apply to the Australian Tax Office for endorsement as a ‘Deductible Gift Recipient’. He assisted in every step of the procedure to gain this endorsement. Tom helped us re-write our constitution and register for listing on the Register of Cultural Organisations. Our application was successful and we gained endorsement as a DGR in October 2009. Tom continues to assist by being a ‘Responsible Person’ on the committee of the LCYO Public Donations Fund.*
- 3. Tom’s commitment is not limited to assisting us with funding endeavours. Tom has attended practically all of our concerts over the years we have known him. He is indeed a most loyal and generous supporter of the Lane Cove community in general and of our young musicians in particular.*

Shell Gore Bay Terminal & Clyde Refinery. Happily Shell also received an award – the ‘**Outstanding Lane Cove Business of the Year**’. I was proud to be asked by Council to support Shell’s nomination and my words of support were read out by the presenting Councillor on the night.

Coming up in Terms Two and Three 2011:

- 4-5 June 2011 - *Workshop* at Newington Armory. To help prepare for the Sydney Eisteddfod.
- 6th June 7pm - *AGM*
- 14th June 2011 - *Sydney Eisteddfod*.

- 27th June 2011 - *Open Rehearsal with LCPS orchestra*

Our last rehearsal for Term Two will be an *Open Rehearsal* with all parents and friends welcome to attend. We have invited the small but enthusiastic LCPS orchestra to join us for this open – rehearsal. We are planning to work on the finale of the William Tell Overture, a piece of repertoire we have purchased as a gift to the school. We welcome this opportunity to give a gesture of thanks to LCPS which has supported us so well for nineteen years. Details TBC.

- Sunday 18th September 2011 - *Our Cameraygal Festival event. Theme - 'Listen, Learn, Share'*

Our Cameraygal Festival event for 2011 is set to be an enormously exciting event. Our concert, **'With an Eastern Flair'** will be held in collaboration with internationally acclaimed Egyptian musicians – Joseph Tawadros, who plays the oud and his brother James, an expert Egyptian percussionist.

This special concert, to be held on Sunday 18th September 2011 at 5.00pm, will feature a number of orchestral pieces from the established repertoire plus a special piece to be played with our guest musicians – an arrangement of a work they composed for performance with the Australian Chamber Orchestra. We very much look forward to working with Tawadros brothers and our guest conductor for Term Three, Michael Thrift who is a personal friend of Joseph and James.

Again we are fortunate – we have been given permission from the Principal at St Michael's Primary School in Lane Cove to use their brand new hall. We look forward to testing the acoustics.

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. We will be able to use the funding for events as well as for scholarships for individual students.
- **Lane Cove Council** – we have been informed that we have been successful in our bid for funding for the 2011-2012 year. We requested \$5,000 and have been generously granted partial funding of \$4,200.
- **Department of Ageing Disability and Home Care (DADHC)**. In November 2009 we were invited to apply for a 'Positive Ageing' grant – to create an event(s) to help entertain and actively engage seniors in our community. On 4th June 2010 we were informed of our success and received the amount of \$4,500 being the full amount we requested. We initially planned a concert event for seniors at Waterbrook in Greenwich. Due to problems with access to the Waterbrook site we had to change the venue. However Waterbrook kindly continued to support us by providing wine for the event. We were very fortunate to be given permission to use St Ignatius College Riverview's new hall in the junior school – Regis Hall for the seniors' concert held on Sunday 5th December 2010.
- **Lane Cove Rotary** – supported our workshop in 2010 with funding of \$1,400 for tutors. Again this year they are supporting our workshop granting us the full amount requested being \$1,750.
- In May 2010 **Hamilton & Co** again supported us, this time with an even more generous amount of \$1,200 to assist with sheet music purchase. Our thanks to Jocelyn & Greg Gregory.
- Three generous patrons from the community have again pledged their support for 2010 - \$280 each
- **Doug Wood** of Foster Raffan Accountants has been our auditor since our incorporation. In March 2011 Doug kindly donated \$500 to our Donations Fund.
- Even though Russell and Yvonne Hammond are no longer part of our parent body they have kindly offered 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 Janelle

Neville and Corey Stidston who are assisting with database entries and general maintenance of library files.

- In March 2011 we applied for a Lane Cove Council '**Sustainability Small Grant**'. However we were unsuccessful. Council gave the following explanation: The assessment panel had a number of concerns about the project, being:
 - Most biodegradable cups, garbage bags etc are only biodegradable in commercial composting facilities. They do not biodegrade in landfill as they need oxygen and other conditions before they biodegrade.
 - The application did not identify future means to purchase the biodegradable cups, bags etc meaning that the group would be reliant on a further grant.
 - Ultimately, Council would like to encourage groups to use re-useable items as this is the only way to reduce waste to landfill. I understand the difficulties of this when you have such a large group. One suggestion, which would require cooperation with the school, is to invest in an energy and water efficient dishwasher and a set of re-useable plates, cups etc that different groups can use when they borrow that space. Council would consider supporting a grant application for this.

Tax Deductible Gift Recipient:

In October 2009 we received notification from the Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts that our application for listing on the Register of Cultural Organisations had been approved so our public fund - The Lane Cove Youth Orchestra Donations Account became 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!

In February this year we made our first purchase using funds from our Donations Account. We bought a new Pearl 105 piccolo from David and Lyndie Leviston of 'Flutes and Flutists' in Northbridge at a very reasonable cost of \$1,500. We are very happy with this purchase. We thank Heidi Richards for organising this purchase.

Promotion

Website:

www.lanecoveyouthorchestra.org.au Our website has been completely re-designed. This new site is extremely elegant, simple to use, features plenty of photos, some interviews from players and a small video clip taken from last year's In Harmony concert and most recently a handy link to scholarship application forms for prospective Shell scholars. Our sincere thanks go to Giselle Stidston for establishing and maintaining this site.

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 inspires the young groups and prepares and monitors the busking roster. 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! To assist these young players we have purchased 2 sets of books of popular classics and movie themes which are arranged in suitable keys for any four orchestral instruments.

Email Advertising:

In March 2011 we again contacted Dr Rita Crews of the Music Teachers Association of NSW who has again kindly offered at no charge to do an email broadcast to their 400 music teacher members advertising LCYO/Shell scholarships.

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 Shirley Stidston (Secretary) and Karen Bones and Heidi Richards (Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer).
- Sponsors listed above
- The on-going generosity of other continuing sponsors: - Lane Cove Public School, Baker's Delight Lane Cove, Photocentric & The Village Observer.
- Event and venue supporters - St Ignatius College Riverview, BackVintage Wines, Waterbrook Retirement Resort , Chris Tudor Photography and Alfonso Calero Photography and Action Sound & Lighting.
- 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. In Term Three this year, 2011 we will have guest conductor, Michael Thrift who is very well known and loved by us. Mark is taking one term off as he is extremely busy this year as he has been selected to play trombone in the orchestra for the hugely popular stage show **Mary Poppins**. Congratulations to Mark on this terrific achievement.

We are achieving numerous successes – at the time of writing this report we had just completed another fabulous weekend camp and workshop at Newington Armory. Again this event was a success in every way – top tutors and conductors, a top venue, perfect behaviour from all players and immensely helpful parents. Julie Sanchez from Shell called in to see us on Sunday afternoon to enjoy part of a rehearsal with our Patron, Colin Piper. This event mirrors all events throughout the year in that it was buoyed by massive enthusiasm from all involved.

It is so clear that due to all the positive support we are receiving we will continue to strike goals and feel very proud to belong to such a worthwhile group.

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