

# North Queensland Recorder Society Newsletter

November 2012

## Christmas Busking

We will be playing Christmas carols at centre stage (Stokes Street/Flinders Street. behind Millie J's) on Sunday, 9th December. Meet at 9 am for a 9:15 start. We will play for around 2 hours with a break in the middle. Bring stands, water bottle and wear something Christmasy if you have it. Music will be supplied. Proceeds to a charity decided on the day.

## Christmas Busking practice

We will have a practice run through the music on Saturday, 8th December from 10am to 11 am at Unit 2, 55 Fulham Road (next to Pimpac).

## Eisteddfod Results

By Valerie Huston

**Editor apology** – I offer my apologies to the authors of this piece and to the participants mentioned. The article was prepared in time for the last newsletter and I forgot to put in in!  
Jean

Once again recorder players were well represented in the Townsville Juvenile Eisteddfod. Each year there are more entries across all sections. Here are some of the results to give you an idea:

**Instrumental Duo** Grade 7 and under. I entered four duos. There were fourteen altogether. My two grade 4 tenor boys were thrilled to achieve a highly commended.

**Instrumental Trio** Grade 7 and under. My schools made up five of the ten entries - though unfortunately one boy had his tonsils removed just prior to the day and the boys had to miss out. Results: St Joseph's Mundingburra first; St Joseph's the Strand second. These sections are open to all instruments and there was some really impressive playing.

This year for the first time Recorders had their own **solo section** - 18 years and under. There were twelve entries with one secondary student and the rest primary.

In the **Recorder Group** Grade 7 and under there were seven entries which was great. Unfortunately because the String ensembles are on first the recorders started late and the two groups from Cathedral had to leave because their bus would not wait. What a blow to those children, who had worked hard to be ready for their performance, were waiting in the theatre and had to leave.

Results: 1st Holy Spirit: 2nd Grammar Primary: 3rd St Joseph's the Strand.

We will try to have children come to Play Day and share their performances but it will depend on whether they can come.

As the kids say **Recorders Rule!**

**Heather Coleman adds**

Results in the Eisteddfod by my students were

Instrumental ensemble 18 years and under. 1<sup>st</sup> Emily Venema, Sabrina Wightman, Ingrid miller, Lucy Wallace, Catherine Cristaldi and Rebecca Bourquin

Instrumental trio 18 years and under 2<sup>nd</sup> Lucy Wallace, Catherine Cristaldi and Rebecca Bourquin

Instrumental quartet, primary school 1<sup>st</sup> Hana Batt, Maya Miller, Lachlan Carey and Craig Mahy

Instrumental duo primary Highly commended. Charlotte Meade and Thomas Gray

Recorder group primary. 2<sup>nd</sup>

A number of students also played very well in the recorder and woodwind solo sections

### **Annual Weekend Workshop, 2013**

The Annual Weekend Workshop will be held the weekend of 3-4th August to coincide with the end of the Australian Festival of Chamber Music so that recorder enthusiasts attending AFCM from elsewhere

will be able to attend our workshop as well. In order to mesh with the Festival program, the workshop will begin on Saturday morning and end a bit later on Sunday than in past years. On Saturday evening, participants will have the choice of dinner together or the ACFM finale concert.

Guest tutor is Ruth Wilkinson and her suggested theme is:"Music for Celebrations".

Ruth says "Throughout the ages music has been used to celebrate the special moments in people's lives with singing, dancing, marching and storytelling. This gathering of recorder players will discover celebratory music from the 13th century to the present day which includes a musical narrative based on the adventures of Alice in Wonderland."

### **2013 possibility**

The Townsville City Council Arts and Culture staff recently organized a large networking meeting with a view to collating a calendar of events for 2013 so that those planning activities will be able to see opportunities for collaboration. Preliminary work is being done on a concept of a very large arts festival, "Townsville Celebrates", from Friday, 14th June until Sunday 23rd June (last week of term two). There is a possibility that recorders could be involved in some way. Your committee is working on this.

**Play day dates for 2013 will be announced early in the New Year.**

### **Membership of North Queensland Recorder Society**

Are you a financial member? The membership year runs from the first of January and renewals of new memberships can be paid at the first play day.

Benefits of membership include

- Reduction in fees for workshops and other Society activities

- Access to the Society's library. (Members can receive a copy of the library catalogue as a CD or as an email attachment on request).
- Guaranteed receipt of newsletters.
- Opportunities to be involved in organising and deciding on Society activities

Membership fees: \$15 (Single), \$25 (Family), \$10 (student).

### **Contacts for the Society**

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