

# North Queensland Recorder Society Newsletter

February 2013

## Next Play Day – Note different venue

The next play day will be on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, 2.00 – 4.30. It will be held at **St Joseph's on the Strand**, Fryer St, North Ward (not St Joseph's Mundingburra)

We are using this venue for our first play day of the year because this will be our venue for the weekend workshop in July and we want everyone to become familiar with it.

The entrance to the school and hall is in Fryer St and there is parking on both the school side and the Yogala Lodge side. The Music Room is in the large multicoloured building. There will be balloons on the entrance gate.

The leader for this play day is Valerie Huston who is planning a surprise for us!

Please bring recorders, music stands, something to share for afternoon tea and payment for the expenses of the day. The Committee has decided it is necessary to charge \$5 for adults and \$2 for children to cover the costs

## Diary dates for the rest of the year

- Play day Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Annual workshop 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> July
- Tutors concert 30<sup>th</sup> July
- Performance of Noye's Fludde with the Australian Festival of Chamber Music 3<sup>rd</sup> August
- Play day Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>
- Cotters Market Busking December 15<sup>th</sup>

## Weekend Workshop

Because of the Noye's Fludde performance (see the item below for more details), the Weekend Workshop has been moved to the weekend before 27-28<sup>th</sup> July. This still overlaps with the Festival of Chamber Music, though

participants will be free to attend festival concerts on the evenings of the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Workshop will be held at St Joseph's on the Strand with Ruth Wilkinson being the lead tutor. Ruth has led two workshops in Townsville before and jumped at the opportunity to come here again.

She is planning to bring the violinist Cynthia O'Brien with her and they are planning a joint concert on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Cynthia may give a strings workshop to coincide with our own if there is sufficient interest from local strings players.

### **Noye's Fludde**

The Australian Festival of Chamber Music has invited the Society to participate in a performance of Noye's Fludde (Noah's Flood) by Benjamin Britten at the Family Concert. Noye's Fludde is an operatic adaptation of one of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century Chester Mystery Plays. See [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noye's\\_Fludde](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Noye's_Fludde) for more information.

The music is scored for a small ensemble of professional players and a larger amateur ensemble called the ripieno. Ruth Wilkinson, the visiting tutor for our weekend workshop on the previous weekend has been invited to join the professional players and we are to supply up to 12 descant and treble recorder players for the ripieno.

This is a great opportunity for members who wish to participate and a chance for the Society to raise its profile in Townsville.

### **New Website**

Until the present, the Society website has been maintained by Malcolm Tattersall as an extension of his website. We decided it was time to have our own, so we have registered the domain [nqrs.org.au](http://nqrs.org.au) and started building it. Check it out at <http://nqrs.org.au> and feel free to make suggestions and contributions including photos: [info@nqrs.org.au](mailto:info@nqrs.org.au).

### **The Canberra Recorder & Early Music Society**

**in association with The Sydney Society of Recorder Players**

### **Presents German Music**

This workshop will be at the Bundanoon Public School, Church Street, Bundanoon on Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May 2013. For more information contact

either Pam Rooney: phone 0428 697 124 or email [pamrooney@grapevine.com.au](mailto:pamrooney@grapevine.com.au)  
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## **Solo Recorder Competition - entry closing date: 15 April 2013**

The Don Cowell Memorial Trust is holding a Solo Recorder Competition in 2013, with prizes including \$5000 for the winner of the Open section and \$1000 for the winner of the Under 18 section.

Entry for the competition closes on 15 April which is not that many weeks away. Details of the competition are available from the web by going to [vrg.org.au](http://vrg.org.au) and clicking on "DCMT"

## **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: \$20 (Adult), students free.

## **Contacts for the Society**

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