

City of Burnie Brass Band Musical Directors Report 2022

Good evening. It gives me much pleasure to present my annual report for the last year.

What a year it has been, high expectations (new bandroom), lots of young people learning, good numbers returning to senior band after covid, still making some pretty good music with good friends.

Then the reality struck. New bandroom not big enough and then seeing our organisation (and the people in it) bullied by our council. It seems inconceivable to me that the organisation (council) that should be supporting our organisation should cause us so much grief. The hurt and damage that the council has caused was certainly unprecedented. To our great credit however I believe that our treatment galvanised and has probably strengthened our resolve. To Rebecca, Nathan, Wayne and Kathleen thank you from the bottom of my heart for the strength and resolve that you have shown when it would have been much easier to have just buckled to the bullying.

IN spite of this the band has been progressing musically. Presenting very good performances at various functions throughout the year.

The progress of the Get Brassy Program and the numbers starting to flow into the Development band is very pleasing.

So it seems that a new bandroom will be built by the council in the next financial year. This is very much due to the work of Rebecca, Wayne Nathan and Kathleen. They have been tireless in their efforts in presenting our case to councillors and the the resolve of a majority of the councillors to present our case to the budget deliberations

Please keep up the good work and as we start to live with Covid hopefully we can increase playout opportunities in the next 12 months.

Robert Bentley

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