

City of Burnie Brass Band
Presidents Report 2023/2024

Welcome to the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the City of Burnie Brass Band.

We have had another big year collectively as an organisation providing quality brass education and banding opportunities to our local community.

Over the past 12 months the City of Burnie Brass Band has continued to serve the local Burnie and wider North West/West Coast communities through engagements in events including Get Reelin', Somerset Primary School Carols Night, Burnie Christmas Parade, Strahan Family Christmas Night, Salvation Army Christmas Service in Ulverstone, Burnie Athletics Club New Years Eve Sports, Emu Bay Rhododendron Gardens Autumn Spectacular, Burnie ANZAC Day, Burnie Salvation Army Red Shield Markets, Burnie City Eisteddfod, Sea Sunday at the Burnie Anglican Church and Burnie Salvation Army Services. A number of our Senior Players represented City of Burnie Brass Band in the Celebration of Brass Concert combining with Glenorchy City Concert Brass, City of Devonport Brass, Ulverstone Municipal Band and Latrobe Federal Band. It has been a delight to see our Get Brassy! and Development Band players out and about in our community playing at Umina Park/One Care and Wynyard Care Centre.

2024 saw tightening of Child Safety requirements for organisations. A tremendous thank you to Andrew Webb for his support and guidance in the development of the City of Burnie Brass Band Child Safety Guidelines and Policies and for delivering training to our Senior players around Child Safety. Thank you as well to families that have supported the requirements around drop off and pick up and to our Senior Players for ensuring they are registered for WWVP and for undertaking the required Child Safe training.

The City of Burnie Brass band is continually thankful for the care and support shown to us by L.C, Andrew and broader Burnie Salvation Army congregation. Thank you for warmly welcoming us, providing shelter to us and providing so many opportunities that help our programs and bands continue to grow and thrive. To provide us opportunity to continue the work that has been done within our organisation and the space to continue to run and grow our youth and beginner player programs is so appreciated.

We began the 2023/2024 year with continued growth in our Get Brassy! and Development Bands with new players joining and returning players continuing to develop their skills through group music making and small group tuition. It has been wonderful to continue seeing the transitions of our young players through to Development Band. For those young players who have transitioned into Senior Band, it has been a privilege to see the growth in confidence and playing skills demonstrated by our next generation of players.

Thank you to all those involved in Get Brassy!, Development Band and associated tuition programs for your leadership and care of our emerging players, in particular Rebecca Wells, Michael Bousfield and Robert Bentley. Seeing how these programs have continued to evolve to meet player needs is awe inspiring. Thank you also to those members of senior band who contribute to the development of our new and continuing players through 1:1 and small group tuition, summer and school holiday extension programs, the Get Brassy! medal program and general encouragement of our younger and young at heart players. To have people eager to come back each week, seeing the mountain of soloist entries in the Eisteddfod and to hear the beautiful sounds when playing together is inspiring and a credit to

the heart and soul that is poured into these programs. In the past year not only have we had players beginning their brass journey but they are also now being provided the opportunity to be involved in group singing, including singing live alongside the Development band. Congratulations to Natasha Fassee for your initial gentle nurturing and development of this group and to Qestra Mulqueeny for taking them into your expert care to help them continue to grow and shine.

Thank you to our Musical Director Robert Bentley for his continuing support, guidance and encouragement of players and leadership of our Senior Band.

Thank you to all members of the 2023/2024 committee for your support, communication and care for each other. It is wonderful to work within a supportive and caring team.

Thank you to the parents, siblings, husbands and wives, partners and pets of our players. We appreciate you all and the support you provide our players.

Finally, thank you to all of our players. Without you all, we wouldn't have a band and the City of Burnie Brass Band would not exist. Keep working together to make beautiful music and serve our community. Good luck at Tasmanian Band League State Championships next weekend, particularly those participating for the first time, I am certain you will all do us proud.

Kathleen Matthews

President (2022-2024)

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