

# **Retirement Concert**

Especially for

**Ted & Louisa Bentley**

Presented by

City of Burnie Brass Band  
and  
Ulverstone Municipal Band

20th August, 2006

## **EDWARD (TED) BENTLEY**

Following in the footsteps of his Father, Grandfather and Uncles, Ted commenced as a learner cornet player in the Smithton Brass Band in 1939. The band went into recess during the war years. In 1954 the Circular Head Municipal Band was formed by a group of enthusiasts. Ted was a foundation member of this band and was Secretary for 8 years.

Shifting to Burnie in 1962 for his work as an electrician, he joined the Burnie Citizens Brass Band becoming a Committee member and involved in fund raising, beginning the Christmas Stocking Raffle with his wife, which is still a fund raiser to this day.

Ted left the Burnie Band in 1970 to join the Ulverstone Municipal Band and was Treasurer for several years. He was a playing member for 17 years and at the same time a member of the Army Reserve Band.

When his son Robert returned home to become the conductor of the Burnie Band, Ted joined Burnie again. He was the President for 11 years.

Most of his playing was on E flat Tuba. He competed successfully as a soloist in Tasmanian Band League competitions and played the Tuba in many Burnie Musical Society productions and with the Coastal Orchestra under the baton of Mrs. Elaine Wheaton.

Ted is a Life member of City of Burnie Brass Band and Ulverstone Municipal Band and was awarded the Badge of Honour from the Tasmanian Bands League. Ted was twice named Bandsman of the Year in 1969 and 1991, and won the Never Walk Alone trophy in 1991, 1992 and 2000. He has been a playing member of Bands competing in National Brass Band Championships in Perth, Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, Burnie and Ballarat. Ted has played in every Anzac Day Parade (except 1) since 1954. Both sons, Robert and David and 6 grandchildren have all followed in Ted's footsteps, and his daughter Christine is a committee member.

## **LOUISA BENTLEY**

When the Circular Head Band was formed in 1954 Louise joined the Women's Auxiliary and set about raising money to equip a new band. This was achieved with regular raffles, baby competitions, Christmas raffle, Annual Ball etc. You name it the women tried it.

When the family moved to Burnie in 1962, Louise became involved again as convenor of the Ladies Auxiliary and launched into catering with a large group of willing supporters. Louise brought the idea of the Christmas raffle to Burnie and this avenue of funding is still used to boost band funds.

When Ted moved to the Ulverstone Band in 1970 this gave Louise a break from the organising role, but she again gave her support to the Ulverstone ladies as a renowned soup maker for their catering activities.

Robert came back to Burnie in 1987 and the family became involved again in fund raising to update instruments and uniforms, building improvements and other activities.

As well as her activities in these areas Louise has always had time to support her children and grand children in their musical activities and has travelled widely to band competitions in Tasmania, the mainland, New Zealand and England. She has a great love of band music, particularly solo events. With a background such as this Louise is always happy to advise the band on their choice of music.

In her 50 years as a worker for Brass Bands it is estimated that funds raised would be in excess of \$200,000.

## **PROGRAMME**

Selected from Ted & Louisa's favourites

### **ULVERSTONE MUNICIPAL BAND**

Onward Christian Soldiers

Morricone's Melody

Blaenwern

Deep Harmony

Chorale from Suite Gothique

Finale from Laudate Dominum

### **VOCAL SOLO - Pat Pinner**

(accompanied by Colleen Kenshole)

Stranger of Galilee

### **CITY OF BURNIE BRASS**

Song of the Seashore - Evelyn Raschle

Lord of the Dance

La Belle Americaine - Michael Bousfield

Piper in the Meadow

The Floral Dance

### **COMBINED**

Bohemian Rhapsody

The Cossack

You are all welcome to attend the  
City of Burnie Brass Bandrooms after the concert for a  
light meal, refreshments and presentation of their  
Annual Awards