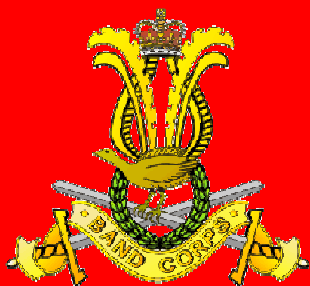


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Australian Army Band Kapooka Friends of the Band

Personnel Changes

Welcome all to the 2006 Newsletters. There has been quite a change in the make up of the Kapooka Band. The band has had eight members posted out to various bands.

Warrant Officer Class Two Maryanne Thomson has moved to Melbourne to be the Band Corps Career Manager at the Soldier Career Management Agency.

Corporal Mick Beeton has also moved to Melbourne, but joins the Australian Army Band Melbourne.

Sergeant Graeme Reynolds, having come from the Band of the Royal Military College in Canberra 5 years ago now returns as the Brass Group Leader.

Corporals Rachael and Danny Beeton have reluctantly packed their bags and have taken their young son, Harry, to Brisbane.

Musicians Adrian 'Big Red' Molloy and Tony 'Fabio' Barker have also been posted to the Australian Army Band Brisbane.

Last, but not least, is Musician Lyndall MacDonald. Whilst her

partner was based here last year Lyndall did a lot of work with the band as a Reservist, however her (now) fiancée has now been posted to Brisbane and she has followed.

In addition to these eight, Corporal Chris 'Muddy' Waters has taken a year's leave to attempt a change of direction in his Army career.

While this represents a large loss within the band, we have also seen lots of new faces being added to the culture of the Band. More on this later in the Newsletter.

2006 Music at Midday Series

Once again, the Australian Army Band Kapooka, in conjunction with the Wagga Wagga City Council and The Daily Advertiser are presenting the Music at Midday series for 2006.

Although one has already taken place (24th February), be sure you don't miss out on any others by putting the dates in to your diaries now.

The next concert is the 24th May and will be entitled 'Music in Retro'. This concert will be held in conjunction with Mater Dei Catholic College who are staging their production 'DISCO

INFERNO' over the same period and are lending us the Theatre for the day.

One of the themes later on in the year will be a 'Music by Request' (remember all

requests!).

You can also look forward to a guest band when the Kapooka Band is unable to perform (Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon on July 26th)

All the concerts are repeated (12pm and 1:30pm) and entry is via Gold Coin Donation. The Dates are:

- 24th May
- 26th July (RMC Band)
- 27th Sept.
- 29th November

All proceeds go to Kapooka Charities.



The Australian Army Band Kapooka in Concert

those requests you put on those yellow Friends of the Band subscription

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Upcoming Events

- 24th May: Music at Midday
- 26th July: Music at Midday (RMC Band)
- 19th & 20th August: Army in Concert
- 9th September: Wagga Wagga Jazz Festival

For more information, contact us at kapooka.austarmyband@defence.gov.au or ph: (02) 6933 8490

Positions Vacant - Musicians Wanted

The Australian Army Band Kapooka, as some of you may be aware, has both Full-Time and Reserve Part-Time musicians as part of its make-up.

*"A Real Career ...
an Unreal Job!"*

Kapooka Band currently has around thirty full-time musicians posted to it from around Australia, as well as one Reservist. However, the band has 19 other Part-time Reserve positions available.

The Australian Army Band Kapooka would like to hear from anyone who thinks they may be able to fill these positions. We would also

love to hear from those who think they might be able to fill these positions in the future (e.g. those at school).

We are looking for people who can play the following instruments to approximately AMEB Grade 7 or 8 standard:

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bassoon
- Saxophone
- French Horn
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- Euphonium
- Tuba
- String Bass / Electric Bass

- Guitar
- Piano
- Percussion

You will of course also have to be medically and physically fit.

We will be able to offer around 100 days of work per year, with all money earned being tax free.

For further information, email the band at kapooka.austarmyband@defence.gov.au or ring the Public Relations & Recruiting Cell at (02) 6933 8490



It's an Honour

A number of members of the Australian Army Band Kapooka have been rewarded for their hard work recently.

Corporal Stuart Jefferis was recently promoted from Lance Corporal after successfully completing the last part of his promotion course.

On the same day, Corporal Gary Linton was presented with his Australian Service Medal with an East Timor clasp, in recognition of the six months he spent in the country with the First Battalion, Royal Australia Regiment. This will be added to his growing collection of medals, which already include an Australian Active Service Medal as well as a UN Medal for the same period.

The youngest member of the band, Musician Phillip O'Neill, recently completed his Defence Force

School of Music 'On The Job' training. This means he is a fully qualified soldier and musician, enabling him to go on overseas trips that Army Bands make from time to time.

Also deserving congratulations is Major Peter Grant, who during the annual Band Corps Conference in October 2005, was awarded a Training Commander's Commendation in recognition of the "dedication and tenacity in carrying out ... responsibilities" at the Defence Force School of Music as the Staff Officer Grade 2 - Band Operations

With Australian Day celebrations always come recognition of those who have put in large efforts over many years.

This years honours recognise with a Medal of the Order of Australia

(OAM) the continued efforts of both the Regimental Sergeant Major (RSM) of Australian Army Band Corps and the RSM of the Army Recruit Training Centre (ARTC) in 2005. Both men have now moved on from these appointments.

Their citations read as follows:

WOI Stephen Michal HLADIO

For meritorious service as Regimental Sergeant Major of the Defence Force School of Music and Australian Army Band Corps.

WOI Graeme Thomas SMITH

For meritorious service and performance of duty while employed as the Regimental Sergeant Major of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, 11th Brigade and the Army Recruit Training Centre.



*The Australian
Service Medal*

New Members

Although we have lost a number of members over the Christmas break, we have also gained a few.

Warrant Officer Class One Kevin Hill has been appointed as the Band's new Band Sergeant Major and Drum Major. He comes to us from the Defence Force School of Music having been posted to Australian Army Band Perth as Band Sergeant Major before that. Kevin Hill returns to Wagga Wagga after some eighteen years absence (Kapooka was his first Band posting all those years ago!!). Let's not forget that Kevin is also a great tuba player!!

Corporal Rod Lewin comes to us from the Band of the First Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (1 RAR). He brings to us many years of army experience, having been an Infantry Sergeant before transferring to Australian Army Band Corps four years ago. When not playing French

Horn, Rod will be looking after the band's library.

Corporal Gary Linton also comes from 1 RAR and carries with him the distinction of being one of only two members of Band Corps to have been deployed with a Battalion Group as musicians in East Timor (a six month stint as opposed to the numerous deployments of bands that went to Timor for short tours). Gary plays both clarinet and tenor saxophone and will be the Woodwind Group Leader.

Completing the triumvirate coming from 1 RAR Band is Musician Adam Killip. Adam will be

in charge of the percussion section and is lead drummer. In addition, Adam has just become a father of a gorgeous baby girl.

The newest member of the trumpet section is Musician Dave Matthews. Coming from the Australian Army Band Sydney, Dave is not a total newcomer to Kapooka Band, as he came and filled in for missing players last year as well as for two months in 2001.

Also coming from Sydney is Musician Jacquelyn Smith. Playing the clarinet. Jacquelyn spent 5 years in Sydney Band after studying at both the Defence Force School of Music and the University of Sydney.

Last, but certainly not least, is Musician Julian Fung. Originally from Canberra, Julian comes to us from the Australian Army Band Brisbane. Apart from knowing his Jazz modes inside out, Julian is also highly trained in Martial Arts.

"Kevin Hill returns to Wagga Wagga after some eighteen years absence!"



*Rear Row (L-R): MUSN Julian Fung, CPL Rod Lewin, MUSN Adam Killip
Front Row: CPL Gary Linton, MUSN Dave Matthews,
MUSN Jacquelyn Smith and WO1 Kevin Hill*

Trivia Question

How many full time bands are there in Australia?

Answer on page four.



The Australian Army Band Kapooka on Parade.

Army in Concert Tour 2006

The focus in the months ahead for all Army bands is the Army in Concert Tour.

The Australian Army Band Kapooka will be fortunate enough to be a part of five of these tour legs.

Kapooka Band's tour starts in Melbourne before heading to Perth, Hobart and Adelaide. We then have a week off before the two concerts at the Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre.

The special Guest Artist for the Wagga Wagga concerts will be Marina Prior.

Marina is highly regarded as Australia's leading lady of musical theatre. She is best known for her lead role in 'The Phantom of the Opera' which she played for over three years.

Here are all the dates for the whole tour:

Melbourne:

Friday, 23 June

Perth:

Sunday, 16 July

Hobart:

Friday, 28 July

Adelaide:

Sunday, 6 August

Sydney:

Thursday, 10 August

Newcastle:

Saturday, 12 August

Wagga Wagga:

Saturday, 19 August

Sunday, 20 August

Canberra:

Saturday, 26 August

Brisbane:

Saturday, 7 October

Darwin:

Saturday, 14 October

Sunday, 15 October

Cairns:

Friday, 20 October

Saturday, 21 October

Townsville:

Saturday, 28 October

Sunday, 29 October



Trivia Answer:

Question: How many full time Army Bands are there in Australia?

Answer: There are six (6) full-time Army Bands in Australia. These are the Australian Army Bands Melbourne, Kapooka, Sydney and Brisbane, the Band of the Royal Military College, Duntroon and the Band of the First Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment.

There are also five part time Band Corps bands (Adelaide, Darwin, Newcastle, Perth and Tasmania) as well as numerous bands within other Army Units.

This newsletter is brought to you by the friendly people in the Public Relations Cell of the Australian Army Band Kapooka. We would like to hear from you if:

- you would like more information about an upcoming concert
- would like to know more about being a musician in the Army
- have a story idea for the newsletter, or
- you know someone who wants to be added to the email list:

please drop us a line at:

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