

UCB NEWS

September 2011



Welcome to a new-look newsletter for UCB. It has information about current issues and reminders about upcoming gigs.

I'm planning to prepare and send UCB News every couple of months, or more often as needed, to keep you all informed and up-to-date with the latest Band news.

I'd welcome any feedback on the new newsletter and as always, don't hesitate to speak to me or any of the Committee members if you have any ideas or issues.

Cheers,
Anna

Congratulations

A big congratulations to the following Unley Concert Band members on receiving South Australian Band Association awards:

- Jeff Hale – Band Person the Year
- Sonia Radford – Award of Merit
- Brendan Kenny – Award of Merit
- Bronwyn Dolman – Award of Merit

It's wonderful to see the hard work and significant contribution made by Jeff, Sonia, Brendan and Bron acknowledged by the broader banding community.

Coming up

Out of the Square

Thank you to everyone who is playing at the OOTS concerts next month. If you haven't got the dates in your diary, here they are:

- Monday 10 October at 1.30pm, Shedley Theatre
- Tuesday 11 October at 11.00am, Marion Cultural Centre
- Tuesday 11 October at 2.00pm, Star Theatres
- Wednesday 12 October at 11.00am, Arts Centre Port Noarlunga
- Thursday 13 October at 2.00pm, Golden Grove Arts Centre
- Friday 14 October at 11.00am, Parks Community Centre

Remembrance Day

Jeff has sent details of this year's Remembrance Day service in Unley to the marching band. Those participating will need to be at the Memorial Gardens next to the Unley Shopping Centre at 10.50am on 11 November. Please let Jeff know if you're able to be part of the band for this service.

Christmas pageants

This year we are playing in six Christmas pageants. Attendance forms will be available later in September, but mark these dates in your diary:

- Saturday 12 November, morning – City Credit Union
- Sunday 20 November, morning – Glenelg
- Sunday 26 November, morning – Norwood
- Friday 2 December, evening – Blackwood
- Saturday 3 December – Mount Barker in the morning and Mannum in the evening.

Full details including meeting times and locations will be available when these have been confirmed with the various pageants.

Rehearsal venue change – 21 September

The Unley Town Hall is unavailable for our use on Wednesday 21 September so this rehearsal will be at St Andrew's School.

We will need to enter the building from the laneway off Church Terrace as there are parent teacher interviews at the school on the same evening. The front sliding doors will remain locked.

Thanks to Anna Coppens for making the space at St Andrew's available for the Band to use. Please ensure we leave the space clean and free of rubbish.

Membership subs due

You will have all received notice of your 2011-12 membership fees. Prompt payment of the fees will be very much appreciated by Ben and the Committee.



Uniquely Unley

The tracks are edited and the cover is looking fabulous. Our CD – *Uniquely Unley* – is currently being produced and we are expecting delivery of the disks by the end of September, just in time for the OOTS concerts and Christmas!

The CDs will be \$15 each or three for \$30. More information about buying and selling the CDs will be available when we've taken delivery of the disks. In the meantime, start spreading the word and get ready to sell, sell, sell! As an added incentive, there will be a prize for the band member who sells the most CDs.

New uniforms

Sample sizes for the new uniforms will be ready for fittings at the end of September. We will have two rehearsals – 28 September and 5 October – for fittings. If you are unable to make either of these rehearsals, please see June Elliott to arrange a time for you to try some sizes and put your order in.

It is anticipated that the uniforms will be delivered by the end of October so we'll be able to debut our new look at the Credit Union Christmas Pageant.

The uniforms are \$105 a shirt and the cost of new hatbands will be borne by the Band. The final payment date has not been determined, but this will be made available as soon as it has been established. In the meantime, if you have any issues regarding payment, please see Anna, Brendan or Ben as early as possible so we can work with you to find a solution.

When the new uniforms are delivered, you will be required to return your vest and tie (clean and pressed). Our current uniforms will be kept in case there's cause to use them in the future.

Marching training band

Marching training commenced on Wednesday 31 August for six new players who indicated they wish to join our marching band.

While not everyone has been able to attend all sessions due to reasons beyond their control, I am sure they will be ready by the pageant season.

Matt (trombone) and Amy (clarinet) have come ahead in leaps and bounds and will definitely be ready to play in the pageants.

Thank you to Levi (side drum), Bill (bass drum) and Rhiannon (saxophone) for their valued assistance.

I welcome anyone who would like to come along to these sessions as it will assist the new players and also help to fine-tune your skills ready for the pageant season.

Wednesday 6.30pm in the underground car park along side the Town Hall.

Jeff Hale
Drum Major

Strategic planning update

Following the survey of members in 2010, work has been continuing on the strategic planning process for the Band.

Why have a strategic plan? It's really important to articulate the Band's vision and direction for the future in order to continue to grow and develop and build on the wonderful success of the Band over the past 15 years. A strategic plan also helps us build stronger relationships with the City of Unley and local businesses.

The Committee (both current and immediate past) acknowledges the importance of having a direction that reflects the wishes and needs of our members. The feedback from members in last year's survey has helped form the various plans which have been developed. As well as an overarching

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strategic plan, plans have been developed for artistic development, marketing, recruitment, financial planning, concert management, website, library and equipment and education outreach.

The strategic planning process is in its final stages and full details will be released to members when the plans have been finalised.

SABA update

Unley continues to have a strong representation in the SABA committee with Kevin Cameron elected President, Bronwyn Dolman Vice President and Brendan Kenny a general committee member at the recent SABA AGM.

UCB service awards

The Committee is currently investigating options for five- and 10-year service awards. Keep an eye and ear out for more information as it becomes available.

End of year celebrations

2011 has been a big year for UCB and one to celebrate. From our outstanding effort and hard work at the Nationals, putting our glad rags on for the cabaret concert to another solid performance at the states and rounding the year off with OOTS and pageants, there are more than enough reasons to get together and celebrate. Plans are underway for an end of year function in late November or early December and more information will be available about this shortly.

Photocopier

As you are all aware, our photocopier has copied its last piece of music. The Committee is working on options for accommodating a new photocopier and we ask for your patience while these plans are finalised. A big thank you to Janet for managing our photocopying needs in the interim.