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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Although the 16 December deadline for the close of entries seems a long way off, the time will pass quicker than you think. Accommodation in the Greater Hobart area is filling rapidly as bands make their bookings. To ensure that you reserve the type of facility in the location and cost range that best suits your band's needs, you are urged to contact Groups Tasmania as soon as possible. We are putting together a list of rehearsal venues which can be used if your accommodation will not permit on-site rehearsals. Flights are also filling fast. As you know, Easter is a popular period for travel throughout the country. It is important that the airlines be made aware of the demand for flights into Hobart so that they can schedule the number of services the banding fraternity will require. Again, your best point of contact is Groups Tasmania who will be pleased to co-ordinate all travel arrangements for your band. Their contact details are:

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Launceston Tasmania 7250
Website: <http://www.groupstasmania.com.au/>
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WEBSITE

The latest information on arrangements for the Championships will be available on the 2010 Yamaha Australian National Band Championships website at www.nationals2010.com as well as the Tasmanian Bands League website at www.tbl.org.au. Bulletins, newsletters and copies of official forms will be available for download from these sites. Note the contact email addresses at the former URL for sponsorship, scheduling and volunteers for the Nationals. International bands can also contact Present Australia at <http://www.presentaustraliatours.com/>.

TENTATIVE TIMETABLE

Note that no events have been scheduled for Easter Thursday. Although firm decisions will not be possible until after entries close, it is planned to conduct the events as follows:

FRIDAY 2 APRIL	Open Brass Bands – Hymn and Test Junior Brass Bands – Entire Program
SATURDAY 3 APRIL	Parade of Bands (City Centre) Open Concert Bands - Entire Program Junior Concert Bands – Entire Program
SUNDAY 4 APRIL	Open Brass Bands – Own Choice and March Gala Concert
MONDAY 5 APRIL	Solos and Ensembles.

THE SCHEDULE

Enclosed with this newsletter is the Official Schedule for the 2010 Australian National Band Championships. Note that this is an revised version of the Official Schedule which first appeared on the website, with a number of corrections. We hope that you find the format easy to read and follow. It includes full details of the Championships, including all Test Pieces. We have been assured that all music is readily available and we wish you good luck in your preparations. We are negotiating for a reduced cost for the Open “B” Grade Concert test music, which turned out to be more expensive than anticipated. Also just to hand, the Junior Eb Tenor Horn piece, “A Time for Peace” is available from Gramercy Music with piano accompaniment. Please contact us if you have any enquiries.

Entry Forms will be distributed with our next newsletter in October.

ADJUDICATORS

The Chief Adjudicator will be Johan de Meij from the Netherlands, who has recently added to his impressive list of honours and achievements the honorary title/award of “Person of Distinction” at the WMC at Kerkrade, Netherlands. Australia’s own Eminent Musician, Ralph Hultgren, will be the Senior Adjudicator, together with a number of other highly qualified musicians from across Australia.

PERCUSSION EQUIPMENT

It is our intention to supply, as a minimum, the larger percussion items required in the Test music scores. We also expect to provide other large percussion instruments in an endeavour to reduce the amount of gear bands will need to freight into our island. Further information will be provided in later newsletters, however, if your band has any specific requests, please contact us and we will see what assistance is available to you.



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