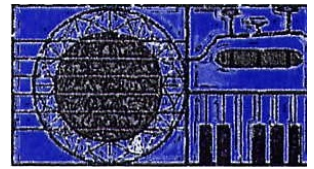


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PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019

Introduction

It is with a strange mixture of pleasure and sadness that I present the President's report for 2018, the year representing the 24th year of St Cecilia Music Scholarships. I have pleasure because this report refers to the 2019 year which in many respects was a very successful year for St Cecilia Scholarships.

However, the sadness is that 2020 has seen the death of David Harding our long standing friend and supporter of St Cecilia as Chairman and Committee member; and also the unexpected and untimely death of Marion Roubos-Bennett our Vice President and a most enthusiastic and passionate member of our committee.

2020 has also seen the tragic bushfires which have either directly or indirectly impacted on us all and the COVID 19 pandemic which has meant that we cannot offer our audition and concert program this year.

However I will focus on the events of 2019 in the remainder of this report.

Committee/members

The 2019 year committee comprised the following members:

Chris Heazlewood (President & Secretary), Marion Roubos-Bennett (Vice President), Wendy Black (Treasurer), Dave Harding (to June 2019), Richard Edwards, Ian Duff, Lyndal Lassau, John Haslem and Lindy Connolly. In addition to the office bearers indicated above, Richard Edwards and Marion Roubos-Bennett contributed significantly to the publicity of the association and concert. Marion also accepted the opportunity to act as "archivist" for the association taking on this role from Maria de Rocco who retired from this role in 2017.

Donations and grants

Donations and grant income are detailed in the Treasurer's report.

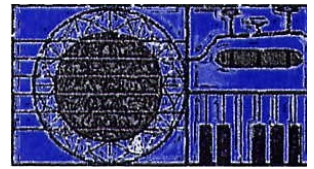
We are grateful to the faithful individuals and organisations that support the St Cecilia scholarship program which enables us to provide annual awards totaling \$6000 and tertiary scholarships to young musicians from the South Coast of NSW.

Public Fund Committee

Thanks to the three members of our public fund committee. The public fund receives tax deductible donations to the Association and the trustees oversee allocation of these funds to the purposes of the Association.

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Rafe de Crespigny also stood down as a member of the public fund committee in April 2019. Anthony O'Reilly Director Finance at Eurobodalla Shire Council was appointed to replace Rafe.

The committee for the public fund now comprises Peter Kable, Anthony O'Reilly and Chris Heazlewood.

Pop Up Concert

On August 25th 2019 a Pop Up Concert was conducted at St Peter's Broulee. The idea of the concert was to give an opportunity for musicians to perform without the pressure of audition conditions. Ten young people participated in the concert which was well received by all.

The concert was compered by Marion Roubos-Bennett who skillfully interpreted the performances and ensured that all participants were well recognised.

Entries for 2019 Auditions

A total of 25 entries were received from 22 young people (8 males and 14 females) in the Bega, Eurobodalla and Shoalhaven local government areas.

Auditions

The 2019 Scholarship auditions were held on the weekend of 9 and 10 November at St Peter's Anglican College with John Gilbert of Canberra Grammar school as adjudicator. Lindy Connolly of our committee assisted John in the adjudication process.

Concert

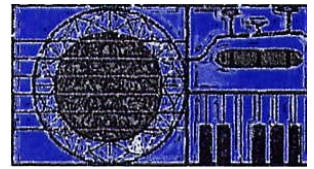
The concert was held on November 24. The compere at the concert was Ian Duff. Around 200 were in the audience and they enjoyed an hour's worth of entertainment. The presenters were Clr Jack Tait (ESC), Belinda Collins (South Coast Music Society), Lesley Sewell (PerFex), Henk Roubos (PerfEx), Annette Chapman, (President of the Moruya CWA), John Haslem and Chris Heazlewood.

Awards made at the Concert were as follows:

Senior Classical	1 st prize	\$1000	Luca Ziino - Piano
Senior Classical	2 nd prize	\$750	Tara Watts - Piano
Senior Classical	3 rd prize	\$350	Chantelle Bennett- Violin
Senior Contemporary	1 st prize	\$1000	Jack Gallen - Guitar
Senior Contemporary	2 nd prize	\$750	Jorja Scott – Vocal
Senior Contemporary	3 rd prize	\$350	Rachel Bennett - Vocal
Junior Classical	1 st prize	\$400	Albert Au - Piano
Junior Classical	2 nd prize	\$250	Amelie Ziino - Violin
Junior Classical	3 rd prize	\$100	Kalani Scognamiglio – Treble

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Junior Contemporary	1st prize	\$400	Abby May – Guitar and Vocal
Junior Contemporary	2nd prize	\$250	Hannah Bowen - Piano
Junior Contemporary	3rd prize	\$100	Mia May - Violin

Maria de Rocco award Tara Watts

Attendees at the concert commented on the high standard of performance and the talent of the performers. We look forward to observing the future development of these young musicians some of whom are aspiring to become professional musicians in the future.

Acknowledgements

There are a number of organisations and individuals whose support made 2018 another successful year for the Association:

ABC South East for publicity;
Ian Duff for compering concert;
The Bay Post for affording us publicity;
St Peter's Anglican College;
St Bernard's Church and its staff;
Henk Roubos Photography;
Audition/Concert Accompanists
Our donors: Moruya CWA, Batemans Bay Rotary, Eurobodalla Shire Council, South Coast Music Society, PerFex and our personal donors.
Peter Rich for printing the Scholarship Certificates; and
Maria de Rocco our founder.

Chris Heazlewood
President
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