

### **From the Director of Music**

I can't tell you of the thoughts raging through my head at present, but I can tell of my sadness at not being able to hold a rehearsal tonight, the band is a vital part of my musical and social life and I like many look forward to it each and every week.

A few members have been critical of how we have handled this episode in our playing career and you are quite entitled to feel that way provided you have put an alternative opinion forward to be heard. What I can say, is that we deliberately stuck to the facts and nothing more, each performance cancellation has been met with countless phone calls, meetings and emails to ensure all measures and opportunities have been canvassed. All the restrictions have been observed and information has been sought directly from the correct authority be it council, health department or band association without resorting to rumour and hearsay. Our president, Tony and myself have been in contact on a daily basis as we respond to this rapidly changing outlook.

There are a number of things you can do during this down time

1. Keep playing.... No one can stop you picking up your instrument and having a blow!
2. check in on your fellow band members and friends. One of the wonderful things in our band is the camaraderie and care shown to each other. Many times I receive a note or message concerning the welfare of one of our team and their family, this doesn't need to stop.
3. Keep checking the website, as soon as we have any news or ideas we will make sure it is placed on the notice boards online
4. Grab a lesson: I have plenty of time available at present and have asked Gus to circulate an invitation to have a one off or two off lesson with me via online or in person, there are plenty of other teachers doing the same thing so now might be a good opportunity to solve that pesky problem.

My thanks must go to Tony, Gus and Jarrad at this time, they have been instantly available for discussion and super-fast at getting information out and about.

Stay well, Stay safe and stay happy

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