

## Camden Community Band Inc Annual General Meeting 2021

17/08/2021 on Zoom (due to Covid 19 restrictions)

Meeting opened at 7.03pm by Tony

**Members Present:** Gusztav Belanszky, Zachariah Belanszky, Jarrad Bishop, Murray Bishop, Wendy Brooks, Eva Campbell, Jenny Clisdell, Alexander Cooper, Annette Dinning, Kerry Fielding, Tony Flatman, Geoff Freestone, Hak Lo, Bev Newitt, David Pollard, Harold Pollard, Barbara Reeves, Aaron Smart, Mark Thornell, Trish Thornell, Kris Took, Daniel Triffett, Bob Wallbaum, Christine Wallbaum, Rebecca Ward, Cheryl Ziemiecki

**Apologies:** Elizabeth Hall, David Roger, Brendon Vella

	<b>Discussion</b>
	Tony welcomed Eva Campbell, the patron of the band. Eva will chair the meeting for the election of the new committee.
Minutes of AGM held on 25/8/2020 read	Moved : Gusztav Seconded: Jarrad Minutes accepted
<b>Reports</b>	
President's Report	See attached at the end of the minutes. Acceptance of the President's Report was moved by Cheryl Seconded by Jenny President's Report accepted.
Treasurer's Report	Cheryl was unable to give a full report as the books had not been returned from to the auditor at Camden Council due to Covid 19 restrictions. An interim report was given instead.  Interim Statement as at 30.06.2021: Cash at Bank: ANZ .....\$599.19 The Mac. ...\$3,580.07 Term Deposits:

	<p>ANZ..... \$13,094.79  The Mac..... \$7,000  Total .....\$<u>24,274.05</u></p> <p>The Treasurer's Report was moved by Cheryl  Seconded by Wendy.  Treasurer's Interim Report accepted.</p>
Comments by Eva	Eva apologised for the delay in the return of the Treasurer's books, which were caught up in the Covid restrictions at Council. Eva congratulated the band on our contest performance and success. She also thanked the band for their service to the community and the RSL by participating in the five commemorative services. Eva had also heard positive feedback from the street ployout.
Election of Office Bearers	<p>All positions were declared vacant. Eva conducted the election of the committee for 2021/2022</p> <p>The nominations and elections are as follows.  <b>President:</b> Tony Flatman  <b>Vice President:</b> Geoff Freestone  <b>Treasurer:</b> Cheryl Ziemiecki  <b>Secretary:</b> Brendon Vella</p> <p><b>Webmaster:</b> Gusztav Belanszky  <b>Publicity Officer:</b> David Pollard  <b>Ordinary members:</b> Rebecca Ward, Kerry Fielding, Kris Took, Jenny Clisdell.</p> <p>These nominations were moved as a whole by Wendy  Seconded by Jarrad  All nominations were accepted unanimously</p>
Concluding remarks	Tony congratulated the incoming committee. Thanks to Barbara for her secretarial work over the past years and thanks to Brendon for offering to take on the role.

Meeting closed at 7.29pm

Minutes prepared by Barbara Reeves

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17th August 2021

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The band has been very active this year despite the Coronavirus health restrictions we currently live with, whilst maintaining its profile within the Camden community.

A major highlight was our first entry in to the 2020 NSW State Band Championships with pleasing results. Our division comprised five excellent bands and from our three items we gained a second place for our concert item and a third place for our own choice selection.

Only a small group of RSL members were permitted to commemorate the 2020 Remembrance Day at the Macarthur Park cenotaph and we provided a bugler to play the Last Post and Reveille at the service. Thank you Gustav.

We played for the St James Menangle Carols on the Hill service which was well received by the congregation.

On Australia Day this year we live streamed a program of nostalgic Aussie songs to You Tube, from the Camden RSL Youth Club hall. Thank you to Murray and Jarrad for organising the technology and making things work.

Five ANZAC commemorative services were held this year and we played for all of them being at the South Camden AVEO retirement village, the Wivenhoe retirement village, Carrington, and at the dawn and morning services at the Camden RSL Sub- branch.

The Camden Show Society gave us the high profile 6pm Saturday evening on stage time slot to entertain the crowds. Unfortunately, at the last minute the show had to be cancelled. On the Saturday there had been a deluge of rain all day and the show most likely would have been washed out. Fingers crossed for next year.

A play out in Camden one Saturday morning in May at the corner of John and Argyle Streets was welcomed by the shoppers and people told us how pleased they were to be able to hear the sounds of the band again in town.

In June we presented a most interesting and varied program at the Cobbitty markets comprising the concert band, the Community of Schools ensemble and the recently formed dance band. The mornings entertainment was enthusiastically received by the audience and the market organisers.

Two fund raising activities were held at Bunnings Gregory Hills and at Bunnings Narellan. Our profits were put toward the purchase of an Eb clarinet. Thank you to everyone who contributed by way of cash donations and with the supply of consumable items to help defray costs and by volunteering to assist with sales. Well done, a great team effort.

The concert band continues to grow with currently 45 musicians. It is pleasing that we maintain a weekly attendance to rehearsals of between 35 to 40. Our Community of Schools ensemble is an enthusiastic and talented group of 15 youngsters enjoying their rehearsals under Murray's direction.

Our thanks to the Camden Senior Citizens for allowing us the use of their club room to hold our rehearsals. Our thanks to the Camden RSL and to Camden Council for their ongoing support.

The bands patron Councillor Eva Campbell provided us with professional advice during the year and we thank Eva for her ongoing interest and support.

As always your management committee has been very busy ensuring the smooth operation of the bands business activities and, on your behalf, I thank them for their dedication to the band.

Many people have contributed by way of donations, writing and arranging music, and giving up their time to help the band behind the scenes. Thank you. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to Harold Pollard OAM our Associate Director of Music for his direction of the dance band and for the hard work and wealth of knowledge Harold shares whilst we rehearse our contest pieces.

At last years AGM Murray was awarded a much deserved Life Membership. From us all a big thank you to Murray for his encouragement and dedication to the band and to the welfare of its members. When necessary, Murray has organised rehearsals via on line zoom so that we continue to meet as a group, play and study our music and to maintain social contact whilst enjoying making music together.

Thank you for your support this year. .

Tony Flatman

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