

## A Message from our President, Leith Rickert

Hello Everybody. Welcome to our first Newsletter for 2010.

Our first matter of importance in the New Year is our Annual General Meeting and get a new committee up and running.

The Gold Coast Philharmonic Society is a community organisation and we welcome your involvement and help. While all positions will be vacated, many of our current members will be nominating for another term. However we will be in need of a Treasurer. If you or anyone you know could help in this regard it would be most appreciated. Elaine, our current Treasurer, has done an

excellent job but is unable to continue with the position due to the pressure of her day job. Every week Elaine is in the kitchen preparing refreshments during all our rehearsals and at our concerts and events and is willing to help the new Treasurer get up and running & continue to assist through 2010.

There are lots of other ways that you can help. Are you good at contacting people? Perhaps you could find us sponsors! Do you love entertaining & shopping? You could help at pre-concert events and gather friends for Sunday boutique concerts.

If you have a special talent, don't hide



President, Leith Rickert with Patron, Councillor Jan Grew at a recent Pre-Concert event.

it – please let us know.

Perhaps there are other things you could suggest to help keep the Philharmonic a vibrant and entertaining organisation.

I look forward to seeing all of you again this year! *Nomination forms are enclosed.*

*To offer assistance phone 5539 6076.*

## The Orchestra



The Gold Coast Philharmonic Orchestra is proud to be a part of the Gold Coast community since 1984. The Conductor is Mark Turpin, winner of the Entertainment Category of the

2009 Gold Coast Honours Awards. The Concert Master is Margaret McAteer. The Orchestra is made up of around 60 professional & highly skilled adult amateur musicians who live and work here on the Gold Coast.

The orchestra rehearses weekly and enjoys the challenge of working together to perfect the concert programs and also the social aspect of getting together to play and perform. The first opportunity to see the orchestra and meet the musicians

will be to attend the Annual General Meeting and then join the orchestra for refreshments followed by an open rehearsal. The musicians & conductor will be working on the program of music for "A Salute to the Brave".

*Annual General Meeting (no longer than 50 minutes), Supper & Open Rehearsal ~ Thursday 11 March 2010.*

*Gold Coast Youth Orchestra Centre, Community Drive, Ashmore. 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm. No Cost.*

## 2010 Concert Season

**"A Salute to the Brave" ~**

Sunday 25 April (ANZAC Day) at 3.00 pm

**"Star Struck" ~** Saturday 31 July at 7.30 pm

& Sunday 1 August at 2.30 pm

**"Kaleidoscope" ~**

Saturday 27 November at 7.30 pm & Sunday 28

November at 2.30 pm

Venue for all Concerts: **ROBINA COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Tickets: GC Arts Centre Box Office 5588 4000 or at the door (Robina) prior to concert start.

The Gold Coast Philharmonic Society Inc.  
**Gold Coast Philharmonic Orchestra**  
presents  
**A Salute to the Brave**  
  
Conductor  
**Mark Turpin**  
Sunday 25 April 2010 at 3.00pm  
(ANZAC DAY)  
**ROBINA COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
www.goldcoastphilharmonic.com

## With Thanks

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund has provided funds to the Gold Coast Philharmonic Society Inc.

to purchase a Xylophone, a Cor Anglais and

orchestral music. These will be proudly featured in upcoming concerts.



## Friends of the Philharmonic 2009 & 2010



*Friends Coordinator, Belinda Manwaring with Vice-President Dorothy McCormack*

The Friends were very fortunate to have the use of the lovely country home of Wayne and Glenda Binns for our Xmas event in December 2009. Drinks and canapés on arrival were followed by an informal concert featuring items on cello, guitar, flute & clarinet. The

acappella choir, 'Signature' finished the program with a selection of songs including some Christmas favourites. This was followed by a sumptuous afternoon tea.

Due to popular demand we will be having another similar event at the end of this year.

We are planning some exciting events for you to attend this year.

We hope to bring you an exclusive piano and cello recital in May at the Southport Uniting Church and a 'Star'

showcase concert in October featuring our best and most talented young musicians on the Gold Coast.

*A Friend is a financial associate member of the GCPS Inc. Membership is only \$10 per year and members receive regular updates & newsletters, discounts on concert tickets & invitations to special events. Download form to join friends or phone for more information- 55274181*

*A Friends' event in progress in the lounge of a beautiful home.*



## Community Music by Dorothy McCormack

Music researchers agree that community music makers are people who have a sense of common purpose and interests for which they assume mutual responsibility and who commit themselves to the wellbeing of the group (Wood & Judikis in Bartleet, Dunbar-Hall, Letts & Schippers, Sound Links 2008).

Our Gold Coast Philharmonic Society is such a group of people. Our common purpose is to share music of high standard with local audiences but our responsibility is still broader. It includes mentoring young musicians and

embracing the support of people who are not members of the orchestra but who are members of the society. After all, in older usage, 'Philharmonic' meant 'music lovers.' The orchestra and the non-playing members need to support each other for the wellbeing of the group. The orchestra cannot function at its peak without its generous friends and volunteers.

As we move into the second decade of the 21st century, a number of questions bubble to the surface. Are our programs capturing the interests of our audiences? Are we retaining younger

musicians who join us in great hope? Are we offering enough opportunity for musicians to diversify in chamber music?

What do you think?

We encourage you to share your ideas and contact committee members to have your views heard.

Wishing us all a successful year.

Dorothy McCormack  
Director of Queensland Academy of Music.

*Some of our special Front of House Volunteers at a recent Orchestra Concert*



## History

While the Society & the Orchestra were established in 1984, a Philharmonic Concert Band also ran in the early 2000s. Beginning as a late starters' band, this opened the world of music to adults who had always wished they played a musical instrument. Now disbanded, some members are playing in the orchestra or in other bands around the Gold Coast.

One such member, Geoff Domelow, plays saxophone and says, "Forty years after a misspent youth playing three chords in a backyard rock and roll band - not learning to read music, I had a brain storm to think I could start again at 60. Now 8 years later thanks to Gold Coast Philharmonic Concert Band, & the patience of their conductors & players, I have improved a little!" Geoff has also been a valued member of the Society's management committee for many years. Thank you Geoff.



*17 year old Blind Pianist, Hayden Smith, performing with the Orchestra, December 2009*

### Become Involved!

- Play!** Contact the Conductor about playing in the Orchestra (Subject to vacancies). Phone 0419 707 240.
- Support!** Join the Friends of the Philharmonic. Special events all through 2010. Phone 5527 4181 or join our Front of House or Back Stage Volunteers. Phone 5539 6076.
- Enjoy!** Come to our Concerts. Pre-purchase tickets for VIP treatment & special pre-concert events at GCAC Box Office 5588 4000 or [gcac.com.au](http://gcac.com.au) or in person.
- Sponsor!** If you have a business or know of a business who would like to sponsor the orchestra in return for advertising opportunities contact Pam on 5539 6076.

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