

# MANDOLINS IN BRISBANE

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2009

Happy New Year to MIB members and friends. 2009 is shaping up to be a busy year, with lots of performances, especially in the first half of the year. Usually our major concert of the year takes place in spring; this year it will be an autumn concert in April - details below.

## NEWS FLASH!!!!

**MIB'S AUTUMN CONCERT** – Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm. Please note the change of venue – this will take place in St Augustine's Anglican Church, 56 Racecourse Road, Ascot/Hamilton (opposite Balowie St, near library). This programme includes a combination of both instrumental and vocal music. Along with a range of music from Wagner and Szeto to Dowland, it will also feature Nathan Aspinall's arrangement of Carissimi's 'Jephte' for mandolin ensemble and voice. Cost: \$15, those under 12 free. Parking available. Tickets will be sold at the door.

## MIB's POSTAL ADDRESS

This is PO Box 701 Annerley, Qld 4103.  
For any queries about lessons, contact Anne Roubos, Ph. 3324 1680.

## NEW PLAYERS

We are pleased to welcome new players Wes Whitfield (guitar) and Bhodi Aylen (mandolin) who both performed with MIB at QPAC's Christmas In Concert in November, and also Ron Williams (double bass). MIB would love to hear from any mandolin players who would like to join us. We practice at Sherwood Community Centre, Thallon Street on Mondays from 7pm – 9.30pm.

## PAST EVENTS

**QPAC's CHRISTMAS IN CONCERT** – this was a highlight for us, wherein we gained valuable experience in performing in front of a large crowd. (We also learnt how to get on and off the stage at the speed of light, how not to lose our backstage passes and where the best food at QPAC was.)

**MIB's AGM** – was held in February.

## FUTURE EVENTS

**BLUE CARE CONCERT** – 31<sup>st</sup> May, Qualtra St, W'gabba. (Not open to the public.)

**NEW FARM SENIOR CITIZEN'S CONCERT** – 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Wednesday), Uniting Church, Merthyr Road. (Not open to the public.)

**BRISBANE CITY HALL LUNCHTIME CONCERT** – 12 noon, Main Auditorium, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, free concert. MIB will play for 30 minutes.

**FETE DE LA MUSIQUE** – (possible) 21<sup>st</sup> June, venue somewhere in Brisbane.

**MANDOLINS CELEBRATING Q150** – Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>, St Johns Cathedral, Ann Street. This should be a momentous event, so don't forget about it. (Don't worry, we'll remind you.) Performers for this will come from all over Australasia, new music will be premiered and you will learn about Queensland's history so effortlessly, you will wonder why on earth they don't introduce this new teaching method in schools.

**MUSIC AT ST FRANCIS CHURCH** – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 68 Cavendish St, Nundah. MIB will perform for 40 mins in a 2 hour programme with Naomi Drogemuller & the Ghost.

These are just the concerts we know about so far – and it's only March.

- Alison Lawrence

(Newsletter Editor and Mandolin 2 Player)