

**HUNTER REGIONAL BAND ASSOCIATION
SOLOIST & ENSEMBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS
SATURDAY 1 & SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2009
WESTLAKES MUSIC CENTRE - RATHMINES**

Thirty events were timetabled; twelve bands were represented and one hundred and thirteen entrants contested over the two days.

Gunnedah Shire Band was prominent once again, with forty-one entries in Juvenile and Junior events, from a total of sixty-seven entries. Gunnedah contestants were rewarded with thirteen first placings and a number of minor placings. *Waratah Brass, Toronto Brass, Gosford City Brass, Kahibah Bowling Club Brass and Western Lake Macquarie Concert* were also very supportive of the Solos.

Jonathan Gatt and Robert Bedwell shared the task of adjudication.

All contestants received a CD recording of both their performance and the comments of the adjudicator. Each contestant in the under 10 years and the under 12 years events received a participant's ribbon.

The two most popular events were the *Veterans Slow Melody*, with ten contestants and the *Open Slow Melody*, with eleven contestants. There was only one withdrawal from the Open and Veterans events, which was truly remarkable.

Ozzie Jellyman, recently registered with Waratah Brass and competing for the first time at these Solos, had a most successful day, winning three of the five events he entered and being placed third in another. His success earned him the *Open Brass Championship Perpetual Shield*.

Mitchell Clack, a member of Waratah Brass, won the *Open Cornets & Trumpets* event. The win had special significance for Mitchell, as the Company, Coal Mines Services, donated a new Perpetual Trophy specifically for this event. It was the *Phillip Clack Memorial Trophy*, a trophy in memory of Mitchell's father, who was employed by the Company and who is recently deceased. Adam, a representative of Coal Mines Services, presented the Trophy to Mitchell.

Toronto Brass Band committee and band members provided the necessary personnel to carry out the essential tasks in running the Solos, in conjunction with the Hunter Regional Band Association committee members. Lynne Clack and her volunteers ensured that the appetites of contestants, officials and supporters were well satisfied, by providing a very functional canteen service.

I extend my thanks to all contestants for supporting the Hunter Regional Band Association Solos.

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