



# The United Music Teachers of NSW

North Western Region

May 2019

What a whirlwind of activity we have seen these past few months. Our website is being revamped, there is a new **Facebook page**, that also includes a '**Members Only**' page that I will invite you to join. You may also invite people you think may be interested to like the general page as well. This page is open to the public. Check out the Website development too.

## New Leadership team:

At the AGM in March a new team was elected – a mix of old and new members. (from R to L) Margaret Greig (President), Felicity Martin (NS Convenor), Leah Hanchard (Membership Officer), Sue Calabrese (Secretary, NW Convenor), Fotini Stavridis (Vice President) and Yiennur Lisa (Treasurer). Felicity, our immediate past President for the last 5 years, and Margaret McMurtrey, Secretary for many, many years, have stepped into other roles, both personal and professional and we are all very grateful for their input over the past years. Yiennur has also now been able to just focus on being Treasurer, handing on the Membership baton to Leah.



## Autumn Concert:



Such a pleasant afternoon of performances. A mix of instrumental, duet and piano performances, followed by a very nice afternoon tea.

One very happy boy received his 30-piece Challenge Certificate for 2018. All received a feedback report.



Spring Concert will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August (change of date)

## UMT Awards Day – some big changes!

I really urge you to check the rules and regulation for the three awards for this year.

**The biggest change** is that this year we are trialling the inclusion of duet and small ensemble performances in each section, providing an opportunity for those taking part in the Collaborative Syllabus of the AMEB, or HSC preparation. Only the MAIN performer will be the subject of the adjudication.

We have also tightened up the rules for each section and made the following changes:

All sections: \*Age requirement is as of 30<sup>th</sup> June in the year of entry. \*Teachers must be financial members of the UMT.

**UMT Junior Award** (formally known as UMT Award 14 years and under) – previous winners are not able to re-enter this section for the next two years.

**Roger Woodward Award:** no changes

**President's Award:** Prize pool has been increased to \$400 total, it remains for instrumentalists only, and previous winners of this award cannot enter the next year's competition.

All the new rules and guidelines are now available in the Upcoming Events section of the Website: [www.unitedmusicteachers.org](http://www.unitedmusicteachers.org)

### **UMT Awards Day Auditions for NW Region**

**Adjudicator:** Anthony van den Broek

**When:** Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Inala School, Franklin Road, Cherrybrook

**Audition Fee:** Junior: \$10; Roger Woodward: \$25; President's Award: \$30

(Audition Fee also includes Awards Entry Fee)

**Closing Date:** 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Entries** to Sue Calabrese: [miss.sue2054@gmail.com](mailto:miss.sue2054@gmail.com)

**NS/City and South East** will hold their audition on Sunday June 6: [flissmar49@gmail.com](mailto:flissmar49@gmail.com)

#### **Masterclass (NS event):**

**Presenter:** Clemens Leske

**When:** Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm

**Where:** Killara Music Room, 131 Fiddens Wharf Road, Killara

**Cost:** Performers and Families: \$50; UMT/MTA members: \$20; Students: \$10; Non-members: \$30

**Participant closing date:** 29<sup>th</sup> April (closed)

**Enquiries** to Felicity Martin: [flissmar49@gmail.com](mailto:flissmar49@gmail.com)

#### **UMT Awards Finals Day:**

**Junior Award – Roger Woodward Award – President's Award**

**When:** Sunday June 16<sup>th</sup> – from 12:00pm

**Where:** Killara Music Room, 131 Fiddens Wharf Road, Killara

#### **Masterclass (NS event):**

**Presenter:** Bernadette Harvey

**When:** Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> – 2:00pm

**Where:** Killara Music Room, 131 Fiddens Wharf Road, Killara

#### **Performance Day:**

**When:** Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup>

Showcasing City and South Eastern Region and UMT Awards Winners

**Where:** Pitt St Uniting Church, Sydney

#### **Spring Concert NW Region**

**When:** Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Inala School, Franklin Road, Cherrybrook

#### **TEACHERS TALK TOGETHER: 'TTT'**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am hosted by Sue Calabrese. Leah Hanchard, a Body Minded Technique practitioner, will present the topic: *In tune with our bodies under stress*.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, 10:30am – hosted by Margaret Greig – *review and discussion of APPC 2019*.

**UMT Central Meeting:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

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