

St Paul's Music Supporters Group Report – May 2018

General Meeting held 14th May 2018

MSG has a new President, Ben Myers (me) and a new treasurer, Sandy Manderson. Gaye Grieve is staying on as the Secretary. No Vice-President as yet. We have a great group of parent supporters and lots of support from the Music Department. We are getting into the swing of things and getting ready for Music in the Park on Saturday 26th May, which looks like being another fantastic event.

MUSIC IN THE DARK

Ensembles have been busy practising in the lead up to our annual Music In The Dark event on Saturday May 26 from 4pm to 9pm. They're sounding wonderful and are looking forward to performing for you. It's shaping up to be a great night, with the Music Supporters' Group providing delicious food and beverages (both the soft and adult kind) for sale.

The event will mark a change from our usual daytime soiree, and the lawn behind the Music Centre will be filled with lanterns and coloured lights so that you can enjoy some beautiful music under the stars. *N.B. Please bring your own picnic rug or chair to sit on, as there will be no chairs provided this year.* We look forward to seeing you there!

ANGLICAN SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Select students prepared to perform at the **Anglican Schools Music Festival** on Friday 18th May. They spent time in workshops and rehearsals with other Anglican schools from Southeast Queensland that culminated in a combined performance at QPAC. Congratulations to these students for being invited to take part in this special event.

BRISBANE BIG BAND FESTIVAL

St Paul's Big Band performed at the Brisbane Jazz Club on Sunday 20th May as part of the Brisbane Big Band Festival. This festival sees professional big bands perform over the course of four days and is organised by the BJC in conjunction with jazz drummer John Morrison – brother of renowned trumpeter, James Morrison – and jazz vocalist Jacki Cooper. This performance is an annual highlight on the performance calendar for our Big Band, who hold their own with the many non-school groups who also perform at the event. Congratulations to all the students who did an amazing job!

2018 ST PAUL'S MUSIC SOLO COMPETITION

By now, students should be busy practising for the **2018 St Paul's Music Solo Competition**. Round 1 auditions begin on Wednesday May 23, with Round 2 heats (open to the public) on June 4th & 5th after school in the Music Centre.

Year 10 Music students will launch their **Sonic Highways: Brisbane** documentaries at a special **Launch Party** on Thursday June 14. This will be followed by a special concert at which they'll perform music by Brisbane artists. There will be food available for sale, as well as a few other special things that we'll promote in the next few weeks. This is definitely a date to put in your calendar!

MSG President

Ben Myers