

# The Duntroon Bugle

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## From the Editor

Hello Friends, old and new! Welcome to the latest issue of the Duntroon Bugle. If this is your first time bugling, you’re in for a treat as you sit back and read about the current adventures of the RMC Band and its members. In this issue you will see some slight changes being made to the Bugle as the new editor takes over and adds her spin to it, but don’t worry it’s still the same newsletter that you’ve come to know and love. This year you will meet some of our small groups as well as seeing more photos of the Band in action so that you can get more of an idea of how we keep ourselves so busy. So I hope that you enjoy the latest Duntroon Bugle, and remember to email us with your feedback and with what sort of articles you would like to see in the pages of your news-

## Calling all Musicians

Are there any talented musicians in your family who are looking for a well paid, fun, full-time or part-time job? Your children? Your grandchildren? If so, how about suggesting the Australian Army Band Corps as a career as we are currently looking for more players to join our ranks. Call us on (02) 6265 9392 or visit [www.army.gov.au/rmcband](http://www.army.gov.au/rmcband) for more information.



The RMC Big Band wows the crowd at the Royal Albert Hall 80th Birthday Celebrations

# 'From the Podium'

Hello to all our dear Friends,

Someone once said to me, "A busy band is a happy band". Let me tell you, we are ecstatic to say the least. With one of the most important days in our calendar upon us we look forward to the events of ANZAC Day in the Nation's Capital. The Dawn Service is becoming an ever-increasing popular event in Canberra and will no doubt again be a very moving ceremony for the thousands of people who attend.

The ANZAC Day parade at the Australian War Memorial is also a very proud moment for us as we contribute to what is a very special event and I know the RMC Band will be there in full force to make the parade a memorable one for those involved and those observing.

The last month has been a busy one for the band, not so much for me because I took leave for two weeks. I hope those of you that were able to make them enjoyed the Chief Minister's Senior's Week concerts and the Legacy concert. From all reports they were a great success. It was a nice opportunity for the band to work with some new singers in Tim Dal Cortivo, Leisa Keen, Gian Slater and the Sing Australia Choir.

This month we welcome from the UK Lance Bombardier Lauren Petritz-Watts who is on the Exercise Long Look exchange program. Lauren is a Euphonium player from the Artillery Band in Woolwich and it is great to have her here in Australia. She will be travelling to the various Army bands around Australia to experience life as an 'Aussie Bandie'. You will see her featured in our up-coming Music at Midday as she struts her stuff on the Canberra Theatre stage. We hope Lauren enjoys her time in Australia.

While I was on leave my gorgeous boy returned from Iraq for a brief 10 days in which time he asked me to marry him and I said yes! So the hunky CAPT Cameron Jamieson and CAPT Lucy Bermingham will be married in September this year. That's a big Giddy Up!!

That's also enough from the 2IC. I hope you enjoy this edition of the Duntroon Bugle and I look forward to seeing you all at an RMC Band gig soon...

Cheers,

Lucy B



**Captain Lucy Bermingham waiting  
for a call from Sousa**



Musician Zoey Pepper hands over the keyboard to the new Bugle editor Musician Lorelei Williamson in the official Changing of the Editor Ceremony

## International Listening

The Canberra International Music Festival is back again this year and boasts 12 days of diverse performances from the past to the present including some world and Australian premiers. Our very own New RMC Steam Boat Stompers will be making an appearance on Sunday 11th May at 11am in the courtyard of Old Parliament House to get you moving to some Australian dance hall favourites. Admission to the concert and to the *Mrs. Prime Minister* exhibition is free after entry to Old Parliament House. Another great show in the Festival is the Canberra Cantata on Saturday 17th May at 6pm in Llewellyn Hall. This concert features the world premier of a new work by Peter J Casey that explores what Canberra is really about from bushfires to roundabouts, and sounds like it is well worth a look. Visit [www.cimf.org.au](http://www.cimf.org.au) for more information on this concert and this not to be missed Festival.

## Lest We Forget

Every year, the 25th of April is one of the biggest days for our nation, because this day commemorates one of the most important events in Australian history. The 25th is ANZAC Day and the RMC Band will be at the Australian War Memorial for both the Dawn Service at 5:30am and the National Ceremony at 10:15am.

Being a part of ANZAC Day gives us the chance to thank those who stood up and fought so bravely and who sacrificed so much. Australian troops were said to be easy to recognize from a distance because of their “easy attitudes”, but they also had the attitude of never-give-up despite all that was surrounding them. We are very proud to be wearing the uniform and to share in the memory of those who gave their lives so that others might live in freedom and peace.

## Woof Woof Woof



Three Super Puppies currently in training to be Assistance Dogs just like Wilson, Wallace, and Willow.

It's time to meet our Super Puppies (not supper puppies as was suggested) Wilson, Wallace, and Willow who are being sponsored by the Band to become Assistance Dogs. The three dogs are Black Labradors born in NSW and are now all about eight months old. Wilson and Wallace are brother and sister and have been sent to their puppy raising socialisers for the critical training stage of learning how to interact over the next few months. Willow has also been moved to her puppy socialiser and is learning how to wait, sit, dress, shake, bed, down, heel, come, and toilet. This is a lot for a little puppy to take on board but we hear that she's a fast learner and will soon be ready for the harder stuff. The three puppies send lots of love and licks to you all.

# Featuring...

## The Duntroon Lounge Club

The RMC Band is more than just the concert band that you see on stage at Music at Midday, and we have the ability to split and morph into many small groups such as Woodwind and Brass Quintets, Clarinet Quartet, and perhaps the most versatile of these groups; the Duntroon Lounge Club. As the name suggests, the DLC are a very laid back, jazz loving bunch, which is surprising considering the line-up and numbers of the group are forever changing, sometimes being a 3 piece ensemble of drums, bass, and keys, to a 5 piece with a sax and trumpet thrown in.

These small groups are used for engagements such as mess functions, cocktail parties, pre-dinner music, and anything that the full concert band isn't required for. DLC recently got to perform for something a little more substantial when they were invited to perform in the Allianz Francaise Jazz Night on the 22nd of February where they not only entertained a very appreciative crowd, but they were also able to play for their own enjoyment. Here is what the trumpet player for the night Lance Corporal Steve Carter had to say about the gig:

This concert was the first of a series of Friday night 'Soiree Jazz' concerts to be held throughout this year and presented a unique opportunity for the group to play to a captive audience of music lovers in an intimate café-style setting.

The quintet, ably lead by Cpl Adam Matthews, performed a two hour programme of jazz standards with a distinctly French flavour, opening with Charlie Parker's "Au Privave" and ending the first set with Vernon Duke's "April in Paris".

The group featured Cpl Adam Matthews on alto saxophone, Cpl Dave Saunders on bass, LCpl Steve Carter on trumpet/flugelhorn, the multi-talented Musn Doug Hall on piano and Musn Amanda Waite on drum-kit.

This was a terrific night of entertainment, underpinned by fantastic musicianship exhibited by all players, the highlight being an alto sax and drum-kit duet version of the Sonny Rollin's classic, "Oleo" played by Adam and Amanda.

For information on this series of concerts, please log on to [www.afcanberra.com.au](http://www.afcanberra.com.au) and follow the links.



LCpl Steve Carter, Cpl Adam Matthews, and Cpl Dave Saunders  
jazzing it up with the Duntroon Lounge Club

## God Save the Queen!

Our friendly Public Affairs Team leader Sergeant Graeme Reynolds has been chosen to represent the Australian Army Band Corps in England for 4 months on Exercise Long Look. This is an annual multi-national (AUS, NZ, UK) individual exchange programme incorporating Army, Navy, and Air Force. His replacement, Lance Bombardier Lauren Petritz-Watts, is quite the opposite of Graeme and we'll introduce you to her in the next issue of the Bugle, but if you can't wait until then, come along to Music at Midday on April 29 and hear her rocking out on the Euphonium with the band.

While abroad, Graeme will be hosted by the Royal Artillery Band and Orchestra based at Woolwich Barracks and will be performing with this band as well as the Royal Marines Band in such places as Buckingham Palace, Windsor Palace, Plymouth, and Shrewsbury. And if being in England wasn't enough, Graeme will be travelling to Normandy with the Band of the Parachute Regiment for D Day celebrations, and to Germany with the Band of the Army Air Corps.

Other highlights will include time at the Royal School of Music at Kneller Hall and the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst with the Light Cavalry Band, observing the Edinburgh Tattoo, and performing in a Tattoo at Windsor with the Band of the Adjutant General's Corps.

Graeme will no doubt have a ball on his journey and will endeavour to send reports back to RMC so that we can keep an eye on him and let you know what he's been up to, so stay tuned for more.

## We Need Your Help

I've never pictured myself being mobbed by crazed senior citizens, but it happened after Music at Midday last month. Being musicians you would think we would always be surrounded by adoring fans screaming for autographs, but no, this unruly crowd was after Friends of the Band flyers and were not impressed when we nearly ran out! You see, the Boss mentioned that there could be hundreds of people out there missing out on vital RMC Band information and that the public could help to bridge the gap between us and their friends by giving us their email addresses. You too can join this desperate fight to reach our target of 1000 Friends by not just forwarding this newsletter to your friends and family, but by contacting us and giving us their email addresses so that we can make them official Friends of the Band. You all like Major Grey don't you? You wouldn't want to see him upset and friendless would you? Think of the happiness that we get from having huge audiences at our gigs and send us email addresses!



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### **BECOME A FRIEND OF THE BAND!**

If you have received this Newsletter then you probably already are one! If you know someone who would like to become one also, then here's what they should do:

Simply email us at

[RMCband.publicaffairs@defence.gov.au](mailto:RMCband.publicaffairs@defence.gov.au)

Or fill in one of our yellow flyers when you come to  
**Music at Midday!**

**Don't forget our new target is 1000 friends in 2008,  
so get recruiting current friends!**

## 'Down the Track'

A large number of the Band's tasking includes engagements at Government House, Parliament House, The Royal Military College, Blamey Square and for a variety of organisations in the Canberra region. Our Public program for 2008 is below.

**APRIL 25**

**ANZAC Day**

**Dawn Service**

5:30am

National Commemoration Ceremony

10:15am

Australian War Memorial

**APRIL 29**

**Music at Midday**

11am and 12:30pm

Canberra Theatre

**MAY 11**

**Canberra International**

**Music Festival**

Old Parliament House

11am

Featuring the New RMC  
Steamboat Stompers

**MAY 17**

**Canberra International**

**Music Festival**

**Canberra Cantata**

Llewellyn Hall

6pm

Featuring the RMC Allstars Big Band

**MAY 25**

**Bombala Rotary Concert**

Bombala High School

2pm

**JUNE 7**

**Queen's Birthday Parade**

RMC Parade Ground

10:15am

**JUNE 7-8**

**Merimbula Jazz Festival**

Featuring the New RMC

Steamboat Stompers

**OCTOBER 2-3**

**Royal Military College**

**Beat Retreat/1812 Overture**

RMC Parade Ground

6pm

**Note – change of dates**