

From the President.....

Good day to you all! I hope the 2007 School Year is rolling along smoothly for you.

I have been remiss in not getting more activity for ABODA SA happening and am looking forward to some activity through this year and next! Read on!

The SA Yamaha School Band and Orchestra Festival is on again in August and at last the Repertoire lists for each division have been finalized. (See attached).

I have tried hard to combine some repertoire from previous years lists with some new publications that ensure quality repertoire.

**SA YAMAHA SCHOOL BAND and ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL – AUGUST 15/16/17 at WESTMINSTER SCHOOL.**

The ABODA committee has not met and this needs to change.

**The Committee will meet on Friday afternoon at 5pm on May 4th** at Wilderness School, Hawkers Road Medindie. Please make every effort to attend and get this organization moving.

For your information the current elected committee is as follows:

Darryl Pope (President);Kerry Hewett (Vice President);Keith Wilson (Treasurer – currently living in the UK);Hamish McDonald (Secretary – currently working in Pt Pirie);Cheryll Courtney (Trinity College); Sonia Radford (DECS IMS); Charli Holoubek (Blackfriars Priory College);David Shigrov (Trinity College).

**All interested members are welcome at this meeting.**

It is clear that more administrative help is required and I would like to invite any members to this meeting to help get some energy going. Obvious areas of need are – replacement Treasurer, Newsletter writer/editor, Professional Development Co-Ordinator. Any offers of help gratefully received!

**ABODA – To Prosper or Perish??**

Many of you would have noticed that the biennial Conference or “ANBOC” as it is known did not happen last year. It was supposed to be in Sydney but due to a litany of problems did not go ahead. There will be an ANBOC included with the very large Music Conference in Maryborough in Queensland this year in July. There is pressure on me at a National level for SA to run an ANBOC next year in 2008 in July!

A scary thought but perhaps that is exactly what is needed to get the profile and activities of ABODA up and running well in SA???? I will want to discuss this at the meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. It is envisaged that a professional Event Organiser would be engaged to do most of the admin and organization.

A Print Newsletter from ABODA Victoria will be in the mail to you within a week.

Please support ABODA in SA and help us get it off it's knees and up and running.....