

## MR STEVE WALTER

Musical Director (2005-Current)



### PHILOSOPHY

*"Sing loud unto the heavens, tread soft upon the earth"*

### BORN

Born in Bendigo in 1962 (Yes I know that is a long time ago!)

### FAMILY

Married to Alison  
Breanna born 1995, Erica 1997 & Nicholas 2000

### JOINED

2004

### MAIN INSTRUMENT

Trombone

### OTHER INSTRUMENTS

Cornet & Euphonium

### FAVOURITE MUSIC

Music: Orchestral  
Composers: Tchaikovsky and Mahler  
Band piece: Year of the Dragon (Phillip Sparke)  
Rock bands: Midnight Oil and Queen

### FIRST MUSIC

First lessons on Tenor Horn from my Father at Raymond Terrace Brass Band. (Dad was very patient!)  
Made "finals" of school talent quest playing "Edelweiss".

### MUSICAL BACKGROUND

- 1974** Study Cornet with Allan Humbley at Mayfield Salvation Army Church.  
Join Mayfield Salvation Army Brass Band on 2<sup>nd</sup> Cornet
- 1975** Begin High School – Newcastle High "The Annexe"  
Form school group with mates which we called "Vince Johnson and the Rubber Mangos". Two trumpets, (Myself and Mark Jackson) two trombones (Peter Brooks alias "Maynard" and Lewis?) and a drummer (Paul Beal). The group's success was based on the clever humour of "Brooksy" and the great drum solos by Paul.
- 1976**
- 1979** Switched to Euphonium because of my fat lips. i.e. I kept losing my lip on Cornet  
Studied 3Unit Music for HSC and won Scholarship at Salvation Army Music Camp
- 1980** Became Deputy Bandmaster at Mayfield under the mentorship of Ron Grice
- 1981** Commenced studies at Newcastle Conservatorium and N.C.A.E. (Teachers College)
- 1982** Completed Euphonium Studies with Distinction
- 1983** Switched to Trombone at Ron Grice's suggestion. (Thanks Ron!)  
Studied with Ron Prussing
- 1984** Completed B.Mus.Ed.
- 1985** Commenced teaching career at St Joseph's High School Aberdeen. (Why a catholic school? Because the department offered me Bourke! Smart move Steve.) Joined Waratah-Mayfield Brass as 1<sup>st</sup> Trombone player under Ron Grice.
- 1987** Became Musical Director of Muswellbrook Shire Concert Band

- 1988** Won Hunter Region Trombone Championship  
Muswellbrook Juniors won State “D” Grade Title
- 1989** Became Musical Director of Newcastle PCYC Brass Band
- 1990** Move to St Paul’s High School Booragul  
Directed PCYC’s winning East Coast Open Entertainment Concert performance.
- 1991** PCYC wins State junior “A” grade Hymn and Entertainment Sections in my last test with them.
- 1992** Waratah are National “B” Grade Champions  
Start playing trombone in church “soul” band.
- 1993** Waratah are State “A” Grade Champions and start Band at St Paul’s
- 1995** In my last contest with them, Waratah gets 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Nationals. Top “Aussie” band.
- 1998** St Paul’s make it “three in a row” at Abermain
- 2000** Direct “Jubilee 2000” Spectacular at Entertainment Centre
- 2003** St Paul’s band celebrates 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.