



## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CONDUCTOR BYO2**

The Bundaberg Youth Orchestra Committee is seeking Expressions of Interest for the position of Conductor of our training orchestra, known as BYO2.

The candidate for this position would be working with young musicians who are developing their ability on their instruments, assisting them to learn to play as part of an ensemble and rehearse together in an orchestral setting.

### ***About the orchestra:***

Bundaberg Youth Orchestra No. 2 functions as a feeder to our senior orchestra. BYO2 members are offered membership after a one-month trial period in rehearsals, and are expected to be able to sight read at a reasonable standard. They should play competently at a minimum of Gr. 2 AMEB standard (although completion of examinations are not a requirement for membership). Members are expected to have some knowledge of key signatures and time signatures and have a minimum knowledge of several basic scales and the ability to tune.

Members of BYO2 develop knowledge of the fundamentals of orchestral repertoire including familiarity with works by major composers and performance of arrangements suitable for their individual playing standards. During rehearsals in BYO2 members learn the basics of music theory, rhythm, dynamics, learn to play in tune with others, and develop an understanding of the expectations for public performances including performance etiquette.

### ***Essential attributes for this position:***

The candidate for Conductor of BYO2 is expected to have experience as a conductor of instrumental ensembles. The candidate should also have the ability to arrange music for orchestra as required including adapting parts for instruments i.e. transposition, simplification etc. A limited budget is available for the purchase of new music after discussion with the committee. The candidate would choose suitable repertoire, and work within the constraints of variations in playing standard and the limitations of a mixed ensemble often made up of an uneven balance of instruments. Flexibility is essential. Experience as a music teacher/instrumental specialist desirable but not required. Ability to confidently supervise members under 18, engage with their parents, and maintain high standards of conduct in the orchestra is a requirement of this position.

### ***Role and responsibilities:***

The Conductor of BYO2 is required for rehearsals on Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 pm to supervise the set up of the rehearsal room. Rehearsals take place during state school term times (with some variations during Eisteddfods but usually approx. 35 rehearsals per year on average). Rehearsals for BYO2 run from 3:45 pm to 5:00 pm at St Luke's Anglican School Performing Arts Complex.

The BYO2 Conductor is paid an honorarium, equivalent to about \$70 per rehearsal/once per annum for each rehearsal attended, **however much of the role of all of the Conductors of BYO is undertaken on a voluntary basis**. Attendance at performances, workshops, and other events planned for BYO2 by the committee, as well as weekly scheduled rehearsals, is an expectation. The BYO Assistant Conductor will cover rehearsals if the BYO2 Conductor is unable to attend due to work commitments, or unexpected events such as illness, but reasonable notice is required. BYO2 undertakes public performances at least 2-3 times a year, including at our end of year Prom Concert scheduled annually in November. Other performances are organised by the BYO Committee with the Conductor as opportunities arise for the members.

The Conductors are also members of the Bundaberg Youth Orchestra committee and are expected where rehearsal commitments permit to attend meetings, and actively engage with the committee in seeking opportunities for the orchestra. Conductors are expected to support the mission of the Bundaberg Youth Orchestra to provide opportunities for our members to learn orchestral repertoire to a high standard, develop the confidence and playing standard of all members of the orchestra, encourage a supportive and collaborative environment and enable the members of BYO2 to develop the skills and maturity of playing they require to become members of the senior orchestra.

As most of our members are under 18 years of age conductors and committee members of BYO **must** hold a current Working with Children Blue Card, or if registered teachers the exemption card must be obtained.

The Conductor of BYO2 is also supported by a Rehearsal Manager from the committee to assist them in providing supervision before and after rehearsals, to check attendance, and follow up any issues that may arise during rehearsals. It is also expected that the BYO2 Conductor work closely with BYO1 Conductor and BYO Musical Director Robert Rotar including but not limited to collaborating on programs, assisting in rehearsals for BYO1 at times and providing support in workshops etc.

### ***How to apply:***

Expressions of interest in the form of a cover letter outlining relevant conducting experience and any other information addressing the criteria forwarded to:

The Secretary, Bundaberg Youth Orchestra Committee

via our e-mail address: [byo.committee@gmail.com](mailto:byo.committee@gmail.com) by 24th December 2022. Interviews for this position will be held in January prior to the commencement of rehearsals.

All enquiries should be sent to our email address or call our mobile contact 0408544173.