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Dear All

The following are points to assist in your preparations to attend the inaugural Australasian Open.

- **Accommodation**

The Outrigger Twin Town Resort, attached to the Twin Towns Services Club where the Australasian Open is being held, has the following accommodation available and discounted accommodation rates for any bands who wish to stay at the resort. They will however need to contact **Erica Selinger** (Group Accommodation Co-ordinator) as early as possible via email twintowns.conf@outrigger.com.au or phone 07 5506 6281 to ensure availability of preferred accommodation. The resort is already quite heavily booked. Please find resort fact sheet attached, details of accommodation currently available are detailed below.

Deluxe room - Hotel style room with two queen sized beds in the same area with a kitchenette and bathroom. The rate is \$150.00 per night for one person (single share) or \$165.00 per night for two people (double / twin share). Complimentary buffet breakfast included each morning.

1 Bedroom Suite - Fully self contained accommodation with a king split bed (King bed that can be split into two single beds) in a separate bedroom to the living area, balcony, full kitchen facilities, laundrette and bathroom. For a stay of one or two nights, each suite would cost \$184.00 per night, room only.

2 Bedroom Suite - Fully self contained accommodation. Bedding configurations vary slightly but generally have a King split bed (King bed that can be split into two single beds) in each bedroom. All apartments have a separate living area, balcony, full kitchen facilities, laundrette, ensuite and main bathroom. For a stay of one or two nights, each suite would cost \$239.00 per night, room only.

2 Bedroom Dual-key suite - Two rooms that interconnect to make up a 2 Bedroom. Both rooms have separate key entry and interconnect via a small foyer area. One side of the suite has a king split bed (King bed that can be split into two single beds) in a separate bedroom to the living area, balcony, full kitchen facilities, laundrette and bathroom. The other side of the suite is slightly smaller and is similar to a hotel style room it also has a king split bed. Also contains a kitchenette, bathroom and balcony. For a stay of one or two nights, each suite would cost \$239.00 per night, room only

In the 1 & 2 Bedroom Suites should you require any of the king beds to be split into singles an extra fee of \$10 per bed would incur. The buffet breakfast can be included in your apartment reservation at a discounted rate of \$15.00 per person, per day. Provided that it is pre booked when the apartment is reserved.

Alternatively, there are other accommodation options in the area including:

<http://www.lasvegasmotorinn.com.au/index.htm>

<http://www.southtweedmotorinn.com.au/index.html>

and others.

- **Air Travel**

Bands are strongly urged to secure air travel to and from Coolangatta (depending on your City of departure/return) or Brisbane as soon as possible, as the Gold Coast Indy also occurs on the same weekend.

- **Player Registration**

In order for the task of processing the hundreds of individual registrations, and producing the identification cards to proceed smoothly and efficiently, players intending to attend and perform at the Australasian Open are ***strongly urged*** to register on-line as soon as possible. The cost is \$15 for 12 months if players register ***before 30 August 2008***. ***After this date player registrations will cost \$25.***

For bands who are choosing to pay the \$15 membership fee for each player, individuals are still required to register on-line. Their registrations will be approved and activated once payment has been received.

Could band administrators please direct players to the following link to register as members of the Federation of Australasian Brass Bands - <http://www.fabb.com.au/registration.html>

- **Tentative Schedule**

Friday 24 October

- Bands arrive at Coolangatta
- 7.30 – 9.30pm – Opening Function for all bands and players in the Stars Function Room and Bar, overlooking the Tweed River. Finger Food complimentary, drinks on sale. The ***draw*** for the order of performance of the bands for both events will take place at 9pm.

Saturday 25 October

- Commencing approx. 1.00pm - The Australasian Open. Bands perform a 2 minute warm-up (optional, not adjudicated) followed by the set Test piece. Closed Adjudication.

Sunday 26 October

- Commencing approx. 12 noon – The Australasian Entertainment Open. Bands produce a themed 30 minute program including one brass soloist (slow melody) and one non-brass soloist. Open Adjudication.
 - Approx. 8pm – Announcement and Presentation Ceremony to the 2008 Australasian Open Champions.
 - Following the presentation ceremony, the Stars Bar will remain open.
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- **Submission of Entertainment Program**

Bands are strongly urged to submit their concert programs to FABB administration as soon as possible.

Bands are asked to submit their **Theme before 30 June, 2008**, at Twin Towns Club request, to assist in the production of suitable promotional material.

The deadline for **detailed programs is 30 August, 2008**. Further specifications e.g. lighting/micophone requirements will be requested in due course.

Details must include the title of each item, the composer and arranger (if applicable).

No one item of music will be repeated over the course of the days entertainment. Bands may play their chosen items subject to a 'first in' basis. For example, if band B submits an item of music to play that has already been chosen by band A, who has submitted their program to FABB *before* band B, band B will be asked to choose another piece.

The entertainment program needs to:

- Of maximum duration 30 minutes
- Include a **slow melody** by a **brass member** of the band
- Include a **non-brass soloist** by a **FABB registered** member
- Themed
- Compere – optional at bands discretion

- **Test Music**

The Test Music will be announced in July in consultation with the Federation of Australasian Brass Bands Music Advisor, Professor David King.

- **Percussion**

Because of the limitations placed upon FABB by the Venue Management, timing will be extremely 'tight' between bands performances.

Bands are asked to use the percussion equipment as supplied by FABB.

A detailed list of the percussion equipment which will be supplied, and the proposed stage placement, will be distributed to bands soon after the announcement of the test selection.

Any additional equipment not on the supplied list, will be the responsibility of individual bands.

It is proposed that the percussion will be set up early enough to allow ample time for percussion players to familiarize themselves with the gear. More details of this timing will follow.

- **Twin Towns Specifications (including Stage Plan)**

Twin Towns Stage Plan and Specification Sheets attached. Please take particular note of the Stage Area as on-stage space is limited.

- **Rehearsal Areas**

The Twin Towns Club and Resort are extremely busy centres at this time of year. As such, the functions rooms which may have been suitable as rehearsal areas, are already booked for other functions.

However, there may be small windows of opportunity for bands to use certain areas – particularly in the mornings.

For enquiries regarding the availability of function rooms to be used as rehearsal space they will need to contact either Chrissie Thomas c.thomas@twintowns.com.au or Megan Varker m.varker@twintowns.com.au or phone 07 5536 2277.

There will be **no** opportunity for bands to rehearse in the showroom for either of the events – test nor entertainment program.

Bands are strongly urged to be aware of this limitation and to organize adequate rehearsal prior to arriving at Twin Towns. Of course, bands may independently choose to source rehearsal areas outside of the Twin Towns complex.

Possible alternative rehearsal venues nearby include:

<http://www.cooltweedgolf.com.au/>

<http://www.scu.edu.au/about/index.php> - Tweed Heads Campus

Generally, <http://www.tweedcoolangatta.com.au/>

- **The Bands**

- Brisbane Brass - Australia
 - Brisbane Excelsior - Australia
 - Footscray Yarraville City Band - Australia
 - NZ Community Trust Woolston Band - New Zealand
 - St. Kilda Brass – New Zealand
 - St. Mary's – Australia
 - Waitakere City Brass – New Zealand
 - Waratah Brass – Australia
 - Warringah Concert Brass - Australia
 - Willoughby Brass – Australia
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- **The Adjudicators**

- Steve Bastable
- Barrie Gott
- Ken Young

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact either rick rick@fabb.com.au or myself admin@fabb.com.au

Thank you,

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