

**CENTRAL COAST CONSERVATORIUM of MUSIC
MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Dear Staff, Tutors, Members and Friends of the CC Conservatorium

Last week I notified Members of our Association (CC Conservatorium) of a forthcoming Special General Meeting to be held on Monday 23 February in the Robert Knox Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

The Board needs your support to ensure the future stability of your Conservatorium. It is vital you attend the meeting on 23 February and offer us your vote of confidence, or provide us with your proxy vote by this Monday 16 February 2015.

As a result of a review of the Conservatorium's management and administration, a restructure of operations was announced late last year. The restructure was implemented following an independent expert review and a review of the operations of a number of regional Conservatoriums to ensure that your Conservatorium is 'fit for the future': financially sound, operating efficiently and with the right resources and facilities to deliver and grow a wonderful music education program. For more information on the restructure click on: <http://www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/special-announcements>

A small number of members who are opposed to the recent management restructure of the Conservatorium have called the meeting on 23 February to replace one or more members of the Board, with the aim of undoing the management restructure.

You need to be a current registered member to vote.

Whilst the registered Members of our Association received notification of the meeting a number of people who thought they were members have approached Conservatorium staff and Management Committee members asking about the meeting and why they had not received notification.

Those of you who have filled out the on-line enrolment form, or the paper version, this year, would have indicated in a box on the enrolment form, whether you want to be a member or not. Unfortunately it was not made clear the importance of membership of the Association.

If you simply re-enrolled you may not have been aware of your membership status. For clarification I have included an extract from our Constitution relating to membership at the end of this letter.

If you are uncertain of your status I urge that you send an email to Robyn Wand, a member of the Management Board who has been given responsibility for membership issues. She will clarify your status and confirm membership. robynwand@gmail.com

Reason for the Special General Meeting

As mentioned above, the meeting on 23 February is to address concerns a small number of members have about the restructure and other matters which they raised in their request. *It is their intention to move a motion of no confidence in one or more members of the Board.* In essence, such a move could destabilise the Conservatorium and undermine the restructure that has been put in place to ensure your Conservatorium is 'fit for the future'.

The Management Board of the Conservatorium is made up of dedicated volunteers with many years' skill and experience, who bring a valuable mix of skills and perspectives including education, business and law. We also have several professional musicians on the Board, and two members are also adult music students of the Conservatorium. To find out

more, please visit:

<http://www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/management>. Click on the pictures to read their biographies.

As a member you play a vital role in the governance and stability of our wonderful organisation. I urge you to support the Board and the future stability of the Conservatorium by coming along to the meeting on 23 February and giving us your vote of confidence

If you can't attend the meeting, please sign the proxy vote form attached, giving your vote to the President of the Management Committee, and send it to The Secretary, Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, 45 Mann Street, GOSFORD, NSW 2250, no later than 5 pm Monday 16 February 2015.

Proxies may also be emailed to the Secretary at:

11 Jenny Lane

FOUNTAINDALE NSW 2258

Or scan your signed proxy and email it to cheskybell@gmail.com

Feel free to contact me with any queries on 0424 634 900, or email me at peter_brandon61@yahoo.com.au. Otherwise, please write to me c/- the mailing address above.

Yours sincerely

Peter Brandon
President

Membership clause from the Constitution

There are three types of members:

- a. Ordinary Members
- b. Honorary Life Members
- c. Committee of Management Members

...a person is qualified to be a member of the association if the person is a natural person who;

d. Has applied in writing to become a member AND is a fully financial enrolled student (entitled to individual tuition) of the association or where that person is less than eighteen years of age at the enrolment date the nominated guardian of such person PROVIDED THAT where two or more members of the one family unit are enrolled having paid a single enrolment fee, then only one person shall be eligible for membership from that family unit.

Please Note:

Under the current Constitution, employees and contractual staff who meet the requirements of section d above can be a member of the Association.