ANNUAL COAST WORKSHOP – March 1-2 2008
SAWTELL BEACH CARAVAN PARK

- For all AYSTO, AYWTE, AYO players: Registration included in membership fee
- Music and fun for players and their families
- Intensive Tutoring and rehearsals, concluding with a concert
- Accommodation for families in cabins or camping
- Siblings of similar playing standard but not members of AYO/AYSTO/AYWTE welcome to register
- Please let us know if you have space to transport or accommodate other players
- Book accommodation Ph 6653 3910

From the President-
Welcome back!
We look forward to working with our conductors for 2008- Graham Howard, Cathy Archer, Margaret Howard and Chris Garden.
The calendar for 2008 is already filling up. Please make a note of performance and workshop dates to ensure your availability.

Australian Youth Orchestra Quartet in Armidale
We are lucky to have this talented and exciting group work with us at rehearsals during first term and as tutors at the Coast workshop, March 1-2. Make sure you are there.

The Garden Party Sunday April 6, 12 noon
A Concert performance by all ensembles followed by luncheon in the beautiful autumn garden of Rosemary Leitch

Sydney Youth Orchestra visit Saturday April 12
The workshop and concert will be an opportunity to experience playing with a much larger orchestra.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2008
(Includes Sawtell workshop)
AYO:- $100.00; AYSTO/AYWTE:- $50.00

ADMIN CHANGES due to the amalgamation with NECOM
New mailing address - PO Box No 1313
Please make cheques payable to “NECOM – AYO”

Fundraiser-Garden Party
12 noon Sunday April 6
Tickets Adults $32, Children $17, Family $80,Concession $25
(Players free, lunch provided)
Limited availability - Bookings essential 67727203
AYO Council 2008  Nomination form inside
President & Vice- President still needed

The AYO is run by a sub committee of the New England Conservatorium of Music called the Council. It is made up of parent volunteers, the conductors of the ensembles and two Life-members of the AYO, Wendy Huddleston and Sue Metcalfe. Council positions are President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Officer, Sponsorship Officer, Fundraising coordinator, Music Librarian, Equipment officer and Grant submission writer. All positions on the Council are declared vacant each year and nominations called for new members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting held at the Coast workshop weekend at Sawtell, 9.30 Saturday morning.

At present we do not have nominations for President, Vice-president, and Equipment officer. If you know of someone who may consider these positions please contact Lyn 67714689 or Ros 67721113.

Reminder of the conditions of membership
As a member of the Armidale Youth Orchestra I agree to abide by the current policies and rules of the organisation, including

- participation in AYO activities, namely concerts, workshops and excursions,
- being punctual for rehearsals,
- attending rehearsals regularly, and apologizing when not able to attend,
- commitment and attention during rehearsals,
- cooperating with requests for assistance with orchestral organisation,
- participation in an ensemble at my school.

AYSTO

Welcome to AYSTO in 2008. Rehearsals will be in G31 of the Old Teacher’s College. The rehearsal starts at 4.15pm so players need to arrive from 4pm to set up and be tuned so they are ready to start at 4.15pm. Punctuality at rehearsals was excellent in 2007 so let’s keep it up.

The annual weekend at Sawtell is coming up on 1st/2nd of March. It is a great weekend and very beneficial for the whole ensemble if all members attend the camp. If any families are not able to bring their musician to camp, remember that there are often other families who have space for 1 or 2 more people in their cabin and would love to help out by accommodating someone whose family cannot attend this time. It is a great way for players to get to know each other better. Talk around the orchestra or let me know.

Also, please note the date of the Garden Party (at which the AYSTO will be playing) on Sunday 6th April.

This year, I would like any players who need to miss a rehearsal or other event to let me know either at a rehearsal or by phoning me as soon as possible. I really appreciate the courtesy of such communication and it allows me to organise rehearsals and to distribute parts between players more optimally.

See you Tuesdays at 4.

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