



SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER, 2026

CLANCY AUDITORIUM UNSW KENSINGTON

START TIME		EVENTS	ADJUDICATOR
1	8:45am	Wilbur Sampson, Robert McAnally	Joan Thorp
2	10:40am	Joe Cook, Robert McAnally	Joan Thorp
3	12:45pm	Wilbur Sampson, William Lovelock	Gerald Steinmann
4	2:15pm	Ed Wilson	Gerald Steinmann



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WILBUR SAMPSON

Wilbur Sampson was a well known Sydney musician whose career began with the Salvation Army. He was a tuba player in the ABC Military Band and was a well known arranger and orchestrator.

He started composing film music in 1949 and received much help from American film composer, David Butolf. Films for which Wilbur Sampson wrote include: *Smiley Gets a Gun*, *King of the Coral Sea* and *Dust in the Sun*. We wrote all the music for the *Walkabout* television series which was screened in Britain and other countries. He also composed a song, *Christmas Candles*, which was a big hit in America after being recorded by the Andrews Sisters.

Wilbur Sampson tragically died at age 44 of cancer, leaving his wife, Phyllis and 11 children. Later, record earnings from royalties, mainly from overseas, were a windfall to his deserving family.

An indication of the esteem in which Sampson was held was the large crowd which attended the benefit concert given in the Cinesound Studios at Bondi Junction.

Photo supplied by Wilbur Sampson's daughter, Marie Hambleton, who currently resides in Qld. In her covering letter Marie wrote, 'Dad was a particularly humble man who would be thrilled that he should be remembered in this way.'

The SBF is proud to keep alive the memory of another great Australian musician.



ROBERT H. McANALLY

Robert H. McAnally was undoubtedly the most prolific Australian composer/arranger of music for bands, particularly brass bands.

His early musical career began with the Salvation Army, and he later became conductor of the New South Wales Tramways Band. He was one of the founders of the now defunct New South Wales Bandmasters' Association based in Sydney. He wrote many difficult marches, including *Implacable*, *Indomitable*, *The Spitfire*, arranged *Waltzing Matilda* as a march and composed a programmatic march for the opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge in 1932 entitled *Triumph of Industry*. On a visit to London he

was honoured to see the Massed Guards Band march down The Mall playing his march *The Spitfire*, which was inspired by the Spitfire pilots of the Second World War.

When the ABC established its National Military Band in 1934 it was McAnally who auditioned the players from all over Australia and brought the band together for the arrival of Colonel H.E. Adkins – director of the famous Kneller Hall Military School of Music in England. McAnally spent most of his life in Sydney and died in Albury. Cliff Goodchild OAM



JOE COOK

Joe Cook commenced his music making in 1961, learning the euphonium in St Marys, New South Wales and then studying trombone at the Canberra School of Music. He has performed and recorded with a range of musical groups including the Tasmanian, West Australian and Melbourne Symphony Orchestras, Hawthorn City Brass (Australian Champions), and has won many Australian Solo Championships on euphonium and trombone, including the 2001 and 2003 Ern Keller Australasian Solo title and the 2003 Australian Solo Champion of Champions title.

In 2000 Joe retired from the Australian Army Band Corps as a Captain after 23 years service (which included the last six years as Music Director of the Australian Army Band Tasmania) and has settled permanently in Tasmania.

He presently freelances as a performer, instrumental teacher, music composer/arranger and his recent original works include the contest march, *Keighley Moor* (used by the YBS Band as a signature tune), the concert march, *Taskforce* and many arrangements for band including the flugelhorn solo, *Body and Soul*, recorded by the Grimethorpe Colliery (UK Coal) Band and well-known titles such as the movie theme, *The Man from Snowy River*.

PLEASE NOTE

This program order is indicative only and is subject to change to ensure the smooth running of the Festival. Parents and supporters are strongly urged to enter the auditorium as soon as your school's ensemble has been taken to the warm-up room.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

These insert pages detail the ensembles which will be performing this weekend only. For a full list of all ensembles playing at this year's Festival please look towards the back of the main program which can be picked up in the foyer or downloaded from our website.

Wilbur Sampson & Robert McAnally *events*

ADJUDICATOR - JOAN THORP	8:45am	RESULT
Wilbur Sampson Primary School Concert Band Event		
Crestwood Public School Junior Band - Garry Clark		
Lane Cove West Public School Training Band - Jamison Houchell		
Epping West Public School Training Band - Christine Pringle		
Middle Harbour Public School Training Band - Luis Madrid		
Neutral Bay Public School Junior Band - Ray Hampton		
Normanhurst Public School Training Band - David Sismey		
Robert McAnally Primary School Concert Band Event		
Crestwood Public School Senior Band - Garry Clark		
Lane Cove West Public School Intermediate Band - Stephan Schafer		

Joe Cook & Robert McAnally *events*

ADJUDICATOR - JOAN THORP	10:40am	RESULT
Joe Cook Primary School Concert Band Event		
Normanhurst Public School Concert Band - David Sismey		
Crestwood Public School Concert Band - Garry Clark		
Neutral Bay Public School Senior Band - Luis Madrid		
Middle Harbour Public School Senior Band - Ray Hampton		
Lane Cove West Public School Senior Band - Stephan Schafer		
Robert McAnally Primary School Concert Band Event		
Balgowlah Heights Public School Senior Band - Emma Clain		
Matthew Pearce Public School Intermediate Band - Garry Clark		
Beecroft Public School Intermediate Band - David Sismey		

Wilbur Sampson & William Lovelock *events*

ADJUDICATOR - GERALD STEINMANN	12:45pm	RESULT
Wilbur Sampson Primary School Concert Band Event		
Balgowlah Heights Public School Junior Band - Ray Hampton		
Beecroft Public School Training Band - Tim Ferrier		
Matthew Pearce Public School Junior Band - Garry Clark		
William Lovelock Primary School Concert Band Event		
Beecroft Public School Concert Band Event - David Sismey		
St Ives North Public School Senior Concert Band - Luis Madrid		
Balgowlah Heights Public School Concert Band - Ray Hampton		

Ed Wilson *event*

ADJUDICATOR - GERALD STEINMANN	2:15pm	RESULT
Ed Wilson Primary School Big Band Event		
Beecroft Public School Stage Band - Tim Ferrier		

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