



## MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016

Armidale Youth Orchestra  
Armidale Youth String Orchestra

includes AYO Sinfonia  
and AYO Sinfonic Winds

The Armidale Youth Orchestras offer music students from 8 to 21 years a weekly program during term with peer mentoring, advanced performing opportunities, master classes with professional performers, and above all a chance to share the love of music making with other young musicians from Armidale and beyond.

The Armidale Youth Orchestras  
New England Conservatorium of Music  
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## **Armidale Youth Orchestra (AYO)**

50 member symphony orchestra

Entry level:

Yr 7, Audition and AMEB levels apply

Strings: AMEB Grade 5 or Trinity Grade 6

Winds: AMEB Grade 3/4 or Trinity Grade 4/5

Typical age: 12 to 20 years

Rehearsals:

Tuesdays during school term 4:00 - 6:00pm at  
NECOM

Concert uniform:

AYO shirts (Please order directly from ACE  
embroidery in the mall)

Black pants/skirts, black shoes

Musical Director:

Warwick Dunham

Mb: 0417 210 509



## **Armidale Youth String Orchestra (AYSO)**

40 member string ensemble

Entry level:

AMEB Grade 2 AMEB or Trinity Grade 3 with  
written teacher recommendation.

Typical age: 9 to 15 years

Rehearsals:

Tuesdays during school term 4:00 - 5:10pm at  
NECOM

Concert uniform:

AYSO T-shirts loaned for performances

Black pants/skirts, black shoes

Conductor:

Joanne Fairs-Wu

Mb: 0418 340 729



## **AYO Sinfonia/AYO Symphonic Winds**

Advanced String Orchestra/Advanced Concert Wind Ensemble

In the second half of the year, AYO splits into two ensembles for the second half of their rehearsal. This allows conductors to expand on specific instrument skill development and repertoire. An invitation will be sent to specific advanced players of AYSO to join this group in Term II.

Rehearsals:

Tuesdays during school term 5:15 - 6pm at  
NECOM from Term III

## **AYO Committee**

Chair:

Caroline Downer  
caronige@aapt.net.au

Secretary:

Jennifer Leske  
armidaleyouthorchestras@gmail.com

Treasurer:

Sara O'Neill  
slmcneall@gmail.com

While AYO is incorporated into NECOM, the organisation remains financially and organisationally self-administered. It relies on volunteers for committee roles as well as for support and contributions from parents and guardians for management of concerts and activities. Please consider how you could help.

### **Child Protection Policy**

The New England Conservatorium and AYO ensembles are committed to providing a safe environment for children. All staff and conductors undergo the Working with Children Check and are familiar with the requirements of the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act. For a copy of our Child Protection Policy and Code of Conduct, please contact the NECOM front office.

### **Supervision & Care**

AYO provides supervision of students in the rehearsal/concert rooms during the advertised times. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure their child is delivered and collected punctually to the tutorial or concert room before and after rehearsals and concerts. AYO does NOT take responsibility for supervision outside rehearsal and concert rooms/times.

## **Sawtell - 27-28 FEBRUARY 2016**

Each year the AYO ensembles and families travel to Sawtell Beach for a wonderful weekend of music making. This is an essential component of AYO's program for the year.

Please note that there is car pooling available and often beds available in family cabins. Please see the form.

### **VENUE:**

Sawtell Beach Caravan Park (AYSO)  
Sawtell Public School, 32 Eleventh Avenue Sawtell (AYO)

### **REHEARSAL TIMES:**

AYO: SAT 8:30-4:30pm; SUN 8:30-11am  
AYSO: SAT (Sawtell Beach Caravan Park) 9-4:30pm; SUN (Sawtell Public School) 8:30-11am

### **REGISTRATION**

AYO 8am Saturday Sawtell Public School  
AYSO 8:30am Saturday Sawtell Beach Caravan Park Recreation Hall

### **CONCERT:**

Sunday 11:30am Pack-up/Finish Sun 1pm

### **ACCOMMODATION:**

- Sawtell Beach Caravan Park - cabins, on-site vans or camping sites. Book early on 6653 1379 or 1800 200 111. Check out time strictly 10am.
- Alternatively, motel and other accommodation is available at Sawtell, including:
- Sundeck Flats 6653 1064 ; The Coasters Motel and Holiday Units 6653 1541; Beach Haven Motel 6653 1659; Boambee Bay Resort and Units 66532700; Sawtell Motor Inn tel 6658 9872

### **LEISURE**

- Parents need to ensure the safe transit of the children to and from Sawtell School. This is not the responsibility of the Conductors/tutors.
- The AYO cannot legally accept responsibility for any players during break times and on the Saturday evening. Players and their families are requested to behave in a considerate and courteous manner towards other Park patrons.
- All parents are also invited to gather for a cuppa during break times. (There is a roster of helpers for morning and afternoon teas). All families are welcome to join in the BBQ on Saturday evening beginning at 6.00pm. Please bring all your own supplies and salad to share. All players and families are also invited to the Saturday night fun 7:30-8:30pm.

### **WHAT TO BRING**

- Instrument
- Folding stand CLEARLY LABELLED
- Pencil and eraser
- Pegs for securing music
- Casual clothes
- Swimmers and towel
- Slice or cake to share for morning and afternoon teas
- Salad to share for Saturday Family BBQ (BYO meat, drink, nibbles etc)

## DIARY DATES

Application and enrolment in an AYO ensemble requires a commitment for the entire year (HSC students are to negotiate schedules with the conductor). Seating arrangements in the orchestra may reflect attendance at rehearsals.

Applicants must consider their ability to attend rehearsals, workshops, and concerts. Please text your conductor if you will be absent for any rehearsals.

### Dates for 2016

Updated schedules are on AYO website: [www.armidaleyouthorchestras.org.au](http://www.armidaleyouthorchestras.org.au)

<b>Armidale Youth Orchestra Dates 2016</b>		
<b>Term 1</b>		
Rehearsals commence	Tuesday 2 February	All
Memberships fees due	Tuesday 9 February	All
SAWTELL Weekend	Sat 27 Feb & Sun 28 Feb	All
Final rehearsal Term I	Tuesday 29 March	All
GARDEN PARTY	Sunday 3 April (TBC)	All
<b>Term 2</b>		
Rehearsals commence	Tuesday 5 April	All
Possible visit Canterbury College	29/30 April/1 May	AYO
Armidale Eisteddfod	24-26 May	AYSO
Foundation String Concert	Tuesday 14 June	AYSO
Final rehearsal Term II	Tuesday 21 June	All
New England/NW Tour	Fri 24 June to Sun 26 June	AYO
Junior Orchestra Workshop - NECOM	Wed 29 & Thu 30 June	Yrs 3-8
<b>Term 3</b>		
Rehearsals start (+Sinfonia/Symph Winds)	Tuesday 19 July	All
Walk Through the Orchestra	Tuesday 23 August (TBC)	AYO
AYSO Daytrip	Tuesday 30 August (TBC)	AYSO
Auditions AYO and AYSO	20/21/22/23 September	All
Final rehearsal Term 3	Tuesday 20 September	All
<b>Term 4 2013</b>		
Rehearsals commence	Tuesday 11 October	All
New England Sings	15/16 October	AYO
Final rehearsal Term 4	Tuesday 8 November	All
GALA CONCERT	Sunday 13 November (TBC)	All

## HOW TO APPLY

Auditions held in September and November each year. All new and current AYO members must complete audition form (at NECOM office).

After audition notification/acceptance, complete membership form by 10 February 2016. (Early Bird incentive by 1 Feb). All membership must be paid prior to the Sawtell weekend for insurance purposes.

### Fees for 2016

Our player fee policy can be downloaded from the AYO website.

Membership fees are essential to assist with insurance, administration, equipment and music hire costs, tutorials, conductors and cover the tuition cost of the Sawtell music weekend.

**PAYMENT METHOD BY CHEQUE/CASH OR DIRECT DEPOSIT ATTACHED TO THIS FORM.**

**NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES.** Cheques Payable to AYO.

Please note NECOM office closed until 18 Jan.

**DIRECT DEPOSIT AVAILABLE: PLEASE REFERENCE WITH Child's Surname and First Name**

NECOM - AYO

BSB: 932 000

Account no: 700 870 (700870S3.1 for internal transfers from another NECU account)

Due 10 February 2016

**Players who pay in full by 1 February will receive a 10% early payment incentive.**

Orchestra	1st child	2nd child (less 20%)	3rd child (less 40%)
AYO	280	238	196
AYSO	185	157	130



# REGISTRATION FORM

Player Details:

Orchestra:                              AYO                              AYSO

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

School (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Year (2016): \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Student mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Level: \_\_\_\_\_ AMEB/Suzuki/Trinity

Years of study on instrument: \_\_\_\_\_(years)

Name of current teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Details (of school age players):

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Given name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to player (mother/father/guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (BH): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (AH) : \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents are valued members of this organisation. (Please circle if you can help)

- Helping at concerts
- Newsletters
- Committee
- Moving equipment
- Workshops
- Web Hosting/Design
- Other please specify.....

Photo/Film Agreement (if under 18):

I do/do not give permission for my child to be photographed or filmed during rehearsals/performances.  
I understand that the film/photographic material may be used for publicity purposes including social media and website.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary requirements/allergies: (Please list)

\_\_\_\_\_

## Sawtell Workshop

I will be attending the Sawtell Workshop in 2016 yes / no NB

I will be travelling with \_\_\_\_\_

and will be staying with and supervised by \_\_\_\_\_

If not with parents, Medicare Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Health Fund Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Contact details Tel \_\_\_\_\_ Mb \_\_\_\_\_

OR

**I can offer ..... players transport to Sawtell**

**I can offer ..... players a bed in my family's cabin**

Player's Agreement:

I am aware I have the following medical conditions which may require urgent medical attention or supervision during workshops and or rehearsals:

\_\_\_\_\_

As a member of an Armidale Youth Orchestra ensemble I agree to;

- abide by the current policies and rules of the organisation
- participate in the AYOs (AYO AYSO, AYWE) activities, namely concerts, workshops and excursions,
- be punctual for rehearsals,
- attend rehearsals regularly and send an apology in advance when not able to attend
- be attentive and cooperative during rehearsals

If attending Sawtell, I am aware that:

- I may not swim at the lagoon without adult supervision. The Surf Beach is only available for swimming when patrolled and with adult supervision.
- if travelling and staying with other AYO families, I will be considerate and cooperative and respect the family "house rules".

Players's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN this form to NECOM no later than TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY with payment:

Early Bird incentive finishes 31 Jan

PAYMENT METHOD BY CHEQUE/CASH ATTACHED TO THIS FORM, OR DIRECT DEPOSIT.

**NO CREDIT CARD FACILITIES.** Cheques payable to Armidale Youth Orchestra.

Please note NECOM office closed until 18 Jan.

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Cheque/Direct Deposit \_\_\_\_\_ (Date paid)

Received by: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_