

**HOBART OLD TIME STRING BAND
GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE BAND AND MEMBERSHIP**

The Hobart Old Time String Band (HOTSBS) aims to provide an opportunity for its members to play American old time, hillbilly and related instrumental music using mostly acoustic stringed instruments. We are a community band that performs regularly at private functions, community events and festivals.

The HOTSBS is an Incorporated Association with an active elected Committee that manages the administration of the band. Our website provides extensive information about the band, our activities, Constitution and archive material (www.hotstringband.org.au).

Non-Members - Visitors and casual players are welcome to attend practices, paying a \$5 nominal contribution towards hall hire. Casual players are generally not able to participate in performances (see Member information below).

Members - We practice from 7.30 - 9.30pm on most Thursdays. You do not have to play to be a member, though playing music is our primary purpose. If you are interested in joining, please consider the following information and approach a Committee member if you have any queries.

There are no formal prerequisites to be a member, and all applications are considered by the Committee. Below are some general points about how the band and our music activities are managed.

- The Annual membership fee and hall hire is payable by 31st July for the coming year. The fee amount is set to cover our primary costs, including hall hire and public liability insurance. All expenditure can only be for the approved purposes of the band.
- Our AGM is held in September and all members can nominate to be on the Committee including for an Office Bearer position. All positions are subject to election, if necessary
- Only members have access to our email list (google group) and tune library.
- Performing members are expected to attend regular practices and to become familiar with the band repertoire. Attendance is especially important in the period prior to performances to ensure we properly present our band to the event organiser and audience, and that all players know the intended setlist and specific arrangements.
- We share our house-keeping duties, such as supper at practices and gig preparation.
- Members are not paid for their involvement and performance participation.
- The Committee may at times approve a discretionary nominal payment to members towards their costs of attending and playing at an event. Such a decision will consider specific event obligations and the overall financial situation of the band.

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF HOBART OLD TIME STRING BAND INC.

We, (name 1) of (address)

(sign and date)

and

(name 2) of (address)

(sign and date)

hereby nominate (name)

to be a member of the Hobart Old Time String Band Inc.

I, (name) of (address)

(email address) (phone number)

hereby consent to this nomination and agree to abide and be bound by the rules of the Association.

(sign and date)