

**NOMINEES** (5<sup>th</sup> March 2020): **George O'BRIEN** **Noel UNDERWOOD**

*Both Nominees meet the criteria for the award of Life Membership of the Association:*

- HCB Association foundation member musicians (Oct 1995)
- Real gentlemen - recognised as our 'Elder Statesmen'
- Truly committed - with continuous attendance and ongoing involvement for 25 years
- Enjoy playing in the brass section in the Concert Band, George on Tuba and Noel on Euphonium
- Supportive and reliable members - an example to all other members
- Involved with the development of the Association of the Hinterland Community Band
- Assisted with establishment and development of the Mudgeeraba Music Centre
- Community minded citizens with interests and commitments over many years
- Over the years George and wife Denise, Noel and wife Alma, attended every performance, making a great team, providing strong support to the band.

**GEORGE O'BRIEN**

In his role as Head Master of Mudgeeraba State School, George was the first contact with former DoM, Vic Knowles and helped in the establishment of the HCB by offering to hold rehearsals at the School.

He is master of more than one musical instrument - playing tuba and multiple brass, with regular attendance at Anzac Day / Australia Day / and other civic events.

George is a military man - wearing the light horse costume for special occasions and – as the official bugler for 20+ years - plays the bugle at the Mudgeeraba RSL Anzac Day Parade.

He firmly believes in the discipline required to maintain an effective band. He at one time held the position of Band Major to keep us all in order but admitted the job became increasingly difficult, influenced by the new society standards that had more relaxed attitudes towards discipline.

He is a modest man of action - with a unique presence and considerable warmth. He is admired by all who have had the pleasure to work and play in his company.

**NOEL UNDERWOOD**

Noel has been an active member of both the Concert and Swing Bands through the entire life time of HCB. He is always happy to help the less experienced players.

In addition to playing Euphonium in the Concert Band he was a founding member, on Trombone, in the HCB based *Barry Post Swing Band*, later the *Monterey Big Band*, then with *HCB Swing Band*, retiring from that position in 2019. He is very artistic - able to play more than one instrument and has provided all the sign writing for the Bands.

Not many people would have known that Noel and his wife, Alma, could sing beautifully together.

He has played his part as a Committee Member and effective Grant Writer for HCB over the years, carrying out his role with great dignity, accuracy and knowledge. He is generally a man who observes the details and has always been a very good and capable member of the Association.

Band members are well aware that Noel is not afraid to wear very bright jumpers - yellow is often the colour. In fact Noel has a penchant for very smart dressing whatever the occasion, whether in uniform or casually dressed. He has what could be seen as an air of old world charm in his demeanour. He sets an excellent example at all times.