

Northern Composure Band Competition 20 Year Anniversary – Interview Guide

Background:

2021 marks the 20th year of the Northern Composure Band Competition.

To celebrate this milestone we are putting together a documentary-style video including photos and video from the last 20 years of the comp, as well as interviews from past participants.

We want to hear about your involvement in the competition and how it influenced you. Tell us about your experiences and any special memories from the comp.

Below are some questions we would like you to answer on video – either using your smartphone, or a video camera. You can video yourself or ask a friend or family member to film you.

Some notes on the video:

- Please film in landscape mode.
- Find a well-lit place to film – keep the light source in front of you rather than behind to avoid shadows on your face, e.g. have a bright window in front of you, not behind you.
- Answer questions in any way you would like – if you'd like to elaborate or speak on some other part of your experience in the comp please feel free, the questions are just a guide.
- If you're unsure how to answer a question below please feel free to skip it.
- Keep in mind we will be editing the final video, with responses inserted throughout

Questions:

Think of these questions as talking points and prompts, these are the topics we think would be good to cover, try repeat the question in your answer so it's clear what you're speaking about.

Introduction	<p>Give us a bit of background on who you are and your connection to the competition?</p> <p>Example: your name, what you do now, years you were involved in the comp, name of the band you were in (or if you were a judge/sponsor/photographer etc.), whether you ever won etc.</p>
Impact of the competition	<p>Tell us how your involvement in the competition may have impacted you / your passion for music?</p> <p>E.g. did your time involved in the competition foster a passion for music/creativity? Is your work now related to the music/entertainment industry? Do you still play music – either professionally or for fun? etc.</p>
Memories/ Experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do you have any stand out memories from your time involved in the comp?- Were there any funny/interesting stories from when you participated?- Did anything go wrong during your performance? Did you play it off?- What did you learn from competing in Northern Composure?- Who did you compete with? Are you still mates?
General thoughts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- What advice do you have for bands who might be nervous about performing?- What advice do you have for people competing in the future?- Do you have any other general thoughts about the comp? E.g. is it something you'd like to see continue in the future?- Why do you think it's important for small band competitions like this to continue?

Returning the footage:

Please send your video to matt.wyatt@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au. If the video file is too large to email, you can place on a USB and we can organise delivery, or you can use a cloud storage platform such as [Dropbox](#), [Google Drive](#), [OneDrive](#) or [iCloud](#) and share the video using the email above, send us a link to download the video.

If you have any photos or video from your involvement in the comp, please also send these through so that these can be included in the video.

Thank you!

Thank you for taking part in our 20-year anniversary video for the Northern Composure Band Competition! We look forward to telling this story.