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*YOUR FACILITATOR FOR THE CONDUCTORS RETREAT  
– MR EDDIE CLAXTON*

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Eddie Claxton was involved in music and the UK Band scene since the age of 9. As a young player, he was an active member of County Wind and Brass Bands, honing his skills as a trumpet cornet player. After leaving school, Eddie successfully auditioned into the Band of Her Majesty's Coldstream Guards, where he spent more than 25 years as a featured soloist, leader of the Dance Band and member of the Band and Orchestra.

Whilst still serving, Eddie managed to find time to train and conduct local brass bands, gaining much success in the field of contesting at both local and National levels and was also in demand as a guest conductor and adjudicator.

In 1999 Eddie retired from the British Army and he and his wife and two children migrated to Australia. Since arriving in Australia, Eddie has been an active member of the Sydney Brass Band movement, both as a player and conductor. He took the Liverpool Brass Band to 4 State Contests, and is currently the Musical Director of the Yagoona District Band. More recently, Eddie has been appointed Musical Director of the recently merged South West Sydney Brass, who have achieved success at National and local contests and they also have participated in numerous public performances. Within the last year Eddie has also become a playing member of the very popular Fire and Rescue Band NSW. Again, donning a 'red' tunic, however, this time without the bearskin hat.

After spending more than 50 years in the music industry, Eddie is passionate about giving back to the local community and was delighted to develop the material and to be facilitating the first in a series of NSW Conductors Workshops.

The content of the workshops is aimed at new and aspiring conductors. The sessions are designed to be interactive and a fun. The key focus is on sharing and learning from each other.

Thank you for signing up for the program and we look forward to hosting you at the event.