



Federal activity

It's a busy time at Federal Office with a number of new projects starting and some ongoing projects coming to fruition. We look forward to the release of a new Oboe syllabus along with Grade books and a Technical work book in November this year.

We also look forward to the release of a new series of Piano for Leisure books (Series 4) in November 2017. The Consultant for these books is well known piano teacher and blogger, Tim Topham. Tim brings a fresh approach that will provide an exciting new series with some great new material from Preliminary to Grade 8.

One major project we are working on in 2017 is the development of a new platform for our online theory exams. Online theory exams have been delivered since 2010 and AMEB is at the very forefront of this internationally. As time passes technology changes and we are aware that the platform we use is becoming less functional in the current technology environment. Changing this platform is a huge IT project for AMEB and we appreciate you bearing with us as we work through this year and look forward to a new software

implementation from 1 January 2018.

Recorded accompaniments (Preliminary to Grade 3) for Cello, Clarinet and Saxophone are all due for release soon. The AMEB MyTempo app is undergoing a major upgrade that will improve the functionality of the app and address issues that have been raised by users.

AMEB is proud to be sponsoring the biennial Australasian Piano Pedagogy Conference to be held in Adelaide in 2017. As part of that sponsorship AMEB is giving away two conference passes via our Facebook page – one drawn on 12 May 2017 and one drawn on 26 May 2017. It's free to enter – just go here: <https://www.facebook.com/AustralianMusicExaminationsBoard>

Every day brings us one day closer to our 100th anniversary as a national organisation

and we look forward to a number of exciting events as part of that milestone including the release of a book written by Rita Crews celebrating the first 100 years of AMEB.

**Bernard Depasquale, General Manager
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Australasian Piano Pedagogy Conference

10-14 July 2017 (See attached)

New Prizes:

AMEB Composition Prize

AMEB Student Accompanist Prize

See pages 17 and 18 of the

2017 Teachers' Handbook (SA & NT)