



June/July 2005

SACB Important dates:

- **Thursday 14th July 7pm**
Massed Bands' Concert Rehearsal
Kingston City Hall
- **Sunday 17th July 11.30am**
Final Rehearsal. All band members required to attend.
Kingston City Hall
- **Sunday 17th July 2pm**
"10th Annual Massed Bands Concert"
Kingston City Hall
- **Sunday 30th October 2pm**
Concert for the People
Kingston City Hall

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Anyone is welcome to participate or listen in at our rehearsals

Rehearsals:

Moorabbin Girl Guide Hall

Dane Road,

Moorabbin. (Opposite IKEA)

Southern Area Training Band:

Monday Nights 6.00-7.00pm

Southern Area Concert Band:

Monday Nights 7.30—9-30pm

From the President....

Well, our Annual May concert is now over, the audience surveys have been processed, and by all accounts yet another very successful event for SACB. I have compiled the surveys and here are some of the more interesting results:

- 56% of our audience heard about the concert through our audience mail-out, followed by band members at 13%, and then Word of Mouth at 11%.
- 51% of our audience rated our selection of music as excellent, followed by 44% who rated our selection as good.
- 31% of our audience thought the quality of our performance was excellent, followed by 43% who rated the quality as very good.
- 78% of our audience rated our concert as good value for money, with 20% of the audience believing that our concert was worth more money.
- "My Fair Lady" was the big winner with 14 people listing at one of their favourite pieces on the day, followed by "And All that Jazz" with 11, followed by "Dam Busters", "Cole Porter" and "The Best of Bond" coming in equal third with 7 votes.

Congratulations to all of the band members for their support on the day, the committee for making it all happen, and a very big thank you to all of our volunteers that play such a huge role in making the concert's flow on the day. It is also important to remember to thank the City of Kingston for their continued support through the special arrangement with the hall hire, which allows us to perform two of these concerts each year

We now look forward to and start planning our annual "**Concert for the People**" on **October 30th** at the Kingston City Hall, but already planning and rehearsal is very much under way for the annual City of Kingston **Massed Bands Concert**. This year, this extravaganza, showcasing all of the bands sponsored by the City of Kingston, is to be held at the **Kingston City Hall** on **17th of July**.

Darryn.

ABSENCES

Should you be about to experience **prolonged** absence from rehearsal or are unable to attend rehearsal close to a concert then please do not hesitate to get in contact with your section leader.

Please make sure that you have your section leaders' contact details. If you are unsure as to whom your section leader is, please ask someone in your section or a member of the committee.

PARKING AT THE HALL

Could **ALL** members and visitors please refrain from parking inside the gated area at the hall, unless you are:

- a) Unloading/loading percussion
- or**
- b) Genuinely disabled and require closer access.

This is for the safety of all. Thank you.

Southern Area Training Band

By: Jeremy de Korte, Director SATB

The Southern Area Training Band continues to grow and settle as the players (and conductor) get used to the routine of rehearsal and new music. While only meeting for an hour each week the Training Band has already taken on a life of its own and developed its own personality. Who would have thought that an initially tiny group of musicians, could make as good a sound as they are at the moment?

Already the members of the Training Band have their favourites in the limited range of music that we are currently rehearsing. What's interesting to note is the 'instrumental' differences in the choice of favourite pieces of music. Ask the percussionists what they want to play and its stuff with a rock beat, the woodwind and brass however like stuff with a bit of melody. Still, all sections of players seem to be getting along well and are working together. Hopefully more music will be purchased soon so that we might find something both sections like – at the same time.

Enquiries are still being fielded about the Training Band and there is still a standing invitation for anyone who is interested to come along and have a blow or hit. There is still room for more musicians in the band. With the Training Bands first official performance being arranged for October, a bigger band would be great. I have no doubt the Training band will cement its place in the scheme of things and that the musicians feel part of the musical community that is Southern Area.

Enquiries regarding the Training Band can be directed to Mr. Jeremy de Korte on
0419 599 639

NEWS FROM AROUND THE BAND

FAREWELL...

It is with a heavy heart that Southern Area Concert Band farewells one of its own.

Jessica Spiccia, who has been a member of Southern Area for more than 10 years, has indicated that she will be relocating to Canberra for a job at the end of this month and as such is no longer able to participate in the band's activities.

We would like to take this chance to thank Jessica for the time and effort that she has put into the band as both a player and more recently as a committee member as well, it has been gratefully appreciated.

We wish Jessica all the very best in her new position and future endeavours and hope that she will return to visit us whenever she is in Melbourne.

BELATED WELCOMES TO...

Southern Area Concert Band would like to formally welcome two new members, Annieke Griersmith and Alan Clarke who are both joining our Saxophone section.

We hope that they will find their time with the band both positive and rewarding.

Southern Area gratefully acknowledges the support of Kingston City Council who provide assistance to the band.



Kingston City Council

Southern Area is a committed member of the Victorian Bands' League.



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The Last Committee Meeting in Brief:

- *Car Park* is to be only used for percussion and genuinely disabled - this motion was passed for the safety of all.
- *Cadbury Freddo Fundraiser* was given the go ahead 50 boxes of varying flavours having been ordered to sell by members of the band.
- SACB will be in the *Yellow Pages* next year, taking up a free advert in both the Metropolitan and local versions.
- *Discussion* was held regarding Kingston City Council's Summer Arts Series.
- Information regarding the *Massed Bands Concert* was presented.

Visitors are always welcome to attend and observe committee meetings - all opinions are welcome. For details for when and where, please talk to any committee member.

Committee minutes are always available for reading in the band room.

CHOCOLATES!!!



Southern Area is again selling chocolates; these boxes of Freddo varieties are now available from most of our members.

There are a number of varieties available including *Caramello Koalas*, *Peppermint Twin packs*, *Strawberry Twin Packs*, *White Chocolate* and the ever important *milk chocolate freddos*, these thoroughly **yummy** treats are priced at a reasonable \$1 per twin pack or giant Koala/Frog.

For details or to help out with this fundraiser please call Kate Hubbard on 9773 1019.

Southern Area Concert Band
together with
Moorabbin Brass Band, Mordialloc Brass Band & Chelsea Concert Band
combine to bring you the:

“10th Annual Massed Bands Concert”

An exciting concert featuring the bands of the City of Kingston
concluding in an awe-inspiring finale featuring all the bands!

SUNDAY, JULY 17th 2005
Kingston City Hall
985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin (Melways Ref 77D5)

Concert Commences 2pm. Doors open at 1.30pm

Free Entry

Bands Around Town

- **Saturday 2nd July, 7.30pm**
Manningham Concert Band together
with Croydon Wind Symphony.
Luther College Ringwood.

- **Sunday 10th July 2pm**
Stonnington City Brass
Afternoon Tea Dance
Pahran Town Hall

- **Monday 25th July, 12pm**
Royal Australian Air Force
Big Band “Force 10”
BMW Edge, Federation Square

- **Sunday 7th August**
Grainger Wind Symphony
present “Sneak Preview”
St. Stephens Anglican Church
Cnr. Richmond Terrace & Docker St.
Richmond
Tickets: \$20 Adult, \$15 Concession,
(Group discounts are available)
Ph. 03 9397 6532

The last word...

We of Southern Area Concert Band sincerely hope that you will join us for our up and coming concert with other bands supported by the City of Kingston. We promise an entertaining afternoon that will be long remembered. Details are supplied in the advertisement above.

Any parties interested in joining our band are invited to attend any of our rehearsals. These are held on a Monday night between 7.30pm and 9.30 pm at the Dane Rd. Guide Hall, Moorabbin (Opposite IKEA). Listeners are also welcome at any time.

Alternatively if you are a returning or beginning musician, Southern Area Training Band may be for you, this band practices on a Monday night between 6pm and 7pm, also at the Guide Hall in Moorabbin.

“Newsbeat” is to become a bi-monthly occurrence, look for your next copy of the newsletter in your mailbox at the beginning of September.

If anyone would like to contribute advertisements or articles for “Newsbeat” please feel free to contact me either in person, via email, or even by mail, suggestions are also more than welcome.

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