



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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Welcome to our first NewsBeat of 2015!
We have already had a busy start to what is shaping up to be another fantastic year of performances. Next up is our annual May Concert, this year featuring music from wartime, inspired by the 100th anniversary of the Great War.

Important Dates:

**2:30pm Sunday
17 May, 2015**

Annual May Concert.
“Music from the Battlefields”
Kingston City Hall

**2:30pm Sunday
24 May, 2015**

Training Band in Concert. “Movies, Marches and Memories”
Kingston Arts Centre

26 July, 2015

City of Kingston Massed Bands.
Kingston City Hall

15/16 August, ‘15

State Band Championships.
TBA, Ballarat

20 September, ‘15

Annual September Concert.
Kingston City Hall

From the President...

It has been an extremely busy time for all the bands since our last newsletter. We faced a few challenges with our Music Director, Darryn Wright, having to be interstate with his work for much of the last 8 months, but it is a testament to the band how well we faced it and have come out even stronger.

While Darryn was away, Evgeny Chebykin conducted both the Concert Band and Training Band at the State Championships. Training Band placed second in their category by only 3 points (1 point behind in each of their three pieces), which was a fantastic effort given they only started competing in 2013. The Concert Band once again were winners of their category. Both bands performed very well on the day.

Just after our wonderful September concert, Assistant Conductor Jenny Corcoran took a leave of absence from band, moving to France to teach English. We are looking forward to her return later this year. Following Jenny’s departure one of our young members, Nicole Marshall, offered to help out with conducting the band. She did such an amazing job that we have now officially appointed her Assistant Conductor (you will get to see her during our upcoming May concert, alongside Darryn).

Our upcoming May concert titled “*Music from the Battlefields*” will be at Kingston City Hall on **Sunday 17th May, 2.30pm** will delight everyone in the audience with music from Holst, Sousa and Williams, and from War Horse to Star Wars. All tickets available at the door from 1.30pm (credit card facilities will be available). Tea/coffee will be available after the performance for a gold coin donation.

Not only will the Concert Band be having a May concert this year, but our Training Band are also having their inaugural May concert. “*Movies, Marches and Memories*” will be held on **Sunday 24th May, 2.30pm** in the Theatre at the Kingston Arts Centre. Tickets for this concert will be \$5 and will be available at the door and at the Concert Band performance the week prior.

Every year at our Annual General Meeting we bestow the Craig Seymour and Nancy Ovenden perpetual trophies. These awards are presented to selected Training Band and Concert Band members, respectively, for their bandsmanship qualities. This year they were awarded to Matthew Nguyen from Training Band and Tracy Tulloch from the Concert Band (both French horn players!). They were very deserving of these awards. Congratulations to them both.

It is already shaping up to be a busy year for the organisation. Hope we will see you at our upcoming performances.

Fiona.

We are always recruiting new band members. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining one of our bands please contact Darryn on the details overleaf or if you prefer, come along to one of our rehearsals and have a play.

Photos from our recent performances:



Above: Our Concert Band and Training Band combined performance at the Melbourne Zoo.

Right: The combined Training Bands of Southern Area Concert Band and MoJo at the City of Kingston Massed Bands Concert.



Below: Kingston Massed Bands combined performance alongside Chelsea Concert Band, MoJO and Moorabbin Brass.



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Details of all our upcoming performances (and past ones) are on our website www.sacb.com.au. There are pictures and even a few sound clips also for you to enjoy from past concerts.

Rehearsal Details:

Southern Area Concert Band:

Monday nights from 7.15pm – 9.30pm

Southern Area Training Band

Monday nights from 5.45pm – 7pm

Rehearsal Venue:

NG Wishart Senior Citizens Club
964 Nepean Highway & cnr Exley Dve
Moorabbin (Opposite Spotlight), Melways Ref: 77 D6

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