



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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Welcome to our July NewsBeat! Following our two successful May concerts, both the Concert Band and Training Band are preparing to compete in the Victorian State Band Championships as well as perform in the 20th annual City of Kingston Massed Bands Concert. Thank you again for your continued support.

Important Dates:

26 July, 2015

City of Kingston
Massed Bands.
Kingston City Hall

15/16 August, '15

State Band
Championships.
TBA, Ballarat

**2:30PM Sunday
20 September, '15**

Annual September
Concert - A
*Kaleidoscope of
Sound*
Kingston City Hall

**12 noon Sunday
8 November, 2015**

Performance in the
Rotunda – including
the combined bands
of Southern Area
Concert Band,
Southern Area
Training Band and
Parkdale Secondary
College
Melbourne Zoo

From the Music Director...

As 2015 passes the half way mark the band is, as always, just as busy as ever preparing for a multitude of events scheduled for between now and Christmas.

The first of these is the 20th Annual City of Kingston Massed Bands Concert. This year's concert will be on July 26th at the Kingston City Hall, commencing at 2:00PM. We hope to see all of our audience and supporters at the concert as it will be the last performance of the Massed Bands in its current format. 2016 will be the dawning of a new era for the massed bands concert, so watch this space for further updates as things develop.

Following the Massed Bands performance we will continue with our involvement in the Victorian Bands' League's State Band Championships in Ballarat in August. Again for 2015 both the Concert Band and the Training Band will be competing in their respective grades and I know that both ensembles will do the organisation proud. Unfortunately we can't yet give definite date and time (although we do know that it's the weekend of August 15 and 16) as the program for the weekend is not completed until all entries are received. We should have a definite date in the next week or so, which will be posted on the events page on our website.

Already we have commenced rehearsing music for our 2nd annual September concert after the change to the new month last year. Our theme is *A Kaleidoscope of Sound*, and as usual the repertoire is wide and varied with a nice mix of some old favourites and some exciting new music. So keep September 20th free and join us once again at Kingston City Hall from 2:30PM as we share just another small selection from the band's ever-expanding music library.

And finally (well, for today at least), our annual Zoo performance will be on November 8th from noon. This year we have invited both our Training Band and our friends from Parkdale Secondary College to join us for the performance so once again it should be a fantastic day.

In amongst all of this there are a few other projects potentially in the pipeline and we'll release further details as they are finalised, but all in all a pretty busy second half of 2015 to look forward to.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Massed Bands Concert on July 26th.

Until next time...

Darryn.

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.

EXCITING NEWS: The SACB Committee is pleased to announce that the Southern Area Training Band is now under the baton of Conductors Jacinta Ewers and Nicole Marshall. We are sure the band will thrive under their direction, with an exciting program of performances coming up in 2015. If you are a beginner musician, or thinking of dusting off your instrument, now is a great time to join our Training Band!

Photos from our recent performances:



Above left: The flute section from our Concert Band enjoying the festivities whilst performing at the Mordialloc Rotary Club *Gnome and Fairy Festival* in March.

Above right: The saxophone section from the Southern Stars Stage Band (book our Stage Band for your next function!)

Below: Assistant Conductor Nicole Marshall warming up the Concert Band in preparation for our May Concert.



For all your instrumental needs, please visit our friends at Brass and Woodwind - 572 North Rd, Ormond.

www.brassnwoodwind.com.au

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
Moorabbin. (Melways Ref: 77 D6)

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