



Southern Area Concert Band

# NewsBeat

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**Welcome to the first NewsBeat of 2016!**  
**Following our weekend-long band rehearsal camp in February, the bands are sounding fantastic! We are now busy preparing a wonderful repertoire of music for our upcoming performances in May.**

## Important Dates:

**2:30PM Sunday  
15 May, 2016**

Concert Band:  
Annual May Concert  
– ‘Our Favourite Things’  
Kingston City Hall

**2:30PM Sunday  
22 May, 2016**

Training Band:  
Annual May Concert  
Kingston Arts Centre

**14 August, 2016**

Training Band and  
Concert Band:  
Victorian State Band  
Championships.  
Her Majesty’s  
Theatre, Ballarat

**2:30PM Sunday  
18 September, ‘16**

Concert Band:  
Annual September  
Concert  
Kingston City Hall

## From the Music Director...

Welcome to 2016, and what a fantastic year the band has ahead of it.

After a well-deserved Christmas break, we started 2016 rehearsals on February 1st. It was very exciting to see such a large number of new members at the first and every subsequent rehearsal. We have not had a rehearsal so far this year with less than 42 members present, the band is sounding fantastic, and it allows me to look at more interesting repertoire for the band in 2016. Welcome to all of the new players, and we do trust that you will enjoy the Southern Area experience.

We have had a similar increase in the number of players with our extraordinary training band, and we look forward to hearing them play at their Annual May concert on May 22nd at the Kingston Arts Centre. We welcome all of the new training band members to the ensemble, and Nicole, Jacinta and I look forward to working with you all during 2016.

At our September concert in 2015 we circulated a survey to our audience asking ‘what are your favourite pieces that the band plays?’. Following this, we did the same with the players in the band. The end result is a repertoire for our May concert which spans a couple of hundred years, and over a dozen composers. We have already started rehearsing for the “Our Favourite Things” concert, which will be presented on May 15th at the Kingston City Hall. The band is already sounding superb and without giving anything away, I know that everyone in the hall will be absolutely delighted with the repertoire. The concert will start at 2:30PM, and we look forward to seeing our amazing supporters as we share a cuppa after the show.

Once again the concert band and our fantastic stage band provided entertainment for the Mordialloc Rotary Club’s Gnome and Fairy Festival on February 21st. This family event has grown each year since its inception in 2013. Estimated numbers this year was around 4000 people enjoying the activities and, of course, the bands. It was great to see the small children dancing to Sousa’s Liberty Bell.

Also in February, our stage band provided entertainment at the Mordialloc Big Bands Sunset Festival at Hazel Pierce Park on February 13th. Another great day and another great performance.

Looking beyond the first half of the year, the band will be performing at the State Band Championships in August, and will present our second major performance for the year at the Kingston City Hall on September 18th. I haven’t yet come up with a theme for the September concert, but as always we will endeavour to provide a fantastic show.

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.*

**Photos from our recent performances:**



**Above:** The Concert Band performing at the Mordialloc Rotary Club *Gnome and Fairy Festival* in February.

**Below left:** Our Music Director Darryn Wright conducting the Concert Band at the *Gnome and Fairy Festival*.

**Below right:** The entertaining Southern Stars Stage Band (book our Stage Band for your next function!)



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Details of all our upcoming performances (and past ones) are on our website [www.sacb.com.au](http://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  
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