

Southern Area Concert
Band Newsletter

January – April Edition
2007



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

Welcome to the New Year

I would first like to apologise for the lateness of this edition of NewsBeat but time once again got away from us. And secondly I would like to welcome you to the New Year with Southern Area Concert Band.

So far it has been a very busy year, as both our president and musical director will attest to later in the newsletter.

The last year was very productive with the band growing in numbers and our preparation to compete in this years National Band Championships, to be held in Melbourne.

I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has had a hand in helping the band out in the last 12 months in both organization, and even being a member of our audience at a our various play outs, without any of you, there would be no band at all.

Regards,

Shana

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**Anyone is welcome to
participate
or
listen in at our
rehearsals**

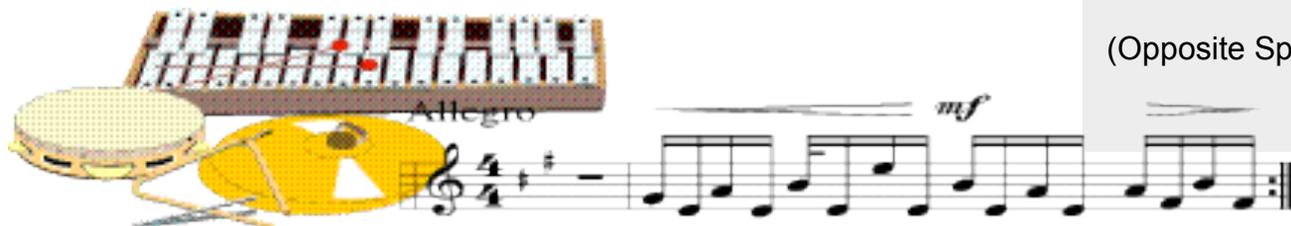
SATB Rehearse:
Monday Nights
6pm – 7pm

SACB Rehearse:
Monday Nights
7.30pm -9.30pm

AT

N J Wishart Centre
Nepean Hwy
Moorabbin

(Opposite Spotlight)



VALE

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Southern Area Concert Band's oldest member, Bert Sabin, who passed away in late December 2006.

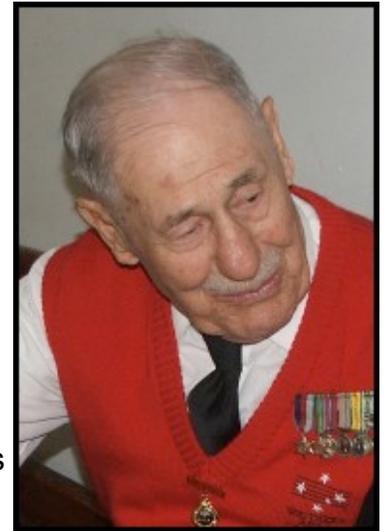
Bert was a member of the Band for more than a decade and was loved and appreciated by all his Band colleagues and indeed his audiences.

Right up until he was hospitalised following a fall from his bicycle, Bert was an active playing member of the Band.

Bert, as we found out, had led a full and active life having served his country for many years and had travelled all over the world. Indeed his first musical experiences involved playing in a dance band on cruise ships that served Sydney.

Bert's presence and his roguish improvising are missed from the SACB.

Good-bye Bert, Thanks for the memories.



News Around the Band

TRAINING BAND WELCOMES:

Bethany and Melinda who join us on Clarinet in the Training Band, also welcome to Liam, Patrena, Tamara, Jon and Robert.

CONCERT BAND WELCOMES:

Karen, Harry, Andrew, Tamara (again) Alison, Lauren, Melinda, and many more.

THANK YOU TO:

Those players that have volunteered their time to help us compete this year in the National Band Championships (Results are not known at this stage of writing)

Southern Area Training Band

Training Band has again kicked off for this year, and this year is shaping up to be another full and exciting year for the band.

The performance program for the band has been expanded. Not only are we looking forward to performing at the annual May and October concerts but in late May the band is combining with the Stonnington City Brass Training Band. This promises to be a great concert and will showcase the emerging talent that is coming through both training bands. This concert will be held at the Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre at Higgins Rd Bentleigh East at 2pm. Entry will be by gold coin donation.

May 27th 2pm
"Training Bands in Concert"
Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre
Higgins Rd Bentleigh

President's Report

The Band has settled into a very busy 2007 with many engagements coming up during this year.

We are very pleased to announce that **Darryn Wright**, who has been acting as our interim Music Director pending a permanent appointment, has now been appointed Music Director of the Band.

We recently conducted our annual Summer Sounds concert at the Sir William Fry reserve; Cheltenham and a most appreciative audience enjoyed a concert of different styles of music.

We are very grateful to Kingston City Council for sponsoring this Concert and it was lovely of Catherine Rinaudo from the City of Kingston to come along and support us.

The Band is entered in the B Grade division of the National Bands Competition to be held in Melbourne over Easter this year, so we are hard at it, perfecting our competition entries with extra rehearsals being scheduled. Our audiences will have the chance to hear some of the competition music in our upcoming May '07 Concert. Be sure not to miss this event.

Peter Northwood.

OUR NEXT PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY 13th May
2pm

"Concert for the People"

Kingston Town Hall

MD's Report



It was great to see such an appreciative audience at our "Summer Revival" performance last Sunday (February 25th), and even with the problem of the battery going flat half way through our second bracket and stopping the amplifiers from working, I consider the performance a great success. Thanks again to all of those who played, helped organise things and turned up to listen to the band!

2007 is looking to be another full year for the band with one performance out of the way already, two within the next 8 weeks or so and several others already planned for the latter half of the year. I appreciate all of the efforts by the players in their commitment to making sure that our performances are always well attended, making the band always sound at its very best, and to the efforts shown by members through attendance at rehearsals.

Personally, I am looking forward to a fantastic 2007, and hope to build on all of the successes the band has enjoyed over the past 35 years.

Darryn.

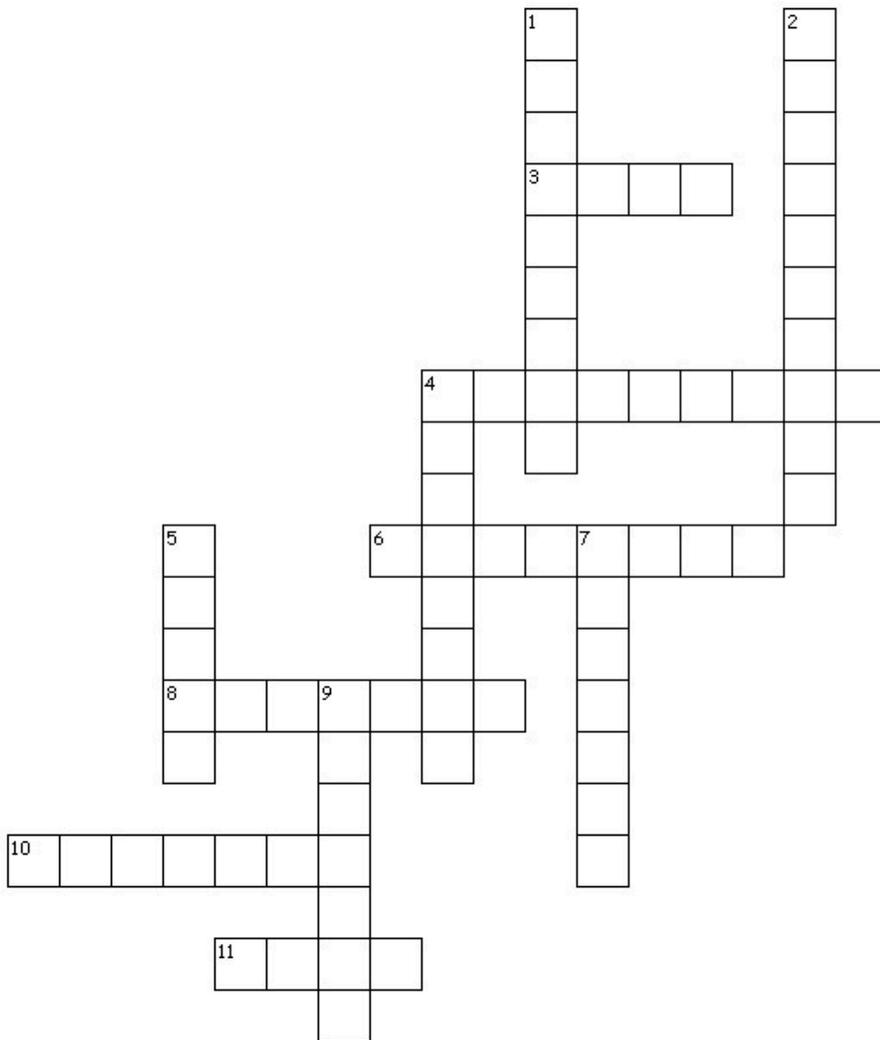
Annual General Meeting

The Southern Area Concert held it's Annual general Meeting on April 23rd at 7pm at the NG Wishart Centre on the Nepean Hwy in Moorabbin.

The meeting was a chance to hear how the previous year has gone, and make contributions to the next. It also involved the election of officer bearers for the year ahead.

There will be full round-up of the AGM including the names of new committee members in the next edition of "NewsBeat".

A little Fun – What instrument is that?



Across

- 3. An ill wind that nobody blows good.
- 4. Those arm movements must mean something
- 6. I like sliding around
- 8. Small but loud
- 10. This is a big drum
- 11. Can an instrument get bigger?

Down

- 1. Is this brass or woodwind?
- 2. 30 meters of tubing
- 4. These players like to smile when playing
- 5. A covert silver pea-shooter
- 7. A bundle of sticks