



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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Welcome to the first edition of Newsbeat for 2009. We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Important Dates:

Concert band rehearsals resumed
Monday Jan 19th

Training Band rehearsals resume
Monday Feb 2nd

Sunday Feb. 22nd
2.30pm
Parkdale Foreshore
(Opposite Parkers Road)

Sunday May 17th
2.00pm
Kingston City Hall
Combined performance with Bayside choirs

Sunday Sept. 20th
2.00pm
Kingston City Hall
Annual "October" Concert. Further details to follow

Sunday July 19th
2.00pm
Kingston City Hall
Annual Massed Bands Concert.

From the Music Director...

Congratulations to each and every band member for helping to make 2008 such a successful year for the band. Obvious highlights were our May concert with *The Choir of Hard Knocks*; our October concert where we were joined by the Southern Stars Stage Band and the Southern Area Training Band – just two other ensembles from within the Southern Area Family; and, of course, our annual involvement with the City of Bayside Carols by Candlelight at Dendy Park.

The success of these performances has again raised the bar for the band, and made my task as Music Director just a little tougher to ensure that we can continue to deliver our expected high quality performances to our valuable audience.

2009 is already shaping up to head in the right direction for this to happen. Already we have our first performance for 2009 booked at the **Parkdale Foreshore on February 22 from 2:30PM**. This outdoor performance will again feature Southern Area Concert Band and the Southern Stars Stage band, working on a theme of "Beyond the Sea". We look forward to our audience members joining us for a picnic in the park to welcome in 2009.

Later in the year, our annual May concert will feature the Southern Area Concert Band and the massed choirs of the City of Bayside, who will join us for a fantastic afternoon of choral music accompanied by the band, along with a few surprises thrown in for good measure. This performance will be at the **Kingston City Hall on May 17th from 2:00PM**. We hope to see you all there!

Since our last newsletter, Eve McLeod has been officially appointed as the new conductor for the Training Band, and we are beginning to see some really exciting things happen. Already Eve has led the Training band in three separate concerts in the second half of last year, so keep your eyes out for dates for the training band's next performances, as they would love your support as well. Eve has also now taken on the position of assistant conductor of the main band, and I look forward to working with her over the next few years.

I look forward to seeing all of our audience members at our various performances in 2009, and particularly look forward to working with each and every playing member of the band as we work on another successful year of community music making.

Until next time...

Darryn.

What the Band(s) have been doing:

The Annual Massed Bands Concert with Chelsea Concert Band, MoJo, Moorabbin Brass Band and ourselves was held on 3rd August 2008. Hopefully there were many of you there as it was a great performance. Each band was able to perform their own songs and then culminated with all 4 bands performing on stage together. There were over 100 people playing as one band. Not a sound that you can forget easily.



Darryn conducting the Massed Bands of the City of Kingston. August 3rd, 2008.

October 12th saw our "Southern Showcase". This featured Southern Stars Stage Band, Southern Area Training Band and Southern Area Concert Band. The Stage Band kicked off the show with some real toe tapping music to set the atmosphere, followed by our Training Band who showed the talent that we can look forward to in the main band over the next few years. The Concert Band came next with their variety of show tunes and marches and even a Beatles medley, with the finale being an absolute stand out performance with all three bands combining to play a Vera Lynn medley with vocalist Sam Palinkas. There was hardly a dry eye in the house.

November was a busy time for everyone. Not only having to start preparing for Christmas, but both the Concert Band and Training Band had separate performances. Mordialloc Secondary College had some of its students again join with the Concert Band to play at Melbourne Zoo on 9th November. The weather was fairly kind to the band this year. They played for 2 hours with plenty of spectators. The pupils from Mordialloc did a great job fitting in with the band, with some of them deciding to join Southern Area permanently. They have been a great addition.



Melbourne Zoo, November 9, 2008.



Training Band at Kingswood Primary School, November 21, 2008.

The Training Band performed at the Kingswood Primary School fete in Dingley. Luckily they were undercover (just) as it got very stormy towards the end of their performance. All the parents of both Training Band and Kingswood Primary really enjoyed the concert. As Darryn has already said Eve McLeod has been officially appointed to the role of Conductor for this band. She and the band seem to be progressing very well together.

December came so quickly and before we knew we were performing Christmas Carols at Dendy Park in Brighton. The rain almost kept the crowd away.... but a break in the weather and a fantastic line-up made the performance a great night. The band was joined by the choirs from Bayside (that we will be performing with again in May) and several soloists. Also in December several band members performed carols at Raynes Park and Cumberland View, and on Christmas Eve the band was once again playing at Beaumaris. It was a great way to end the year for the band.



Bayside Carols by Candlelight, December 9, 2008.

If you or anyone you know are interested in joining one of our bands please contact either Darryn or Peter on the numbers below, or if you prefer just come along to one of our rehearsals and have a play.

<p>Rehearsal Details: Southern Area Concert Band: Monday nights from 7.15pm – 9.30pm Southern Area Training Band Monday nights from 6pm – 7pm Rehearsal Venue: NG Wishart Senior Citizens Club 964 Nepean Highway Moorabbin (Opposite Spotlight)</p>	<p>Contact Details: President: Peter Northwood Mob: 0413 087 990 Music Director: Darryn Wright Mob: 0401 988 141</p>
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