



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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Welcome to the April 2009 edition of *Newsbeat*. This and all past editions of *Newsbeat* are available on-line at our new web site www.sacb.com.au

Keep reading to find out the exciting news about our May concert and the Wurlitzer Organ installed in 1968 in the Kingston City Hall.

Important Dates:

**Sunday, May
17th, 2.30 PM**

Annual May Concert
SACB combined
with *Vocally Wild*
and *Joyful Strains*
and featuring the
Wurlitzer organ.
Kingston City Hall.
Bookings on 9556
4440

**Sunday, August
2nd, 2:00 PM**

Annual Kingston
Massed Bands
Concert. SACB &
SATB.
Kingston City Hall.

**Sunday,
September 20th,
2.00pm**

Annual Concert for
the People.
Kingston City Hall

**Saturday,
October 17th,
7.30pm**

Big Band Boogie
Southern Stars Stage
Band Dance Party.
Bentleigh Secondary
College, Vivien St,
East Bentleigh.
Bookings 9593 1350.

From the Music Director....

2009 is off to a flying start, and you will see from elsewhere in this issue that we already have a busy year ahead of us for all three of our main ensembles.

Already the concert band and stage band have been out and about with our performance on the Parkdale foreshore in February for both bands, and with the stage band's involvement in the Inverloch jazz festival on the March long weekend.

Exciting news in that the band now owns its own domain name, and we now have a brand new website at www.sacb.com.au. Take a look and pass out the web address to your friends, family and colleagues and get us known in the big wide world. In the tradition of any good web site, this will be constantly updated with information for members and audience, so once you have had a look, make sure you come back to the site on a regular basis. If anyone (member or audience) would like to make suggestions or offer content for the website, please contact webmaster@sacb.com.au.

As you will have already read, or will have already been aware, our next major performance for 2009 will be our annual May performance at the **Kingston City Hall** on **May 17th at 2:30PM**. This year we will be joined by the massed choir with whom we work for the Bayside Carols each year, consisting of the voices from *Vocally Wild* and *Joyful Strains*. This will give us a choir of around 140 voices to work with which is exciting within itself. However, as a result of a chance meeting (as these things often are) we will also be featuring the fantastic Wurlitzer 1700 pipe theatre organ in the hall under the very capable hands (and feet) of Scott Harrison. Built in the 1920s, this organ is one of only four of its model ever manufactured by Wurlitzer, and the only surviving one in the world - needless to say, the organ is heritage listed. Join us on May 17th to hear what can be produced with 140 choristers, 40 musicians and 1 organ! Book now on **9556 4440** as tickets are selling already!!

Finally, congratulations to our new committee and new members onto the committee, and to our new playing members in the band!

Until next time...

Darryn.

Entertainment Books

The band is once again selling Entertainment Books in 2009. If you would like any information or to purchase a book please send an email to entbooks@sacb.com.au

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Monday 30th March. We would like to welcome two members to the committee - Leah Firestone as our publicity officer and Donna Fooks as a general committee member. We look forward to having both of them on the committee to help further improve the band's future.

What the Bands have been doing:

On Sunday the 22nd February Southern Area Concert Band and Southern Stars Stage Band performed at Parkdale Foreshore. The great music was only topped by the beautiful backdrop of the beach. Everyone that was there loved the performance, even the local residents sitting out on their balconies looked like they were having a good time. It was the perfect way to start the year.

On the day we raised close to \$300 for the Salvation Army Bushfire Appeal.



Our Stage Band performs at Parkdale Foreshore



Eve conducts at Parkdale foreshore

The long weekend in March saw the Stage Band head to Inverloch for the Jazz Festival. They performed first on the Saturday morning in the Community centre. The crowd were enjoying listening so much they even laughed at Darryn's jokes. The band enjoyed it so much they are already talking about going back next year.

The Stage Band is now preparing for their "Big Band Boogie" in October. A flyer is available on our website. There will be more information about this exciting event in a newsletter closer to the time.



Our Stage Band performs at Inverloch Jazz Festival, with Rosemary on Vocals.

Our Training band is rehearsing well. They will be once again doing a combined concert with Stonnington Brass training band later in the year. The only detail confirmed at this stage is that the concert will happen. Hopefully we will have all the details in the next issue of Newsbeat.

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 7.30pm – 9.30pm

Southern Area Training Band

Monday nights from 6pm – 7pm

Rehearsal Venue:

NG Wishart Senior Citizens Club
964 Nepean Highway Moorabbin
(Opposite Spotlight)

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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.