



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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Welcome to the final edition of News Beat for 2009. The Southern Area Family would like to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From the Music Director...

Important Dates:

**Tuesday,
December 8th
7:30 PM**

City of Bayside
Carols in the Park
Dendy Park,
Brighton

**Sunday,
December 20th
11:00 AM**

Christmas Carols on
the Green
Mentone Train
Station

**Thursday,
December 24th
7:30 PM**

33rd Beaumaris
Community Carols
Beaumaris
Community Centre

**Sunday,
February 21st
2010
2:30 PM**

Parkdale Foreshore
End of Parkers Rd
Parkdale

As another successful year draws to an end for Southern Area Concert Band, our members are still busy working towards a number of Christmas events between now and the Christmas Eve. As of today, we still have five more performances before the end of the year, the most significant of which (at least in terms of size) is our annual performance at the City of Bayside's Carols in Dendy Park on December 8th, commencing at 7:30PM. Bring a picnic and join us, and check out the other Christmas events we are involved in on the events page of our website.

It is with mixed emotions that the committee has this week announced that there will be some changes to the operation of our training band for 2010. On the sad side, it is with much sorrow that Eve Macleod has tendered her resignation from her position as training band conductor. Eve will be missed, but we wish her all the best for her musical future. On the flip side, we are pleased to announce that Mr. Trevor Cartwright has accepted the position of training band conductor. Trevor is a music educator with many years experience and is a former Music Director of Chelsea Concert Band. We wish Trevor all the best in his new role, and look forward to seeing the training band continue to improve into the future.

Although it is not commonplace to announce band members' birthdays through the newsletter, I would like to congratulate Nancy Ovenden – the band's original conductor and one of our five life members – who celebrated her 80th birthday in November. Nancy has been one of my personal mentors since my involvement in the band, and I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Nancy for her continued support over the past 13 years, particularly since I have taken on the role of Music Director. Thanks Nancy!

And last, but by absolutely no means least, it is fantastic to be able to announce that the decision has been made to take the band to Tasmania for a combined performance with the Derwent Valley and Burnie Concert Bands on the March long weekend of 2011! This trip will be one of the highlights of the band's 40th anniversary celebrations, and we will be starting fund raising for the event in earnest early next year, so watch this space. We will need the support of all of our members, members families and friends over the next fifteen months to enable us to raise sufficient funds to be able to do this, so watch this space!

I look forward to seeing all of our audience friends and some or all of our forthcoming performances, and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very happy 2010.

Until next time...

Darryn.

New band members:

We have been lucky enough to have many new members over the last 12 months. Welcome to all of you (and for some it is very belated!). It is always great when the band grows in number, as this invariably adds to the continuing quality of the band both as a musical ensemble, and as a social occasion.

Ruth Cowburn, Clare Emery, Leah Firestone, Betsy Foskett, Jay Gough, Zoe Heinrichs, Sally Hughes, Michael Jones, Andrew Leech, Rebecca Nixon, Fabrice Odefrey, Greg Redford, Alanna Richards, Jim Ziegeler and Caren Bode

What the bands have been doing:

Since our last newsletter all the bands have been extremely busy and with Christmas coming up it isn't going to be slowing down.

On Sunday 20th September the Southern Area family performed in the Annual Concert for the People. Southern Area Concert Band, Southern Area Training Band and Southern Stars Stage Band performed their own pieces followed by all three bands joining together as one band of about 60 people. It was a great showcase for the talent at Southern Area.

The Monash Philharmonic Festival was held on Saturday 10th October. The Southern Area Concert Band performed among many other great bands. Even though the band doesn't very often have to play in the morning, they did a great job. One of their best performances of the year. It is a great festival and well worth going to. Keep your eyes open for the date next year.

Southern Stars Stage Band held its inaugural Big Band Boogie on Saturday 17th October. They played to an audience of about 85 people (which the dance floor could only just cope with). There was a swing dance lesson included in the entry price. It was great to see everyone up on the floor learning how to dance to this style of music. A great time was had by everyone and there is talk of doing this again next year.

We travelled out to Ivanhoe to perform with Heidelberg Wind Symphony on Saturday 24th October. It was enjoyable for both band and audience to hear two very different bands play on the one night. Maybe next year we can find a band a bit closer to home to pair up with so you will be able to come.

Once again Southern Area Concert Band teamed up with Mordialloc College Senior Band to perform at the Melbourne Zoo on November 8th. The weather was great, the setting beautiful, the only down side was the lions trying to outdo us. We even helped a little girl celebrate her first birthday.

An invitation to play at St Peter's Primary School Fete on Saturday 14th November was accepted by Southern Stars Stage Band. It was a great opportunity for the band to show off its talent while helping a local primary school with its fundraising efforts. The audience was enjoying the music so much that they didn't want us to stop.

Photos from all these events are able to be viewed on our website at www.sacb.com.au/photos2009.shtml



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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
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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 above or if you prefer, just come along to one of our rehearsals and have a play.