

Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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2011 has begun well for SACB with our very successful trip to Tasmania followed up with our wonderful May concert with the choirs.

We are now gearing up for the State Championships in August, which will be great preparation for the National Championships in April 2012.

Important Dates:

Sunday July 31st-Massed Bands Concert with Moorabbin Brass, MoJO, Morrabbin Pipe Band and Chelsea Concert Band 2:00PM

Wednesday September 7 -Citizenship Ceremony, Kingston City Hall,

5:30PM

October 9, 2011 – Annual "Concert for the People", Mentone Girls' Secondary College, 2:00PM

October 16, 2011 -Fundraising event for Holcaust Museum. Time and venue TBA (Events Band)

December 13, 2011

- Bayside Carols at

Dendy Park,

7:30PM

A message from our President:

On the 29th of May we once again performed with the Joyful Strains, Vocally Wild Choirs and the Mighty Wurlitzer Pipe organ played by Scott Harrison with an afternoons entertainment of 'Of Stage and Screen' at the Kingston City Hall. Robert Dryden conducted the Choirs with his usual zeal and determination while Darryn Wright conducted our concert band with great fervour. Thanks to the organising committee and volunteers and of course the musicians and singers for coming together to stage a truly grand performance.

The City of Kingston has invited all the bands in the District to a massed band concert on the 31st of July at the Kingston City hall. This is a free event that is staged every year and must not be missed. The most exciting moment is when all the bands come together on stage to play, it is truly an amazing extravaganza of musical excellence.

This year the Southern Area Concert Band is competing in the State Championships at the Wendouree Performing Arts Centre at Ballarat on the weekend of 20th August. This is always a challenge to our musicians and certainly helps to improve our playing skills. Next year we will also be competing in the National Band Championships which are being held in Melbourne.

Not To Be Missed. We are celebrating our 40th Anniversary. On the 9th of October at the Mentone Girls Secondary College Auditorium we are staging a performance which will include all our Southern Area Family (The Concert Band, Stage Band, Events Band and Training Band). So please put this in your diary. We want you all to enjoy and share this experience with us. Keep an eye on the website and your mailboxes for booking details closer to the time.

In the Southern Area family of Bands there is a great deal of friendship and enthusiasm. We do not just come along to a rehearsal or performance out of dreary habit, but with a desire to improve our playing skills, enjoy the company of other musicians, and entertain the local and surrounding community with a wide variety of music. We are always on the outlook for other amateur musicians to come along and join us and realise what it is like to belong to such a vibrant group of players. If anyone is interested please visit our website: www.sacb.com.au or you can call me on my mobile 0438 754 579

Peter White

Fundraising: We have once again been very successful with selling the Entertainment books, raising approximately \$1000.

We are registered with Ritchies and Aussie Farmers Direct to receive a percentage of total sales a month with these companies.

If you would like any information about our fundraising please email fundraising@sacb.com.au

What the Bands have been doing:

As we have very widely publicised SACB went to Tasmania in March as part of our 40th Anniversary celebrations. The whole weekend was such a wonderful time for all the members who were able to attend. The boat trip there and back was a bit much for some but overall was thoroughly enjoyed by all. All the members from the Burnie Concert Band were very friendly and welcoming to us. The combined concert was a huge success with the two bands



receiving a standing ovation. It really was worth the hard work it took to organise the trip.

It was also a personally rewarding trip for our Music Director Darryn Wright as it was the first time his mother was able to see him conducting our band. She was thrilled to see him up there in charge of the band and got quite a surprise to hear him sing one of our pieces also.



On March 26th SACB were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to perform with David Hobson and Vocally Wild choir at the Beaumaris RSL. Hearing David sing 'The Holy City' with the band accompanying him was a sight and sound that was spectacular.

It was a great evening and having such a high profile singer perform with the band is always advantageous to the continuing success of the band

Sunday 29th May bought together again SACB, Joyful Strains, Vocally Wild and the Wurlitzer organ. As in past years this concert was enjoyed by the wonderful audience that keep coming back to see our concerts. The sight and sound of approximately 150 performers is always spectacular. It is always a pleasure to see the hard work put in to organising these wonderful events come to such a successful show.

Recruitment:

We are always trying to recruit new members. *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.*



For all your instrumental needs, please visit our friends at Brass and Woodwind - 572 North Rd, Ormond.

www.brassnwoodwind.com.au

Details of all our upcoming performances (and past ones) are on our website <u>www.sacb.com.au</u>. 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

964 Nepean Highway & cnr Exley Dve

Moorabbin (Opposite Spotlight)

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