

Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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The National Championships in April 2012 will be held at Sebel Albert Park and Citigate Conference and Hotel. SACB will be competing on Sunday 8th April (Easter Sunday). Time is still to be confirmed. Details will be sent to all of you when they are available.

Important Dates:

Tuesday December 13, 7.30PM

Bayside Carols at <u>Dendy Park</u>, <u>Brighton</u> Free Event

Saturday, December 24, 7:30PM

35th Annual
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Community Carols.
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Free Event

Sunday, 8th April, 2012 National Championships Sebel Albert Park and Citigate Conference and Hotel

Sunday, May 27, 2012 SACB's annual May concert. Shirley Burke Theatre.

A message from our President:

On the 20th of August this year we won the 2011 Victorian B grade Concert Band

Championships at the Wendouree performing Arts Centre in Ballarat. Next year we will be competing in the 2012 National B grade competitions held here in Melbourne during the Easter period. We have



already started practicing and will endeavour to put on a challenging performance.

On October the 9th this year we celebrated our 40th anniversary with our Annual concert for the people at the Mentone Girls Secondary College to a very appreciative audience. Next year we will be putting on our May concert at the newly renovated Shirley Burke Hall in Parkdale. We will keep you all informed.

Our assistant Conductor, Jenny Corcoran, has been doing a fantastic job this year in not only helping Darryn Wright in conducting the main band but also sharing conducting duties with Trevor Cartwright in our Training Band. Her enthusiasm is an asset to us all. Well done Jenny.

We would like to welcome all the new members that have come on board over the last 12 months.

Colleen Clancy, David Silkoff, Stewart Pseudovs, Melissa Sweeney, Ergeny Chebykin and Emi Oshita. I hope that I haven't missed anybody, if I have, my apologies.

On November the 13th we played again at the Melbourne Zoo. Considering the weather was mild, quite a reasonable audience gathered around to listen. On the 13th of December we will be performing and supporting the Choirs and Soloists at the Bayside Carols at Dendy Park in Brighton.

Our family of bands have put in a wonderful year of entertaining the community and will no doubt continue to do so in 2012. We already have events booked and if you visit our website www.sacb.com.au you will be able to gather an insight into what's on.

I would like to thank our Committee, our band members and all the gracious people who came to see our performances over the last 12 months. Let us all unite together and have a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Peter White.

From the Training Band...

2011 has been a successful and enjoyable year for the Southern Area Training Band. Since our last Newsbeat, the Training Band has performed in a variety of community events, beginning with the Annual Kingston Massed Bands Concert in which we played a bracket in collaboration with MoJO's Training Band. This concert gives us a unique and exciting opportunity to meet and play with fellow musicians in the Kingston area.



In August, the residents of Bayside Hostel in Mordialloc were treated to an afternoon of musical entertainment from our Training Band. Our pieces, ranging from classical to popular and stage show pieces of music, were enthusiastically received by residents, many of whom we had the pleasure of meeting and talking with after the performance.

Throughout September and October, the band put in a lot of effort and commitment to rehearse and prepare for the Southern Area Family's Annual October Concert, in celebration of the band's 40th anniversary. The Training Band played four diverse pieces of music and then joined the Concert Band for two combined pieces. I have to say that I am very proud of the wonderful performance that we achieved at this concert and of the effort of all band members throughout the year so far.

Along with our performances, the band has enjoyed rehearsing each Monday night, developing musical and ensemble skills and sharing the love of music-making with other like-minded individuals. We have also had the pleasure of welcoming new faces to our Training Band this year. I would like to make a very belated welcome to Linda, in fact a long-standing member of the SACB, and her son, Stuart and also send a warm welcome to Chantelle and Sean who have very recently joined us in rehearsal.

The Training Band is currently looking forward to Christmas performances throughout the local community. These events will undoubtedly be very enjoyable, both for our members and the community, and will bring what has been an excellent year of music-making to a suitably cheerful close. Let's finish with a bang! (Cue percussion section).

Jenny Corcoran, co-conductor of Southern Area Training Band

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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