



Southern Area Concert Band

# NewsBeat

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***Following our combined performance with the choirs and Wurlitzer organ, the band is now busy preparing for the City of Kingston Massed Bands, Victorian State Championships and our new September Concert "One Ticket Around the World"!***

## **Important Dates:**

***2pm Sunday  
10 August, 2014***

City of Kingston  
Massed Bands  
Concert.  
Kingston City Hall

***16 August 2014***

State Band  
Championships.  
Her Majesty's  
Theatre, Ballarat

***2:30pm Sunday  
21 September '14***

Annual September  
Concert, "One Ticket  
Around the World"  
Kingston City Hall

***9 November 2014***

Music with the  
animals.  
Melbourne Zoo

***17 May 2015***

Annual May  
Concert.  
Kingston City Hall

## **From the Music Director...**

Change for the sake of change is something that often is met with resistance and so our committee tries to make sure that changes to the way we already successfully run the band are only made to continually improve the organisation and the products that we deliver.

Most will be aware that for the past large number of years we have attempted to hold our two major annual concerts in May and October. In as much as we (and in particular I) have worked to make sure this always happens, we have had years when the performances have not fallen into the prescribed months as we have had, in the past, some major hurdles with both available dates and available venues.

This has now all changed. Starting with our next major annual performance, the dates and venue for these concerts will be fixed. We have recently reached an agreement with Kingston City Hall to have a permanent booking for the third Sundays of May and September. This change, although outside our ideal month of October, will allow us to better program the band's activities, and assist us greatly with promotion of all of the performances.

To this end, our first in the new series of concerts will be on **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at Kingston City Hall, commencing at 2:30PM.** Our theme will be **"One Ticket Around the World"** and we will be exploring music from all over the globe. As always, it will be great to see everyone there to help us to celebrate community (and world!) music.

Well done to the band and choir for a fantastic combined performance at Kingston City Hall on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the fantastic organising committee, and to our fantastic audience for continuing to support the band by paying for tickets to our shows. It's always great for both audience and the band when the auditorium is nearing capacity as was the case on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Also, many thanks to Kate Amos for a fantastic performance on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Kingston City Hall. It is always a great pleasure to work with someone as talented as Kate and we look forward to working with her again in the future.

We have a number of performances coming up - the details of which can be found in the "Important Dates" section of this newsletter. As always, it's a great idea to keep your eye on our website as details on there are updated regularly. In particular I would draw your attention to the annual **Zoo performance on November 9<sup>th</sup>.** This year we will be involving our Training Band in the performance at the zoo. Always a great day out for the band members (even when the wind blows the music away) and the transient audience we always entertain. Who knows what new conducting stars we might find at the zoo this year!

I look forward to seeing you all at our September 21<sup>st</sup> performance.

Until next time...

Darryn.

## Photos from our recent performances:



Our May Concert featuring acclaimed soprano Kate Amos (above) was a real hit with the audience. We even brought a cello along to join the band (below) for the occasion.



Right:  
Southern  
Stars Stage  
Band  
playing at  
Dizzy's Jazz  
Club in  
Richmond.



## Welcome to our newest band members:

**Concert Band:** Jacinta Ewers - French Horn, Rebecca Fox - Clarinet and Gemma Webb - Trumpet.

*We are always recruiting new band members. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining one of our bands please contact Darryn on the details below or if you prefer, 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](http://www.brassnwoodwind.com.au)

**Details** of all our upcoming performances (and past ones) are on our website [www.sacb.com.au](http://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 7.15pm – 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), Melways Ref: 77 D6

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