



NewsBeat



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Musicians,

I am delighted to present a report in our new resurrected newsletter!

Our bands have seen a significant growth in membership this year. It enriches not only our musical diversity but also strengthens our community spirit.



It's heartening to see new faces join our bands, bringing fresh enthusiasm and talent. We have an impressive lineup of concerts this term that promise to showcase our collective hard work and talent. The performances are a testament to our commitment to excellence and our love for bringing music to our community.

Thank you for the incredible work by our conductors, committee members and member volunteers who make the Southern Area Concert Band tick so smoothly! I would also like to thank Michelle Brown; our new newsletter editor!

Gratitude also goes to the newly formed marketing sub-committee who have been instrumental (no pun intended) in our growth and in reaching larger and new audiences.

Let's continue to enjoy our music making and enjoy the joy we gain from our performances!

Warm Regards
George Keskerides
President



FUN FACTS ABOUT TRUMPETS

The modern trumpet has a long history, with ancestors dating back to 1500 BC. It has been used for signaling in battle and hunting, as well as in ceremonial and musical contexts.

CONCERT BAND

SACB's first performance for 2024 in Term 1 presented an opportunity to perform different repertoire, as we accompanied Stephen Coutts and Samantha Robertson (Amore Duet) in a program of vocally inspired pieces. Billed as "Raise Your Voice", the band responded well to some extremely challenging pieces, held in the excellent facilities of Firbank Grammar in April. We hope to have the opportunity to perform there again in future.



Our Annual Concert in late June showcased the Wind, Concert and Stage bands. Held in front of a full house in the excellent acoustic of the Salvation Army Kingston City (Dingley), the theme was "Let's Go to the Movies" with a packed program of well known tunes from the silver screen, both old and new alike.

SACB's upcoming work in Term 3 focuses on the Massed Bands Concert with Chelsea Concert Band, as well as the possibility of a concert with Knox Wind Symphony.

Regards
Dr Andrew Mathers
Musical Director



Spring with the Southern Stars

Friday 13 September 2024 | 8pm

N.G. Wishart Hall
964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

To book, contact Drew:
0430 366 617 or dreww@sacb.com.au
Alternatively, use the QR code to book via TryBooking.

Bookings are highly recommended.
\$10 per person Online or at the door.
Credit card facilities are available.
\$80 for a table of 10 - Online Booking Only.



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STAGE BAND

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STAGE BAND

The Stage band has had a busy start to the year, playing at multiple community festivals and also at a 50th birthday party.

After a little time off gigs to work on some new material, we have just had our first dance of the year and the hall was at near capacity. It was great to have a good crowd again, it makes all the work worthwhile. I'm hoping that we can back this up in September when we have our next dance booked, now as part of a regular schedule. The dances will be held on the second Friday of each season.

Drew Wright

WIND BAND

It's been a fantastic start to the year, with Wind Band growing significantly in numbers, with new members of all ages. The enthusiasm within the group has also been on the increase, with many a smiling face to be seen at rehearsal - even when tackling the more difficult music!

Term 1 saw the first performance of Wind Band with myself (Catherine Bates) and Nick Roney as conductors at the Rotary Club of Mordialloc's annual Gnome and Fairy Festival. The performance marquee was full of band members dressed as gnomes, fairies and other whimsical garden-type creatures, and the seats facing the marquee were full of extremely appreciative audience members. It was a lovely way to spend a sunny Sunday morning, and the band members are already looking forward to next year's event!

As with the Concert Band, the main event during term 2 for Wind Band was the annual concert. With our band members bringing in an amazing audience of family and friends, the performance not only showcased the talent of the band, but also what participation in the band meant to both the musicians and their families. We spoke to many audience members who were impressed with the band and proud of what their loved ones had achieved, with some people moved to tears. It's moments like this that really remind us why we do things like this: to bring joy and new experiences to all.

At this point in time, Wind Band is preparing for their major term 3 event, which is their own stand-alone concert. The theme is one close to the hearts of many members of the band, being 'music with meaning'. Band members were invited to nominate pieces of music which hold some kind of special meaning for them, and the program has been made up from a number of these suggestions. There are a range of musical eras and styles represented, as the band shares music linked to weddings, funerals, nostalgia, childhood and, of course, music that started people on their journeys to where they are today. This concert is due to take place in late October, so keep your eyes peeled for further details!

I would like to say a huge thank-you to my co-conductor, Nick. Since taking on the role of conductor for this year, I secured a job in Eltham North, making it difficult for me to make it to rehearsals on time (or sometimes to even be there). Nick has been willing to step up and take the baton (literally and figuratively) and so easy to work with, and I thank him very much for this. Watching Nick grow and develop as a conductor and band leader has also been wonderful to see. Thanks also to Andrew (Musical Director) and Carolyn (Wind Band manager) for their amazing, ongoing support of both of us, the players and the band in general.

Catherine Bates
SAWB Conductor



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & NEW COMMITTEE

The AGM was held in April and we welcomed incoming Treasurer Stan Malton and new committee member Sue Mead. Thank you to Solange P as outgoing Treasurer for all of the hard work, time and effort behind the scenes over the last 5 years.

The current elected committee members are:

President: George Keskerides | president@sacb.com.au (Concert / Stage bands)
Vice President: Carolyn Atkinson | vicepresident@sacb.com.au (Wind Band)
Treasurer: Stan Malton | treasurer@sacb.com.au (Concert / Stage bands)
Secretary: Lauren Zuegn | secretary@sasacb.com.au (Concert / Stage bands)
Property: Geoff Field (Wind / Concert Bands)
General committee: Donna Giles (Wind / Concert Bands)
David Lai (Concert / Stage bands)
Sue Mead (Wind Band)

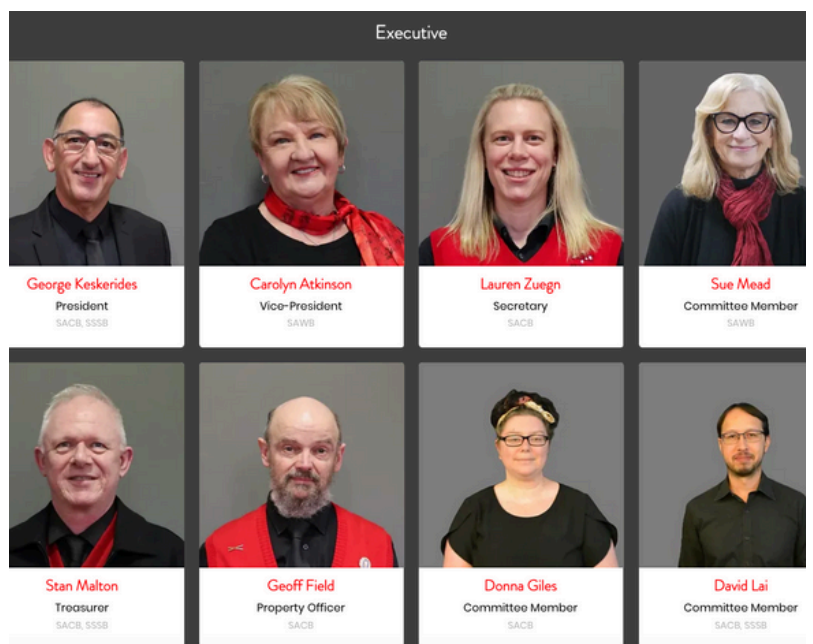
Other officer positions:

Wind Band Manager: Carolyn Atkinson
IT: Ian W (Wind Band)
Library: Ros Mc (Wind Band)
Alison T (Concert Band)
Newsletter: Michelle B (Wind Band)

We are pleased to have formally created a sub-committee to provide a more structured approach to our marketing and fundraising strategy for the year ahead comprising of:

- Carolyn A (Vice President / Wind Band Manager, Wind Band)
- Meg H (Concert Band)
- George K (President, Concert / Stage Bands)
- Stan M (Treasurer, Concert / Stage Bands)
- Sue M (Tenor saxophone, Wind Band)
- Andrew M (Music Director)
- Stuart P (Stage Band)
- Lauren Z (Secretary, Concert Band)
- Michelle B (Wind Band)

We sincerely thank all members who have volunteered to formally assist in the management of SACB. There's many hours of work that go on behind the scenes and we do appreciate everyone's support to keep SACB Inc a thriving organization.



COMBINED CONCERT WITH CHELSEA CONCERT BAND

- Featuring the Southern Area Concert Band
- 4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea VIC, Australia
- Sunday 11 August 2024 at 2:00:00 pm AEST
- Tickets at the door



SPRING DANCE

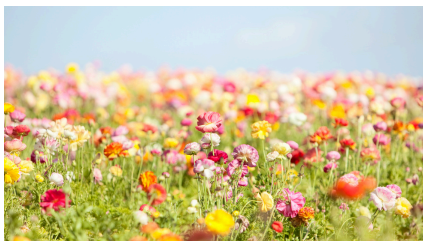
- Friday 13 September 2024 at 8:00:00 pm AEDT
- Come and dance the night away with the Southern Stars Stage Band!
- N.G. Wishart Senior Citizen Centre, Nepean Highway, Moorabbin VIC

Tickets via [Trybooking](#) or at the door



WIND BAND SPRING CONCERT

- Sunday 27 October 2024 at 2:00:00 pm AEDT
- Featuring the Southern Area Wind Band
- Location to be determined!



CONCERT BAND FUNDRAISER FOR THE SALVOS

- Saturday 9 November 2024 at TBC
- Featuring the Southern Area Concert Band
- The Salvation Army Kingston City
- 13/12-16 Garden Blvd, Dingley Village
- Tickets at the door

UPCOMING SUPPER NIGHTS

Supper night is an opportunity for Wind and Concert Band players (and parents of junior players) to come along, bring a plate of food to share and catch up with our fellow band members. 7:00pm to 7:30pm

- Monday 12 August
- Monday 2 September
- Monday 7 October
- Monday 4 November



ANNUAL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following members who were presented with the following awards at the AGM:

Perpetual trophy for outstanding bandsmanship:

- Craig Seymour Award (Wind Band): Karen T (Alto saxophone)
- Nancy Ovenden Award (Concert Band): Fraser D (Euphonium)

Long service:

10 years of service:

- Jack T (Trumpet, Concert Band)
- Solange P (Alto saxophone, Stage Band)

25 years of service:

- Linda P (Bass Clarinet, Concert Band)

LET'S WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

Wind Band:

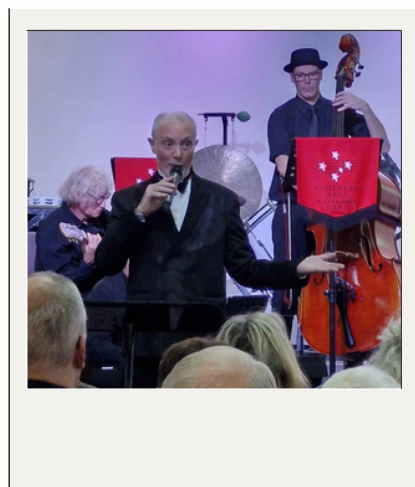
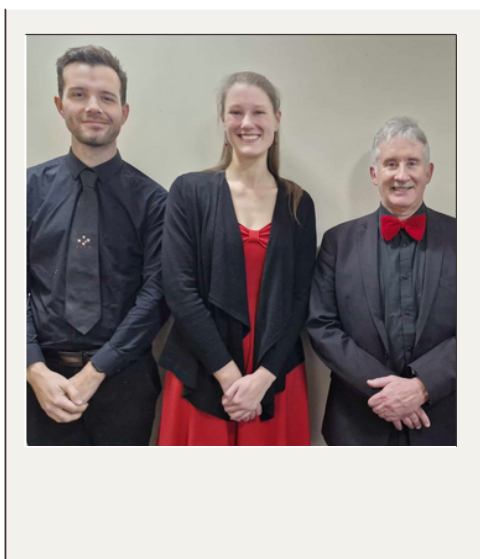
- Michelle B (Alto saxophone)
- Jack B (Baritone saxophone)
- Gianni C (French horn)
- Judy G (flute)
- Cynthia H (Clarinet)
- Catherine J (flute)
- Daniel L (Clarinet)
- Olivia L (Flute)
- Sienna N (flute)
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- Mitchell P (Tenor saxophone)
- Cayleigh S (Clarinet)
- James S (Percussion)
- Ella S (Flute)
- Aaron W (Flute)
- Rowen Z (Alto saxophone)

Concert Band:

- Jack B (Baritone saxophone)
- Mia C (Flute)
- Stephen E (Trumpet)
- Marta G (Flute)
- Chantelle L (Flute)
- Kimmy S (French Horn)
- Lukas T (Trumpet)
- Zac K (Euphonium)

Stage Band:

- Lukas T (Trumpet)



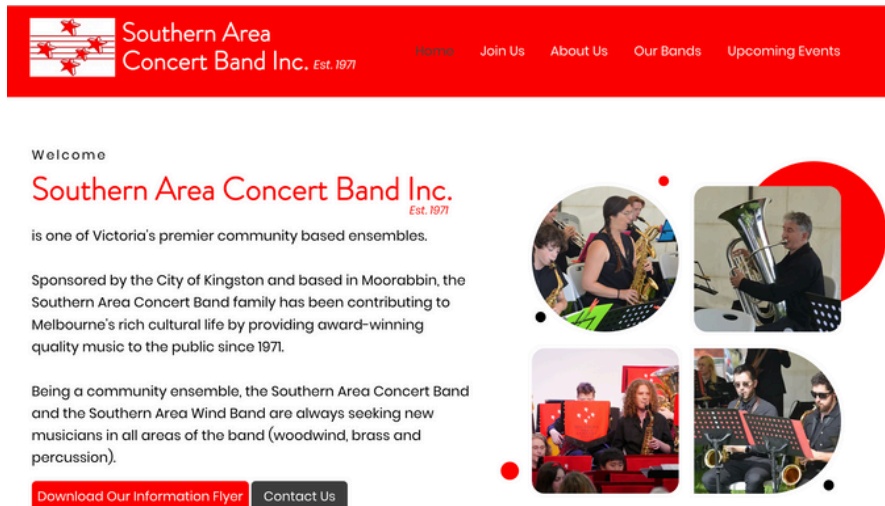
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WEBSITE / IT UPDATE

Updating our website has been a major project worked on behind the scenes for the last few years. This was ably led by IT Officer Chris G (Wind Band) with a major overhaul to create a new and professional image for the SACB Inc. When we farewelled Chris G after he moved interstate, Ian W (Wind Band) took over the role and has continued website development and overseen the implementation of a new membership management platform and subscriber database.



The screenshot shows the website header with the SACB Inc. logo (Est. 1971) and navigation links: Home, Join Us, About Us, Our Bands, and Upcoming Events. The main content area features a 'Welcome' message, the organization's name, and a description of its role as a premier community ensemble. It also mentions sponsorship by the City of Kingston and its location in Moorabbin. A call to action for downloading an information flyer and contacting the organization is present. On the right, there are four circular images showing band members playing various instruments.

Check out our new website at www.sacb.com.au. If you or your family/friends wish to be added to our audience mailing list and kept up to date with news and upcoming events, please join up via www.sacb.com.au/contact-us.

SEEKING DONATION OF PRE-LOVED INSTRUMENTS



Do you have a wind or brass instrument gathering dust and cobwebs? If you'd like to find a new home and donate your pre-loved instrument, we'd love to hear from you!

Please contact Lauren Z via secretary@sacb.com.au.

LET'S GET SOCIAL!



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