

NewsBeat



FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hi Fellow Musicians!

Welcome back to 2025 year of music making!

Our concert band with all the other ensembles, is set for an incredible season with a packed schedule of performances to share with our community

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Carolyn Atkinson for her tireless contribution over last few years as she has now decided to take a break from SACB.

Whilst, I am on the thank you mode; may I also give a special thanks to our dedicated librarians Allison and Ros, who generously give their time to organise our music folders with music. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and we appreciate it.

We were buoyed with the turnout of our first rehearsal with the number of players as well as new players turning up in the 38 degree day and keen to get back into it.

So here's to a fantastic year of music making!

Yours musically,
Kind regards
George Keskerides
President

CONCERT BAND

Welcome to all in the SACB family for 2025. I hope you all had a restful and rewarding break and are looking forward to another productive musical year.

For the Concert Band, we have a very busy term, leading up to the National Band Championships, which will be held on Saturday 19 April. We will rehearse every Monday evening from 7.30 to 9.00pm, including the school holidays, up to our Nationals performance. We won't rehearse on Monday 10 March, as we'll take a break for the Labour Day holiday.

Apart from the Nationals, we have a busy year planned and some new and exciting collaborations with other groups. Please see our concert dates listed later in this newsletter for more details. We'll finish the year with our usual Bayside Carols at Dendy Park.

See you at rehearsal!
Regards
Dr Andrew Mathers
Musical Director



STAGE BAND

We've had a big start to the year with Stage Band. After a short break following our successful Summer dance in December, we've already played for the Rosebud Fun Run on Australia Day.

In addition to that, we also have another four performances coming up by the end of March. On the 7th of February we are playing at the Port Fairy Jazz Festival. This is probably one of my favourite festivals to play, and I'm particularly proud to say that every member has made the effort to be there over the weekend!

It's looking to be a huge year, with our Seasonal dances returning as well as many other fun things in the calendar. Hope to see everyone at a dance soon!

Drew.

WIND BAND

Wow! What a wonderful end to 2024 for the Wind Band it was! The annual end-of-year Christmas celebration took on a new lease of life last December with decorations, dress-ups, a kris kingle, and the biggest audience for this event anyone can remember! It was lovely to have so many people in attendance and with such a wonderful atmosphere, and the supper night celebration shared with family, friends and the concert band members capped it all off perfectly. A huge thanks to everyone who participate in the event in any capacity of any size – we really appreciate it all.

Over the summer, your conductors have been working hard to prepare another wonderful year for you. When he's not doing typical Nick-like things such as forgetting he has a wedding to attend, Nick spent time helping out at the MYO Summer School, working with the level 2 clarinets and saxophones. Meanwhile, when not having to tell Nick what to wear to a wedding, Catherine was a participant in the ABODA (Australian Band and Orchestra Directors' Association) Conducting Summer School before working at the ACCET (Australian Choral Conductors' Education and Training) Conducting Summer School as admin. Despite a busy January with only a few days free between them, Catherine and Nick did manage to meet up to choose some exciting repertoire for the band. Huge thanks to Ros and Alison, the band librarians, and Andrew, for their help with folder stuffing.

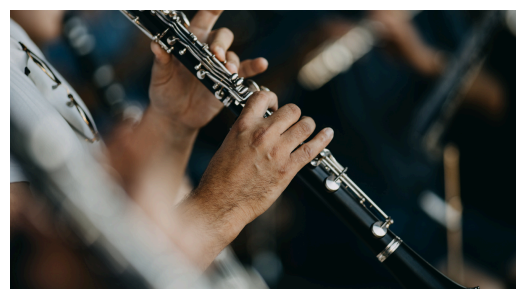
So, what's in store for this year? Unfortunately, the Gnome and Fairy Festival isn't going ahead, meaning one of our regular and favourite gigs is no more. Instead, we are participating in a joint concert with Kilbreda College on Saturday 29th March, which we strongly encourage everyone who can to attend. A massive thank-you to Andrew for allowing us to use this concert opportunity, originally on the Concert Band schedule. Our mid-year performance, the annual SACB concert, with its theme of 'Australiana', will be on us before we know, then the SAWB concert in term 3.

Being a new year, there is always some changeover of membership. Some of our student members are now entering VCE, others have found their timetables of everything they would like to do has ended up with clashes, and some are moving. We wish all these people all the best. Know that you are welcome back into the band at any time! The biggest hole, however, is that left by Wind Band Rep and Vice President of Southern Area, Carolyn. Her energy, enthusiasm and ideas will be missed, along with her knowledge and strong love of the band. We wish her well for the future.

Catherine Bates
SAWB Conductor

FUN FACTS ABOUT CLARINETS

The clarinet was invented in the early 18th century by Johann Christoph Denner, a German instrument maker. Its single-reed mouthpiece makes it unique among woodwinds.



FINANCE REPORT

We received a small equipment grant in December from Kingston City Council \$2000, which was spent on acquisition of the Yamaha Tubular Bells. The tubular bells cost \$9000, thanks to good pricing obtained by Andrew Mathers. The bells are a welcome addition to the percussion section and will be played at the National Competition.

The Concert Band performance at the Bayside Christmas carols earned \$2950 income to the band.

Thank you to all the recycle collectors, we are receiving regular deposits.

The Financial report for the year 1 January to 31 December is under preparation for presentation at the AGM

Stan Malton
Treasurer

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.

PLAYERS WANTED!

Concert and Wind Bands welcome new players at any time throughout the year on any instrument; we are especially keen for new trumpet, oboe and bassoon players to join. If you know of anyone interested in playing in a supportive community ensemble (even if it's been a while since they last played!), please encourage them to contact Lauren (secretary@sacb.com.au) and come along to a Monday night rehearsal.



BAYSIDE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

For many Concert Band players, performing at the Bayside Carols in front of a crowd of over 20,000 people at Dendy Park (Brighton) is the highlight of the year. Alongside the Vocally Wild and Mosaic Community Choirs, we shared the stage with a talented line-up of performers including actor and TV presenter Hugh Sheridan, Amalia Foy (X Factor), Amore Duet and of course Santa. We thank the Bayside City Council for inviting us to perform and their support. More photos from the 2024 Bayside Carols can be [found - click here](#).



NEW TUBULAR BELLS!

We finally acquired a long awaited new set of tubular bells just in time for Christmas! Thank you to the City of Kingston for their community grant to assist with funding. Our percussion section are enjoying their addition to the band and we can't wait to showcase their bright, clear and resonant sound that closely resembles church bells.



BUNNINGS CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Our clarinet, flute and trombone ensembles from Concert Band created a merry and festive atmosphere at Bunnings Moorabbin for shoppers on Saturday 21 December. Thanks to all our members who performed and to Bunnings Moorabbin for the invitation to play and their generous support.



CHARITY CONCERT FOR THE SALVO'S



Concert Band was proud to support the Kingston Gardens Salvation Army for the second year running on Saturday 9 November 2024 for their annual fundraising Christmas appeal. The funds provide shelter, food, gifts and support to people in need and aim to bring some hope to Australians battling tough times at Christmas.

This event showcased our Concert Band alongside special performances by some of our instrument ensembles. Audiences were treated to the talents of a flute duo, clarinet choir and trombone quartet. We were also proud to feature the incredible Jack Brunialti-Sykes, in a premiere performance conducting his own composition 'Chorale'. Jack amazed us all with his talent and composure at just 14 years old - watch this space for an exciting future ahead for Jack!



We will continue our partnership again this year with the Salvo's with another charity concert scheduled for Saturday 8 November 2025.



RECYCLING WITH RHYTHM

The Container Deposit scheme is off to a great start over the summer break.

Our donations to date are aver \$180. Whilst this seems small, it would cover:

- possibly 4 tickets to the dinner dance
- more than an annual membership to SACB
- sausages for a bunnings BBQ
- afternoon tea for our concerts

So keep depositing these bottles and cans.

I am very happy to deposit if needed. Just bring bags of cans or bottles to Monday night's concert band rehearsals.

Sue Mead. 0417298933

Find our dedicated code on [BandForte ~ Documents ~ SACB CDS Barcode](#)

[Find out more about the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme here](#)

OR see the end of the newsletter for your printable flyers!
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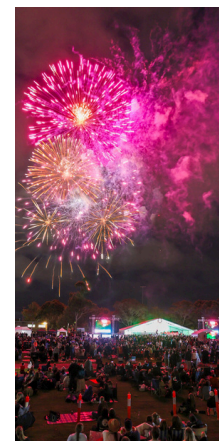
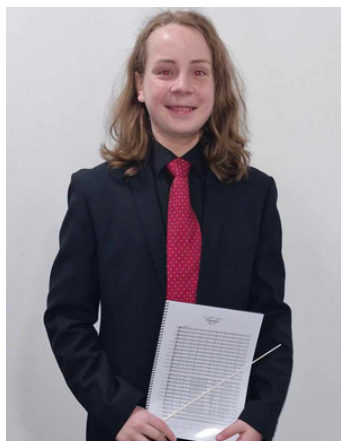
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SAVE THE DATE!

GALA DINNER WITH THE SOUTHERN STARS

The Southern Stars Stage Band will headline our fundraising Gala Dinner Dance on Saturday 11 October at Brighton Beach Hotel. With a sumptuous 2 course meal and entertainment with charts from the big band and jazz era, bring your family, friends, colleagues and dancing shoes along for great night out. Stay tuned for more details!

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024



CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

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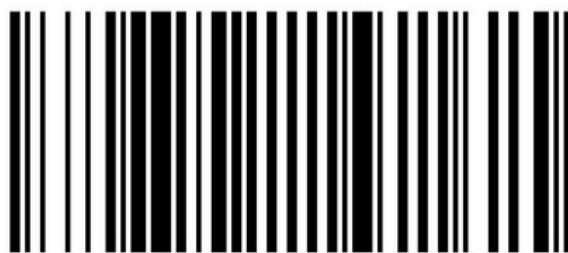
What can I return?

Most aluminium, glass, plastic and liquid paperboard (carton) drink containers between 150mL and 3 litres are eligible. You can keep the lids on, we recycle them too.



Check for the 10c mark

Look for the 10c mark on the drink container label. It is often located near the barcode.



Scan this barcode to accept your refund

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🎵 **Turn Recyclables into Music!** 🔄

Support the environment AND the Southern Area Concert Band by donating your bottles and cans through the **Victorian Container Deposit Scheme**. Every container you recycle helps fund instruments, sheet music, and rehearsal costs—keeping our music alive in the community!

It's easy: drop off your eligible containers at a collection point and choose to donate the refund to the band. Together, we can create harmony for both the planet and our performances! 🎵



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UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

FEBRUARY

Saturday 15th 4:30pm

Stage Band | Big Band Sunsets

Hazel Pierce Reserve, Mordialloc
Free. BYO chairs, rug, picnic

MARCH

Friday 14th 7:30pm

Stage Band | Autumn supper dance

NG Wishart Senior Citizens Centre
964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin
Tickets via [TryBooking](#)

Saturday 29th 1:00pm

Wind Band | Combined concert with Kilbreda College

Kilbreda College | 118 Mentone Pde, Mentone
Tickets at the door

Sunday 30th 2:00pm

**Concert Band |
Combined concert with Melbourne Symphonic Winds**

Venue TBC
Tickets at the door

APRIL

Easter long weekend

Concert Band | National Band Championships
Further details TBC

JUNE

Friday 13th 8:00pm

Stage Band | Winter supper dance

NG Wishart Senior Citizens Centre
964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin
Tickets via [TryBooking](#)

Sunday 22nd 2:00pm

All bands | Annual Concert

Venue TBC
Tickets at the door

AUGUST

Sunday 10th 2:00pm

**Concert Band |
Combined Concert with Chelsea Concert Band**

LF Payne Hall at the Longbeach RSL (4 Thames Promenade, Chelsea)
Tickets at the door



UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

SEPTEMBER

Friday 12th 8:00pm

Stage Band | Spring supper dance

NG Wishart Senior Citizens Centre

964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

Tickets via [TryBooking](#)

Sunday 14th 2:00pm

Concert Band | Combined performance with choirs

Kingston City Hall | 979-985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin

OCTOBER

Saturday 11th 7:30pm

Gala Dinner Dance with the Southern Stars

Brighton Beach Hotel | 4 Esplanade, Brighton

NOVEMBER

Saturday 8th 2:30pm

Concert Band | Charity concert for the Salvo's

Salvation Army Kingston City Corps

13/12-16 Garden Blvd, Dingley Village

Tickets at the door

DECEMBER

Tuesday 9th * 7:30pm

Concert Band | Bayside Christmas Carols

*TBC. Dendy Park, Cnr Nepean Hwy & Dendy St, Brighton

Friday 12th 8:00pm

Stage Band | Summer supper dance

NG Wishart Senior Citizens Centre

964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

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