



# NewsBeat



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Musicians,

As you all know, we are very saddened by Jack's traumatic events recently and would like to wish him a good recovery to rejoin us at some stage in the future; no matter how long it takes. The support you have given Jack and Nanci during this time has made me very proud that I am associated with such a caring organisation!



We are nearing the end of another great year that is marked with great successful performances marked by good attendances in new venues.

We are looking forward to our traditional end of year gig at Bayside Carols in early December. Rehearsals commence soon and it's always great fun to rehearse with the two large local choirs, Vocally Wild and Mosaic. The choirs will be performing with us next September. This will be a good collaborative performance that will be marked with a large attendance at Kingston City Hall.

Our band numbers have grown in size this year. Each week we are enthused to see new keen happy faces joining us!

I would like to thank all committee members, our Music director and conductors, all volunteers and members for their contribution and participation in making 2024 a great year for SACB!

I wish all a safe festive season and look forward to making great music together in 2025!

Kind regards  
George Keskerides  
President

## CONCERT BAND

SACB has been very busy in Term 3. Our first concert was the Massed Bands Concert with Chelsea Concert Band at Longbeach RSL in early August. The concert was presented in a great spirit in front of an enthusiastic audience.



Our second concert was the “Spring Fling” concert with Knox Wind Symphony at Firbank Grammar School in mid-September. Once again, the camaraderie between both groups was excellent and the concert was well patronised.

A significant aspect of both concerts was the combined items, where the two performing bands came together to play in a large ensemble.

Term 4 will be equally busy, with SACB taking part in the VBL Bandstand Sunday, a fundraising concert for the Salvation Army, as well as the annual Bayside Carols.

Regards

Dr Andrew Mathers ~ Musical Director

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## STAGE BAND

Stage Band had our Spring dance at the beginning of September and it was a great night. The band is sounding fantastic and the dancers came out in force. I especially want to thank Peter Hearne for coming along as a guest vocalist for the night, we hope to have him back for future performances!.

We're starting to prepare for our Summer dance in December, and also getting ready for a big start to next year. So far we have nine confirmed performances for 2025!

Drew Wright



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## DATES TO NOTE

**Last rehearsal for Wind/Concert Band players & Christmas Breakup: Monday 2 December**

**First rehearsals back for 2025**

Concert Band: Monday 3 February

Wind Band: Monday 10 February

## WIND BAND

The Wind Band has been working hard over the past few months putting together a concert with a very personal touch: “**Music with Meaning**”. Held on Sunday 27th October, this concert comprised of pieces nominated by various band members as having a special place in their hearts for various reasons. The audience were treated to a variety of music and personal stories, starting with Michelle setting the scene through recounting her wedding day to introduce *Pachelbel’s Cannon in D*. From here, Nick took us on a trip down *Jasper Road*, written by his saxophone teacher, and Ian shared his early band experiences at school – including the politics of instrument choice – with *Wombat Shuffle*. Cynthia found messages of love and camaraderie in *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, before Sam took us to *The Phantom of the Opera*, music that had been present in her early years of playing and the first musical she saw in Australia. Audience and band members alike were tearing up as Chris spoke about the power of music and the enduring love he has for his wife, who he dedicated the performance of *Music from Les Miserables* to. The performances were rounded out by a medley from *The Music Man*, as we discovered Mark’s experiences in a pit orchestra.

An aspect of the annual Wind Band concert that has become the start of a tradition is the awarding of the Darren Wright Awards. Darren was the long-time, inspirational Music Director of Southern Area until his unexpected death, immediately following a Wind Band concert, a few years ago. Several players in the band fondly remember him and the work he put into them as individual players, as well as the band as a whole, so having these awards in his name to remember him by is extremely fitting. This year, the award for the Most Improved Player was awarded to our 2nd horn player, Gianni, who has come leaps and bounds in his playing this year – but who still can’t believe he received this award! Gianni thanked the band, 1st horn Katie, and his wife, who helps him practice and learn at home. The award for the Player Demonstrating Initiative and Extending Their Knowledge went to percussionist James. James has been the sole percussion player for much of this year and is always on the lookout for ways to improve his playing, but also to help us out, such as combining parts and transporting his own drum kit to performances (thanks to his parents for the help with that!).

So, what next for Wind Band? I wouldn’t want to spoil the surprise, but we’re working on a special event for the end of the year, so fingers crossed it all comes together as we hope... keep your eyes peeled for information! (Hint: it has something to do with being the end of the year, Christmas, and family involvement.)

Catherine Bates  
SAWB Conductor



## BUNNINGS BBQ BRINGS BAND TOGETHER

On 28th September 25 band members from across the three Southern Area bands pitched in to operate the Bunnings Moorabbin Barbeque.

Their hard work earned \$1300 profit for the band, for which we are all appreciative.

We were fortunate to have great weather on the day.

And it was a great opportunity to meet and work together with fellow band members outside of the band setting, and to meet members from between the different bands.

We have been fortunate to be awarded an annual BBQ event by Bunnings for more than 10 years now and look forward to the next BBQ fundraising opportunity.

Thank you to all members who volunteered to work the BBQ, and special thanks to Jack Taylor for organising the work roster.

Stan  
Treasurer

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## UPCOMING CONCERTS

### SALVATION ARMY FUNDRAISER



*Come along and join  
Southern Area Concert Band  
for an afternoon of music from  
screen, stage and pop classics!*

**Saturday  
9 November 2024**

**2:30pm**

**Kingston City Salvos  
13/12-16 Garden Boulevard  
Dingley Village**

**Tickets at the door**  
Adults \$15 | Seniors \$10 | Children 5 and over \$5  
Family (2 adults + 1 or more children) \$25



*All money raised will support the Salvation Army  
Kingston City Salvos Christmas Appeal*

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### SUMMER WITH THE STARS

- Friday 13 December 2024 at 8pm
- Featuring the Southern Stars Stage Band
- NG Wishart Hall (964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin)
- Tickets via QR code:



### BAYSIDE CAROLS

- Tuesday 10 December, 7:30pm
- Dendy Park, Brighton
- [Click for details](#)

See Band Forte for rehearsal details!



## RECYCLING WITH RHYTHM

Support the concert band and the environment by donating your bottles and cans through the **Victorian Container Deposit Scheme**. Each eligible container you recycle can be turned into valuable funds for the band, helping us invest in instruments, sheet music, and rehearsal costs. Your contributions will keep the music playing and ensure our band remains a vibrant part of the community.

It's easy to make a difference—just collect your eligible drink containers and drop them off at a participating collection point. When you donate the refund to the band, you're supporting local arts and promoting sustainability. Together, let's turn recyclables into remarkable melodies and keep our band playing strong!

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 code! Share with family and friends!



## LET'S WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new members:

*Wind Band:*

- Rowen Z (Alto sax)

*Concert Band:*

- Funan Keath (flute)
- Sean M (Alto sax)
- Tracey Boekel (Clarinet)

## FUN FACTS ABOUT FLUTES

The flute is one of the oldest musical instruments in the world. The oldest known flutes, made of bird bone and mammoth ivory, are over 40,000 years old!



## WEBSITE UPDATE



Lauren found a bunch of tapes in the storage room a little while ago; they've been digitized now (thanks to Ian's Dad who sat down and recorded them all in real time!) It's a nice piece of band history from 1984-1992.

[You can find them on the SACB Website / Archives](#)

## 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 11 November
- Monday 2 December



## 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](mailto:secretary@sacb.com.au).

## LET'S GET SOCIAL!



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# CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

## C2000029502

Find your closest location

### 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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## UPCOMING EVENTS 2024/2025

### NOVEMBER

- Sunday 3 12pm** **Concert Band | VBL Bandstand Sunday**  
Federation Square  
Cnr Swanston St & Flinders St, Melbourne  
Free
- Saturday 9 2:30pm** **Concert Band | Fundraiser for the Salvos**  
The Salvation Army Kingston City  
13/12-16 Garden Blvd, Dingley Village  
Tickets at the door

### DECEMBER

- Tuesday 10 7:30pm** **Concert Band | Bayside Christmas Carols**  
Dendy Park  
Cnr Nepean Hwy & Dendy St, Brighton  
Free
- Friday 13 8pm** **Stage Band | Summer dance**  
Come and dance the night away!  
NG Wishart Senior Citizens Centre  
964 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin  
Tickets via [TryBooking](#)



### SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 14 Time TBC** **Concert Band | Combined performance with choirs**  
Kingston City Hall | 979-985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin

### OCTOBER

- Saturday 11 7:30pm** **Gala Dinner Dance with the Southern Stars**  
Brighton Beach Hotel | 4 Esplanade, Brighton



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