



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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Annual "**Concert for the People**" Around the World in 90 Minutes. September 20th at Kingston City Hall including Southern Area Concert Band, Southern Stars Stage Band, Southern Area Training Band. Please take note of this concert and all other upcoming performances.

Important Dates:

**Sunday,
September 20th,
2.00pm**

Annual Concert for the People. SACB, SATB & SSSB.
Kingston City Hall

**Saturday,
October 10th,
11.30am**

SACB will be performing at Monash Philharmonic Music Festival.
Monash Uni.

**Saturday,
October 17th,
7.30pm**

Big Band Boogie
Southern Stars Stage Band Dance Party.
Bentleigh Secondary College, Vivien St, East Bentleigh.
Bookings 9593 1350.

**Saturday,
October 24th,
7.30pm**

SACB combined with Heidelberg Wind Symphony.
Ivanhoe Girls Grammar.

**Sunday,
November 8th,
12 noon**

Southern Area Concert Band & Mordialloc College Senior Band perform at
Melbourne Zoo.

From the Music Director....

Hello again, and welcome to our September issue of Newsbeat. From a quick review of our website (www.sacb.com.au/pastevents.shtml), it can easily be seen what an incredibly busy year it has already been for the band with our various bands having already been involved in nine performances since mid February, with the most recent being the annual City of Kingston Massed Bands Concert. All of this has started the momentum for what is looking to be one of our busiest years ever, with a further ten performances planned between now and the end of the year. My thanks go out to all of the band members for their hard work and dedication!

Currently the main, training and stage bands are hard at it in rehearsal for our annual "Concert for the People", which will be held at the **Kingston City Hall on September 20th at 2:00PM**. This is our annual performance (usually held in October) which will feature the three bands following on from the success we had with this format in 2008. It is also a good opportunity for us to showcase the Southern Area family to our audience. (www.sacb.com.au/advert/090920.pdf)

Following on from this concert, the Southern Stars Training Band will be holding our inaugural "Big Band Boogie" on **October 17th at Bentleigh Secondary College**. This will provide our patrons with the opportunity to interact with the band in the form of a swing dance (with a bit of jazz and Latin thrown into the mix). We had a "test run" for a fund raising event for the Glen Waverley Uniting Church at the beginning of August which was extremely successful, raising the band and the church a nice amount of money. We look forward to seeing you and your friends all there on October 17th. (www.sacb.com.au/advert/091017.pdf)

We have recently received confirmation that SACB will again be providing the music for the City of Bayside Carols at **Dendy Park on December 8th**. Hopefully the weather will be a little more kind to the event than it was last year! Regardless, this event is always one of the many highlights of the bands calendar.

We extend our thanks to the Chelsea Salvation Army for the use of their hall while our normal hall was closed for renovations on August 24th, and to John Elkington for organising this for us.

Finally, we also extend our thanks to the City of Kingston on the recent approval of our annual grant. Without this valuable injection of cash every year, the cost of membership would be much higher or, far worse, the band would not be able to survive. This having been said, due to the responsible financial management of the organisation, a percentage of this year's grant has been allocated (and now spent) on some good quality audio equipment. This will allow me to further develop the band's vocal repertoire (because our vocalist will now be able to be heard properly), and will be an extremely valuable asset for the stage band.

Until next time...

Darryn.

Concert Band News: The 14th Annual Massed Band Concert was held on Sunday 2nd August at Kingston City Hall. This is a free concert run by the City Of Kingston every year to showcase the talent of the 4 bands which they so generously sponsor. This year the concert included Southern Area Concert Band, MoJO, Chelsea Concert Band, the combined Training Bands of Southern Area and MoJO, and Moorabbin Brass Band / John Mallinson Youth Band. The concert culminated with musicians from all of the bands performing together on stage as one 'massed band'. The sound of about 110 people performing together is unforgettable. (www.sacb.com.au/photos2009.shtml)



Training Band News: Not only did SATB perform at the Massed Bands Concert but they have also had a concert with Stonnington City Brass Training Band. At this concert each of the training bands performed separately and then played together in a combined band. It was a really great show and the training band 'kids' really showed how good they are. Well done to everyone that performed in these two concerts, and particularly to Eve McLeod for pulling it all together. (www.sacb.com.au/photos2009.shtml#090726)



Southern Area Training Band with Stonnington City Brass Training Band 26th July

Southern Stars Stage Band at fundraiser at Brentwood Secondary College 1st August



Stage Band News: Southern Stars Stage Band was asked to provide music for a swing dance fund raising event for the Glen Waverley Uniting Church on August 1st. The band provided three brackets of around 40 minutes each. The event successfully raised around \$700 for both the band and the church. You will notice elsewhere in this newsletter that we have organised our very own event similar to this one scheduled for **October 17th**. (www.sacb.com.au/photos2009.shtml#090801)



For all your instrumental needs, please visit our friends at Brass and Woodwind at 572 North Rd, Ormond. www.brasswoodwind.com.au

Details of all our upcoming performances (and past ones) are on our website 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 7.30pm – 9.30pm
Southern Area Training Band
Monday nights from 6pm – 7pm
Rehearsal Venue:
NG Wishart Senior Citizens Club
964 Nepean Highway Moorabbin
(Opposite Spotlight)

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If you or anyone you know are interested in joining one of our bands please contact either Darryn or Peter on the numbers above or if you prefer, just come along to one of our rehearsals and have a play.