



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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SACB hope you and your families had a safe and happy Christmas and New Year. 2010 is shaping up to be another busy year for us. Make sure you take note of our upcoming performances so you don't miss any of our shows.

Important Dates:

Monday, February 8th

5:45 PM

Training Band
Rehearsals resume.

Sunday, February 21st

2:30 PM

Summer Sounds By
The Bay City of
Kingston Summer
Revival Series.

Parkdale Foreshore
(Near Kiosk)
Parkdale

Sunday, May 30th

2:30 PM

Combined
performance with
Vocally Wild, Joyful
Strains and the
Wurlitzer organ.
Southern Area Concert
Band
Kingston City Hall

Sunday, August 1st
2:00 PM

Annual City of
Kingston Massed
Bands Concert
featuring Southern
Area Concert Band,
Chelsea Concert Band,
Mordialloc Jazz
Orchestra and
Moorabbin Brass
Band.

This is a free concert
funded by the City of
Kingston.

Kingston City Hall

A message from our President:

I am sorry to report that the greatly loved and respected Nancy Ovenden passed away on Sunday 24th January 2010.

Nancy who was a Life Member of the Southern Area Concert Band was the Band's first conductor and until recently was an active member of the Clarinet section, a Committee member and wise counsel and mentor to us all.

Nancy was also a Life Member of AMUSE, (Association of Music Educators.) reaching senior positions within the Education Department

Nancy had a busy and distinguished musical career spanning many years and reaching very senior positions within the Education Department.

The Band was privileged to be asked to play at Nancy's Funeral last week and at her request played the very moving "Shenandoah" and the boisterous "Big Fun in the Sun". Many past members and music friends of Nancy's joined in the Band for the occasion.

Afterwards members and friends swapped stories of experiences and good times with Nancy at an afternoon tea hosted by her Daughters.

At its recent meeting, The Committee of the Southern Area Concert Band decided to create the "**Nancy Ovenden Perpetual Trophy**" in memory of Nancy to be awarded each year to a member of the Band for outstanding contribution during the year.

This way Nancy will always be a part of the Southern Area Family.

Nancy will be always loved, never forgotten and greatly missed.

Peter Northwood
President

Upcoming Events:

On February 21st 2010 Southern Area Concert Band and Southern Stars Stage Band will be performing at the Parkdale Foreshore. It was such a success last year that we had to make sure we did it again this year.

You may have noticed that we are also once again doing a combined concert with Joyful Strain, Vocally Wild and Scott Harrison on the Wurlitzer. As details are confirmed we will make sure you know what is happening as soon as we can.

As always the band will be participating in the Massed Bands concert in August.

New band members:

Welcome to our new members - **Kelvin Lau** and **Julia Thorn**. It is always nice to have new faces join the band. *If you or anyone you know are interested in joining one of our bands please contact either Darryn or Peter on the numbers below or if you prefer, just come along to one of our rehearsals and have a play.*

What the bands have been doing:

It seems that the band members made it through Christmas with all the performances they had on. Rehearsals have already begun for SACB and they are getting ready for 2010.

But we need to take our minds all the way back to Tuesday 8th December 2009. SACB once again performed at the Bayside Carols at Dendy Park. Luckily the rain cleared up during the day ensuring that there was a crowd of about 15,000 (maybe even more) there. If it keeps being such a success one football oval isn't going to be big enough for everyone. There were some amazing soloists including Mark Spano and 4 opera singers from Opera Australia. Everyone involved help make it a great night.



The Southern Area Events Band (just a smaller version of the main band) performed several small Christmas carols. These were Chelsea Heights Kinder Christmas break up, Cumberland View Retirement Village and Raynes Park Court Retirement Home. All these performances were special for such a huge range of audience ages. It is always nice when the band can perform at these sorts of community events.

On Christmas Eve the band played at the Beaumaris Community Carols at the Beaumaris Community Centre. Unfortunately due to inclement weather on the day the performance had to be moved inside the hall. Luckily the weather didn't dampen the enjoyment of the audience in any way. In the New Year it was announced that SACB, MLOC and the organising committee for this event were receiving an award. It was the inaugural "Bayside Community Activity Award" and was presented at the annual Bayside Ceremony for Australia Day. Congratulations to everyone involved.



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 7.15pm – 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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