



Southern Area Concert Band

NewsBeat

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Welcome back to 2011. This is a very exciting year for our band celebrating its 40th anniversary. We already have several performances confirmed for the year but there are also more in the process of being organised.

Keep an eye on our website (www.sacb.com.au/events.shtml) and future newsletters for all the details.

Important Dates:

Monday, March 14, 2011, 2:00PM

Concert Band.
Combined performance with Burnie Concert Band. [Burnie](#)

Saturday, March 26, 2011, 4:00PM

Stage & Concert Bands.
Garden Twilight Music with David Hobson.
[Beumaris RSL](#)
Bookings: **9589 1455**

Tuesday, March 29, 2011, 8:00PM

Stage Band.
An Evening at [Dizzy's Jazz Club](#). Door sales only.

Sunday, April 3, 2011, 11:00AM

Stage Band.
Dandenong Rotary Club Annual Car Show.
[Dandenong Showgrounds](#).
[Melways 89 K7](#).

Sunday, May 29, 2011, 2:30PM

Southern Area Concert Band, *Vocally Wild*, *Joyful Strains* and the *Mighty Wurlitzer*.
SACB's Annual May Concert "Of Stage and Screen 2"
[Kingston Arts Centre](#)
Bookings from **1st May**
on: **9556 4440**

A message from our Music Director:

Happy 40th birthday Southern Area Concert Band!

As all of our band members and most of our regular audience people will already be aware, 2011 is Southern Area Concert Band's 40th anniversary. What a long way the band has gone in its 40 years of operation!

As part of our celebrations, we are heading to Tasmania on the *Spirit of Tasmania* for the March long weekend (11th-14th March) to put together a gala performance with Burnie Concert Band on the Monday afternoon before returning to Melbourne on the ferry. It all sounds very simple when it is put into one sentence, but I trust that members realise the amount of effort and hard work that has been put into organising this huge event by the organising committee (myself, Fiona McKinnon, Lauren Crutchfield, Peter White, Alanna Richards and Andrew Wright). Thanks and congratulations also go to every member of the band (and their families!) who have been involved in the enormous fund raising efforts over the past twelve months which has allowed us to get over 75% of the band to Tasmania for \$50 each! We now look forward with much anticipation to a fantastic weekend of music making and sight seeing in beautiful Tasmania and I consider it a huge privilege to be the Music Director of the band for such a significant event.

2011 has already started in earnest, and we look forward to another busy year! Our stage band started off proceedings on January 18th with a highly successful evening of music at Dizzy's Jazz Club in Richmond. Such was the success of the event (the venue was filled to its maximum) that we have been invited back to do it again on **March 29th**. Check in the upcoming performances section of the newsletter or on our web page for further details and I would suggest that you book a table if you wish to be part of the fun as last time we had to turn people away!

Our newly-formed Events Band has also been hard at work rehearsing for a performance at Umina Park Nursing Home while we are in Tasmania. This is the home where my mum is now living and will be one of the highlights of the trip for me. With my 14 years of involvement in the band, my mum has never heard us play so I am looking forward to having the opportunity to fix this small problem. A huge thank you to all of the people who have generously offered their time to make this smaller ensemble happen. Longer term it is my intention to keep the events band together with regular rehearsals and to market the band as an alternative to the main concert band for smaller venues. Just another exciting change for the Southern Area Family as we move into the year of our 40th anniversary.

Finally (and I could fill the whole newsletter!) we also have the opportunity to perform with David Hobson on **March 26th at the Beumaris RSL**. David is one of Australia's leading opera singers who has crossed over into the pop-opera genre. This event is a fund raising event for the RSL and will run from 4:00PM involving the stage band as well as the main concert band and we will also be performing with *Vocally Wild*. It is looking to be a very exciting event. Again refer to the upcoming events section for further details.

Until next time...

Darryn.

What the bands have been doing:

On Tuesday 14th December 2010 the *Concert Band* (with the choirs Joyful Strains and Vocally Wild) once again performed at the Bayside Carols, Dendy Park in front of over 15,000 people. The good weather and amazing line up of performers had the biggest attendance in its history. One of the nights many highlights was for the band to be able to perform with Kate Cebrano. The amazing evening was topped off with a magical fireworks display. It was a night enjoyed by everyone who was there.



The carols at Dendy Park kicked off a very busy couple of weeks leading up to Christmas. A smaller version of the *Concert Band* also performed at Raynes Park Retirement Home, Cumberland View Nursing Home and the Community Carols at Beaumaris on Christmas Eve. On that evening we also had the pleasure of Robert

Dryden singing two songs with the band. The *Training Band* performed some Christmas Carols for the residents at Princeton View Nursing Home. They have since been asked to perform again during this year.

As part of our fundraising efforts the band held a sausage sizzle at Mentone Bunnings on 18th December. The day started out with rain, lots of rain. Of course being Melbourne it fined up, then started raining heavily again and then cleared up enough for it to be a hot afternoon. Not only did we raise money towards are TAS trip but we were able to spend some time playing carols for all the shoppers.

Already this year our bands have had three performances. *Stage band* performed at Dizzy's Jazz Club in Richmond. This night was such a success we will be back on March 29th to perform again. They were also invited to perform at the Big Band Sunset Festival on February 5th. This was almost a non event for the band due to the floods the night before. Luckily the event still went ahead and the people that did brave the weather had a good time.



Our *Events Band* played at 'Manatuto Cabaret' on 26th February at Chelsea Heights Community Centre. This event was organised by one of the ladies from the Hot Flushes (who we performed with at the Melbourne Zoo last year). It was to raise money to build a kindergarten in a small village in East Timor. It was a very entertaining evening and we hope we helped raise some money for this good cause.

Recruitment:

We are always trying to recruit new members. *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.*



For all your instrumental needs, please visit our friends at Brass and Woodwind - 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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