

2022 NEWSLETTER

VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

As we head into the cooler months, the next few weeks will be busy for bands with ANZAC Ceremonies taking place across the state. Thank you to all bands who are taking part in these ceremonies, it's an important role to play in our communities. Also coming up soon – the Bendigo Eisteddfod!, Entries are now open - [You can find out more information here](#). I hope to see lots of bands at our first competition for the year.

Any proposed changes to the NBCA Rulebook for the 2023 Nationals need to be submitted by Friday April 15th. Should you wish to propose a change, please [contact me via email](#) as soon as possible.

Remember, if you would like your band president / secretary or any other member of your band to receive this newsletter, they can subscribe using this [online form](#). If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. You can email me directly at president@vbl.org.au or you can contact our administrator Sally for general enquiries at vbl@vbl.org.au

Yours in banding,
Megan Stapleton
President

Save the Date!

Lock these dates into your diary for 2022

Nominations close for NBCA Executive Officer
Thursday May 26th

Bendigo Eisteddfod - Sunday May 29th
[Entries now open](#)

State Solo & Ensemble Championships
Saturday July 23rd

State Band Championships
Saturday August 20th and Sunday August 21st

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod - Sunday September 11th

Bandstand Sunday - Sunday October 16th

VSYBB Rehearsal Dates & Events

There is still time to sign up for the new Victorian State Youth Brass Band! All brass and percussion players aged 25 and under are welcome. [More information here](#).

April
Sunday April 24th, 10am – 4pm
Venue: Metro Melbourne (exact location TBC)

May
Sunday May 22nd, 10am – 4pm
Venue: Creswick

June
Friday June 17th to Sunday June 19th
Alpine Brass Festival – Bright
Sunday June 26th – Thursday June 30th
Rehearsal Camp – Bright

NBCA Executive Officer

The National Band Council of Australia advises that nominations are now open for the position of Executive Officer. All nominations MUST be received by the close of business on Thursday May 26th 2022. Nominations received after this date will be declared ineligible in accordance with section 14 of the NBCA constitution.

Nominations will be considered by the Council at its AGM to be held on Saturday June 18th, 2022.

Nominations should comply with the [NBCA's Constitution](#) and nominees should acquaint themselves with section 14 and section 17 which details the nomination requirements and duties of the position. [Details can be found here](#).

General Reminders

Child Safety Paperwork

It's important that every band has a child safety policy and reviews it annually. New Child Safe Standards come into effect on July 1, 2022, You can find more information [here](#). A session on Child Safety was run as part of the Skunkworks Masterclasses last year. You can read the presentation [here](#)

Promoting your band events online

Got a band concert or event coming up? Email a picture and few lines of information to president@vbl.org.au and we'll share your event on our social media accounts.

Grants!

It's a double election year this year (state and federal) and that often means increased grant opportunities. Need money for new equipment or to cover COVID cleaning costs – reach out to your local member to see if they can assist.

Local Councils also run grant programs for local groups. If you would like a letter of support for a grant application please email president@vbl.org.au