

2022 NEWSLETTER

VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

I write with exciting news – the Victorian Bands' League, in conjunction with Fine Music, are pleased to announce the addition of a new event on the 2022 banding calendar - Winter Festival! Scheduled to take place on Saturday June 25th, this event is open to all brass and concert bands, with discount entry fees available for VBL Members. The focus of the event is band development and feedback, with no graded sections or places. However, there are the following prizes available: Best Soloist, Best performance of an Australian work and Most Entertaining Item

Bands are required to put together and perform a 30 minute program that includes at least one work with a solo, one work by an Australian composer and one major work. These can overlap, so your major work could also be the work that features a soloist. Further details can be found on page two of this newsletter and on the [VBL website](#).

The VBL website is undergoing a refresh! The site is a work in progress, with new sections being added each week. We would love to hear from you about what you want to see on the site – email president@vbl.org.au with any comments or suggestions.

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 have now closed

**** NEW EVENT ****

Winter Festival – Saturday June 25th

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.](#)

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

VBL AGM

The 2022 VBL AGM will take place on Sunday May 22nd at 11am via video link. All VBL Members are invited to attend the AGM and to nominate for a position on the VBL Executive.

At this time, we call for nominations for the following positions:

- President (must be a Delegate)
- Vice President (x2) (must be a Delegate)
- Treasurer
- Registrar
- Minute Secretary
- Executive Councillor (x9)

Nominations are to be submitted [on this form](#) and emailed to president@vbl.org.au. Nominations can be received up until 10.55am on Sunday May 22nd.

A link to the AGM will only be provided to those who RSVP. Please email president@vbl.org.au to confirm your attendance.

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.](#)

Fine Music & Victorian Bands' League
proudly present

Winter Festival

Saturday June 25th
Hawthorn Arts Centre

[Entry Forms and more
available here](#)

Entries close Sunday May 29

Entry Fee for VBL Members: \$75.00

Entry Fee for Non-VBL Members: \$110.00

Bands must perform at least:

- One work featuring a soloist
- One work by an Australian composer
- One Major Work

Time limit: 30 mins