

## 2022 NEWSLETTER

## VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

Congratulations to all those who competed at the recent State Solo & Ensemble Championships! It was fantastic to see so many competitors, especially in our junior and juvenile categories. [The results for this event can be found here.](#)

We are looking forward to hearing the bands at the State Band Championships next weekend. There are 19 bands competing across the weekend, with the action kicking off from 11.30am on Saturday morning. [You can find the schedule here.](#) Results will be posted online at the conclusion of each section.

Applications are now open for Bandstand Sunday! Taking place on Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>, bands from across Victoria are invited to apply. It's a fantastic opportunity for bands to perform at Federation Square at no cost to them! First held in 2015, we're excited to have this event back on the banding calendar. [You can find details here.](#)

Nominations are currently open for the position of NBCA President. Interested parties should submit an application of no more than 1,000 words, addressing the criteria above, to the Executive Officer ([executiveofficer@nbca.asn.au](mailto:executiveofficer@nbca.asn.au)) by 5pm AEST on Friday, 19th August 2022. The Council will consider these nominations at a meeting to be held on 4th September 2022. Nominees must also have a letter of support from their state governing body and have their nomination seconded by a second State Governing Body. [More information can be found here.](#)

Yours in banding,  
Megan Stapleton  
President

## Save the Date!

## Lock these dates into your diary for 2022

State Band Championships  
Saturday August 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday August 21<sup>st</sup>

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod  
Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup>

Bandstand Sunday  
Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>

## VSYBB Rehearsal Dates &amp; 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.](#)

**August**

Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>  
Rehearsal in Bendigo

**September**

September 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Victorian Tour

**October**

Sunday October 16<sup>th</sup>  
Rehearsal and performance at Bandstand Sunday

## 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](#). All bands must have these new standards as part of their Child Safe Policy.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:president@vbl.org.au)

**Community Enterprise Foundation**

The Foundation facilitates a wide range of grants for eligible charities and not-for-profit organisations in Australia. The Foundation works closely with Community Bank and Corporate partners that choose to reinvest their profits back into their local communities via a structured charitable grant programs. [You can find details here.](#)