

2022 NEWSLETTER

VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

Quite a bit has been happening since our last newsletter! Congratulations to all those who competed at the recent State Band Championships and the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod. It was great to see so many bands back on stage performing! A special congratulations to our State Champion title winners – Hyde Street Youth Band, Shepparton Brass and Wind, Wodonga Brass, Moonee Valley Brass, Boroondara Brass and Darebin City Brass Preston Band.

[You can find the full results from the State Band Championships here](#)

[You can find the full results from the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod here](#)

We had a record number of bands request to take part in Bandstand Sunday this year and we've extended the day to fit in as many as possible. The bands who have been successful have been contacted and the schedule will be published on the website by the end of the month. We're looking forward to seeing a big crowd in Federation Square to cheer on the bands.

In national banding news, at a recent NBCA meeting, a new president was elected. Congratulations to Brian Dodds from WA on his election. The test pieces for the 2023 Australian National Band Championships have been announced. [You can find all the details here](#). Entries for the event open on October 1st.

We're excited to be sponsoring the [Online Masterclass Series](#) again this year. There are lots of amazing sessions by some of the finest brass players in the world. There are also sessions on child safety, music copyright and arranging and more! All sessions are FREE and you can attend as many as you like. There will also be a Victorian Band Forum where you can talk to members of the VBL Executive and hear about future plans. [You can register for that session here](#).

Yours in banding,
Megan Stapleton
President

Save the Date!

Lock these dates into your diary for 2022/23

[Online Masterclass Series](#)

September 25th to 29th

Bandstand Sunday

Sunday October 16th

Australian National Band Championships

Friday April 7th – Monday April 10th

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](#).

September

September 17th to 22nd

Victorian Tour

October

Sunday October 16th

Rehearsal and performance at Bandstand Sunday

November

Sunday November 27th

General Reminders

Child Safety Paperwork

It's important that every band has a child safety policy and reviews it annually. New Child Safe Standards came 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 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

Community Enterprise Foundation

The Foundation facilitates a wide range of grants for eligible charities and not-for-profit organisations in Australia. [You can find details here](#).