

VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

Hard to believe it's almost November! It was fantastic to see 17 bands performing at Bandstand Sunday last week, including Richmond West Primary School and Richmond Youth Brass Band who were performing at a VBL event for the first time. The weather gods smiled on us and it was great to see such big crowds throughout the day. A big thank you to our sponsors Yamaha Music Australia, Fine Music and Hal Leonard Australia. This event wouldn't be possible without their generous support. See page two of the newsletter for photos from the event.

A reminder that you can find the results from recent competitions on the VBL website. Links below for easy reference:

[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 are busy planning a full calendar of events for 2023 including our regular competitions as well as a Winter Festival showcasing Australian Music and a separate Champion of Champions event to showcase our finest soloists. Bandstand Sunday will also return in 2023. We look forward to sharing more details soon.

Entries for the 2023 National Band Championships will be opening soon. All the information, including the list of test pieces, can be found on the website: <https://nationalbandchampionships.com.au/>

Yours in banding,
Megan Stapleton
President

Save the Date!

Lock these dates into your diary for 2023

Australian National Band Championships
Friday April 7th – Monday April 10th

The VBL hopes to have our main competition and event dates for 2023 available in late November.

Got a suggestion for event you'd like to see on the VBL calendar? Email president@vbl.org.au with your suggestion!

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.](#)

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.](#)

2022 NEWSLETTER

BANDSTAND SUNDAY



Whitehorse Brass



Box Hill City Band



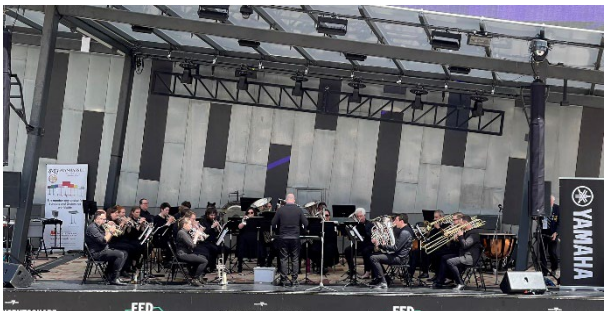
Haddon Community Band



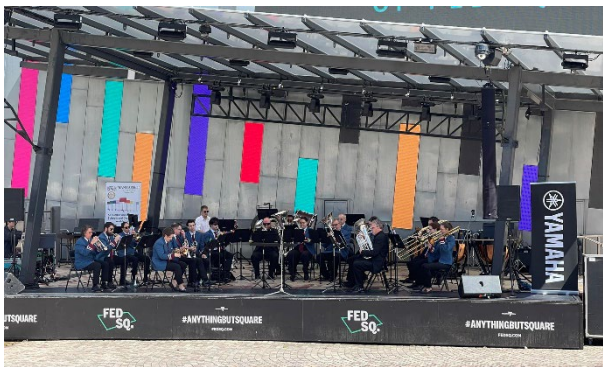
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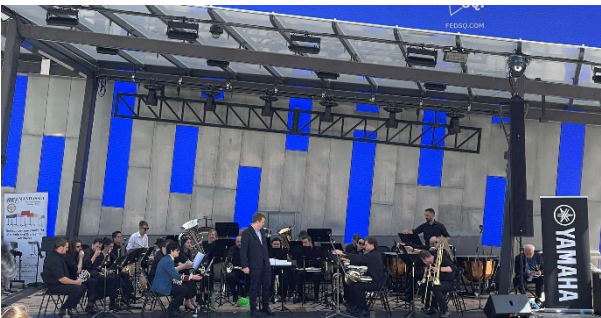
Western Brass



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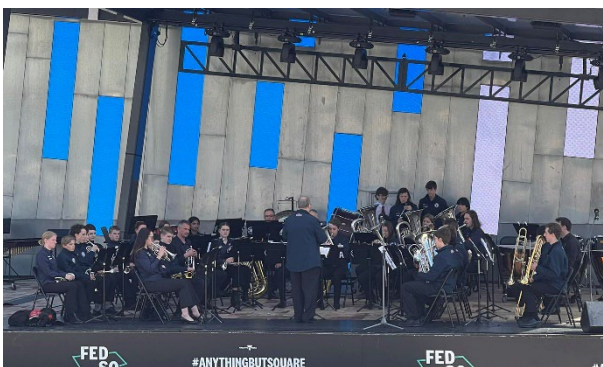
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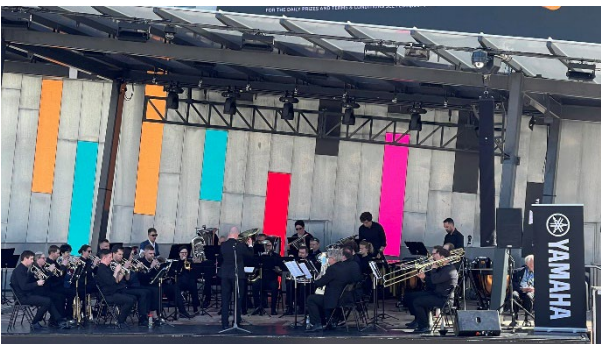
Darebin City Brass – Northern Band



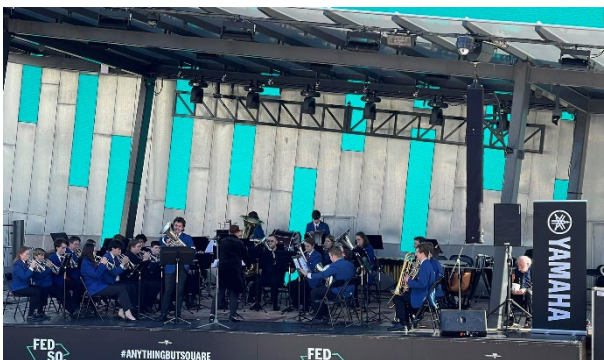
Richmond West Primary School



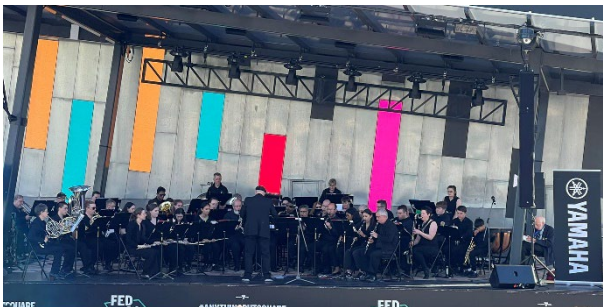
Victorian State Youth Brass Band



Darebin City Brass – Preston Band



Hyde Street Youth Band



Casey Concert Band



Glenferrie Brass



City of Greater Dandenong Band