

VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

Welcome to 2023! It's less than two weeks to go now until the 2023 Australian National Band Championships in Newcastle. There are 15 Victorian bands competing across the Open Brass and Junior Concert and Brass band sections. See pages two and three of this newsletter for a schedule for the weekend and a full list of Victorian bands that are taking part. You can find details regarding adjudicators and other event information [here](#)

The 2023 VBL AGM has also been announced. [See here for details.](#)

Brassbanned will be streaming all the action live from Newcastle – [check it out here](#)

Entries for the 2023 Bendigo Eisteddfod are now open! You can enter online [here](#). Entries close on Friday April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Details for other competitions and events, including the State Band Championships, State Solo and Ensemble Championships and Bandstand Sunday will be announced on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Victorian State Youth Brass Band (VSYBB) is back for 2023! The VSYBB is open to young brass and percussion musicians up to the age of 25 and promotes and inspires young people to develop their musical talents to their fullest ability. [You can find out how to get involved and more here](#)

Yours in banding,  
Megan Stapleton  
President

Save the Date!

Lock these dates into your diary for 2023

Australian National Band Championships  
Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> – Monday April 10<sup>th</sup>

VBL AGM  
Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am (via Zoom)

[Bendigo Eisteddfod](#)  
[Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> – ENTRIES NOW OPEN](#)

State Solo & Ensemble Championships  
Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup> – Entries open on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>

State Band Championships  
Date TBC – All details announced on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod  
September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>

Bandstand Sunday  
Date TBC – All details announced on Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>

VSYBB Rehearsal Dates & Events

Get involved with the Victorian State Youth Brass Band! All brass and percussion players aged 25 and under are welcome. [More information here.](#)

**April**  
Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Creswick

**May**  
Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> - Maribyrnong

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](mailto:president@vbl.org.au) and we'll share your event on our social media accounts.

Grants

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. [You can find details here.](#)

**City of Melbourne – Community Grants**  
The City of Melbourne offers many funding opportunities to support and empower people and communities to become engaged, to connect and to take local action. [You can find details here.](#)

2023 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

FRIDAY APRIL 7

CITY HALL

ADJUDICATOR - MR DAVID BREMNER

OPEN C GRADE BRASS - 8 BANDS  
OPEN B GRADE BRASS - 14 BANDS

10AM	OPEN C GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 1-4
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 12PM	OPEN C GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 5-8
	LUNCH
NOT TO START BEFORE 2.30PM	OPEN B GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 1-5
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 5PM	OPEN B GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 6-9
	DINNER
NOT TO START BEFORE 7.30PM	OPEN B GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 10-14

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FRIDAY APRIL 7

CIVIC THEATRE

ADJUDICATOR - DR ROBERT CHILDS

OPEN A GRADE BRASS - 12 BANDS  
OPEN D GRADE BRASS - 4 BANDS

9.30AM	OPEN A GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 1-4
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 12PM	OPEN A GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 5-8
	LUNCH
NOT TO START BEFORE 3PM	OPEN A GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 9-12
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 6PM	OPEN D GRADE BRASS ~ 4 Bands

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SATURDAY APRIL 8

CIVIC THEATRE

ADJUDICATOR - DR JOANNE HEATON

OPEN B GRADE CONCERT - 6 BANDS  
OPEN A GRADE CONCERT - 6 BANDS

9AM	OPEN B GRADE CONCERT ~ Bands 1-3
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 11.30AM	OPEN B GRADE CONCERT ~ Bands 4-6
	RESULTS & LUNCH
NOT TO START BEFORE 3PM	OPEN A GRADE CONCERT ~ Bands 1-3
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 6.20PM	OPEN A GRADE CONCERT ~ Bands 4-6
	RESULTS

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SATURDAY APRIL 8

CITY HALL

ADJUDICATOR - DR JEMIMA BUNN

JUNIOR A GRADE CONCERT - 3 BANDS  
JUNIOR B GRADE CONCERT - 2 BANDS  
OPEN D GRADE CONCERT- 4 BANDS  
OPEN C GRADE CONCERT - 2 BANDS

10AM	JUNIOR A GRADE CONCERT
	RESULTS & BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 1.30PM	JUNIOR B GRADE CONCERT
	RESULTS & BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 4.15PM	OPEN D GRADE CONCERT
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 7PM	OPEN C GRADE CONCERT
	RESULTS D & C GRADE CONCERT

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SATURDAY APRIL 8

CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC

ADJUDICATOR - MR ANDREW SNELL

JUNIOR C GRADE BRASS - 2 BANDS

JUNIOR B GRADE BRASS- 2 BANDS

JUNIOR C GRADE CONCERT - 4 BANDS

11AM	JUNIOR C GRADE BRASS - HYMN & TEST
	JUNIOR B GRADE BRASS - HYMN & TEST
	JUNIOR C GRADE BRASS - OWN CHOICE & MARCH
	JUNIOR B GRADE BRASS - OWN CHOICE & MARCH
	RESULTS AND BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 2.45PM	JUNIOR C GRADE CONCERT
	RESULTS

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A full list of all competing Victoria Bands:

Band Name	Grade
Darebin City Brass - Preston Band	Open A
Footscray-Yarraville City Band	Open A
Glenferrie Brass	Open A
Boroondara Brass	Open B
Box Hill City Band	Open B
City of Greater Dandenong Band	Open B
Darebin City Brass - Northern Brass	Open B
Geelong West Brass Band	Open B
Moonee Valley Brass	Open C
Wonthaggi Citizens' Band	Open C
Boroondara Harmony Brass	Open D
Hyde Street Youth Band	Open D
Hyde St Youth Band	Junior B Brass
Northcote High Brass Band	Junior C Brass
Northcote High Concert Band	Junior C
Concert	
Solo & Ensemble Competitors	
City of Greater Dandenong Band	
Darebin City Brass - Preston Band	
Footscray Yarraville City Band	
Geelong West Brass Band	
Hyde Street Youth Band	
Knox Wind Symphony	
Marist Brass Bendigo	
Moonee Valley Brass	
Stonnington City Brass	
Sunshine Community Brass	

SUNDAY APRIL 9

CITY HALL

ADJUDICATOR - MR DAVID BREMNER

OPEN C GRADE BRASS - 8 BANDS

OPEN B GRADE BRASS - 14 BANDS

9AM	OPEN C GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 1-4
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 10.40AM	OPEN C GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 5-8
	RESULTS & LUNCH
NOT TO START BEFORE 1.45PM	OPEN B GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 1-5
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 4.30PM	OPEN B GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 6-9
	DINNER
NOT TO START BEFORE 7.15PM	OPEN B GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 10-14
	RESULTS

SUNDAY APRIL 9

CIVIC THEATRE

ADJUDICATOR - DR ROBERT CHILDS

OPEN D GRADE BRASS - 4 BANDS

OPEN A GRADE BRASS - 12 BANDS

9.30AM	OPEN D GRADE BRASS ~ 4 Bands
	RESULTS & BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 12PM	OPEN A GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 1-4
	LUNCH
NOT TO START BEFORE 3PM	OPEN A GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 5-8
	BREAK
NOT TO START BEFORE 6PM	OPEN A GRADE BRASS ~ Bands 9-12
	RESULTS

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