

2024 NEWSLETTER

VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

There is a lot going on at the moment! Entries are NOW OPEN for the 2024 Victorian State Band Championships. This year it is being held IN MELBOURNE on the weekend of July 27th and July 28th. [Find all the details here.](#)

Entries are also open for the 2024 Bendigo Eisteddfod! [All the details are available here.](#)

Nominations are now open for the Janice Valma Davey OAM memorial award. This prestigious award aims to recognise and honour outstanding contributions of women to the brass band movement in Australia. Whether they are active players, non-playing members, or dedicated supporters, we seek to celebrate those individuals who have made a significant impact on their local band or the broader band movement. [Find more information, including how to nominate someone, here.](#)

The 2024 Australian National Band Championships are taking place from March 29th to April 1st in Adelaide. We wish all the Victorian bands attending the very best of luck! If you can't make it over, you can catch all the action live on [Brassbanned!](#) The list of Victorian bands competing is below.

Open A Grade Brass

Darebin City Brass Preston Band
Footscray Yarraville City Band
Glenferrie Brass

Open C Grade Brass

City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band
Creswick Brass Band
Moonee Valley Brass
Western Brass
Whitehorse Brass
Wodonga Brass

Junior B Grade Brass

Hyde Street Youth Band

Open B Grade Brass

Boroondara Brass
Box Hill City Band
City of Greater Dandenong Band
Geelong West Brass Band

Open D Grade Brass

Boroondara Harmony Brass
Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band
Hyde Street Youth Band

Open B Grade Concert

Knox Wind Symphony

Junior C Grade Brass

Box Hill Academy Brass

Yours in banding,
Megan Stapleton
President

Save the Date!

Lock these dates into your diary for 2024

[Bendigo Eisteddfod](#) - Sunday May 26th

State Solo & Ensemble Championships - DATE TBC

[State Band Championships – to be held in MELBOURNE](#)
July 27th & 28th

Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod - September 7th & 8th

Bandstand Sunday - DATE TBC

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.](#)

Next Rehearsal - April 14th in Bendigo

General Reminders

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

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.](#)