

## 2025 NEWSLETTER

## VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

Congratulations to all bands and soloists who competed at the 2025 Yamaha Australian National Band Championships! There were fantastic performances across all the grades but a special mention must go to those Victorian bands that are 2025 National Champions:

Open A Grade Brass – Footscray Yarraville City Band  
 Open C Grade Brass - Wonthaggi Citizens Band  
 Open D Grade Brass - City of Ballarat Municipal Brass  
 Junior A Grade Brass - Hyde Street Youth Band  
 Junior B Grade Brass - Box Hill Academy Brass  
 Junior C Grade Brass - Richmond Youth Brass Band  
 Open C Grade Concert - Shepparton Brass & Wind  
 Junior C Grade Concert - Genazzano FCJ College Symphonic Band

Entries are NOW OPEN for the 2025 Victorian State Band Championships. This year it is being held IN BENDIGO on the weekend of August 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. [Find all the details here.](#) Based on feedback from the post-event survey last year, the State Band Championships will alternate between Melbourne and a different regional city each year.

Entries are also now open for the 2025 Victorian State Solo & Ensemble Championships taking place on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup>. [You can find all the details here.](#) Entries close June 6<sup>th</sup>.

The 2025 Victorian Bands' League Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday May 31st at 9am via video link. A general delegates meeting will follow the AGM which will include a report on the financial outcome of the 2025 National Band Championships. All VBL Members are invited to attend the AGM and to nominate for a position on the VBL Executive. Please note: you no longer need to be a Delegate to run for a position on the VBL Executive Council (excluding President and Vice President).

Nominations must be emailed to [president@vbl.org.au](mailto:president@vbl.org.au) using [this form](#). Nominations can be received up until 8.30am on Saturday May 31st.

A link to the AGM will only be provided to those who RSVP. Please email [president@vbl.org.au](mailto:president@vbl.org.au) to confirm your attendance. All VBL members are invited to attend the AGM but only Delegates can vote.

Yours in banding,  
 Megan Stapleton  
 President

## Save the Date!

## Lock these dates into your diary for 2025

Bendigo Eisteddfod - Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>  
 (Entries have closed)

[State Solo & Ensemble Championships – July 26<sup>th</sup>](#)

[State Band Championships – to be held in BENDIGO  
 August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>](#)

[Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod - September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>](#)

Bandstand Sunday – November 30<sup>th</sup>

## VSYBB Rehearsal Dates &amp; Events

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

## 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](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.](#)