

2025 NEWSLETTER

VBL UPDATE

Dear Bands,

The 2025 Victorian State Solo & Ensemble Championships took place at the end of July and it was an incredible day of performances with over 350 competitors in more than 70 sections. This is a record number of entrants for the event, with strong numbers across all age groups. Congratulations to all those who took part! [You can find the full list of results here.](#)

The 2025 Victorian State Band Championships are less than 2 weeks away. The schedule for the weekend is below. Information about adjudicators and audience tickets [can be found here.](#)

Saturday 30 August		
Section	Start Time	No of Bands
Open D Grade Brass	9:00 AM	6
Junior C Grade Concert	2:15 PM	1
Open A Grade Brass	3:00 PM	4
Open B Grade Brass	7:30 PM	3

Sunday 31 August		
Section	Start Time	No of Bands
Open C Grade Brass	8:30 AM	7
Junior C Grade Brass	1:10 PM	1
Open D Grade Concert	2:00 PM	1
Open C Grade Concert	2:45 PM	1
Open B Grade Concert	3:50 PM	2
Open A Grade Concert	5:20 PM	1

Bandstand Sunday

We're excited to announce that Bandstand Sunday is back in 2025! Applications are now open for the event which is taking place on Sunday November 30th. [All details including the application form are available here](#)

Applications close on Sunday September 28th

Band Contact Information

The VBL is going to be relaunching the band contact page on the website shortly and we'd like to make sure we have the most up-to-date information for your band. In addition to the band contact page on the website, we'd also like to make sure we have the correct contact information for your ensemble for general VBL correspondence. Please have someone from your band complete this online form so we can ensure the correct information is published on the website. [Update your band contact details here](#)

Yours in banding,
Megan Stapleton
President

Save the Date!

Lock these dates into your diary for 25/26

August 2025

State Band Championships – August 30th & 31st

September 2025

Delegates Meeting – September 6th at 9am via Zoom
Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod - September 13th & 14th

November 2025

Delegates Meeting – November 23rd at 9am via Zoom
Bandstand Sunday – November 30th

April 2026

National Band Championships – April 2nd to 5th
Thursday April 2nd – Solo & Ensemble events
Friday April 3rd – Open & Junior Concert Bands
Saturday April 4th – Open & Jnr Brass Bands (Hymn/Test)
Sunday April 5th – Open & Jnr Brass Bands (OC/March)

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.](#)

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.](#)