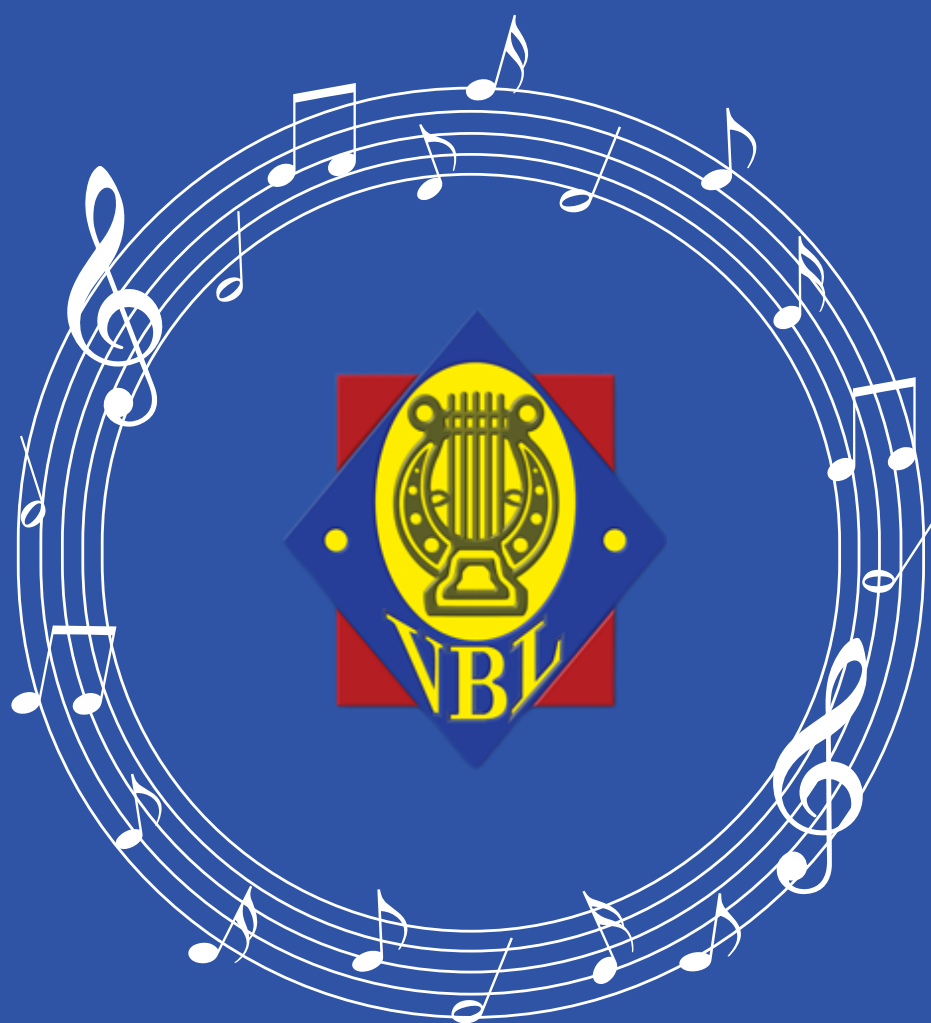


2026 Victorian State Band Championships



August 14 to 16
Hawthorn Arts Centre

Welcome

Dear Competitors, Families and Supporters,

Welcome to the 2026 Victorian State Band Championships! This weekend will see some of the finest musicians from across Victoria come together to compete for the title of State Champion Band. With a record number of entries, it's sure to be a great weekend of music!

We would like to take this moment to acknowledge the contribution of our Sponsors: Fine Music, Yamaha Music Australia and Hal Leonard Australia. Without their generous support we would be unable to continue running this great event. We hope you have a great weekend and best of luck to all competitors.

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Robyn Waugh	Boroondara Harmony Brass
Logan Mills	Box Hill Academy Brass
Taryn Griggs	City of Ballarat Municipal Brass Band
David Hague	City of Greater Bendigo Brass
Fred Trewartha	City of Greater Bendigo Brass
Victoria Wilson	City of Traralgon Band
Dusty Vallance	Creswick Brass Band
Melina Benger	Croydon Citizens' Brass
Stephen Makin	Darebin City Brass Northern Brass
Cat Timcke	Darebin City Brass Preston Band
George Melitsis	Darebin City Brass Preston Band
Shani Clark	Daylesford Community Brass Band
Stuart McCorkelle	Footscray Yarraville City Band
Anthony Baird	Footscray Yarraville Western Brass
Jared McCunnie	Footscray Yarraville Western Brass
Lisa Faulks	Footscray Yarraville Western Brass
Stephanie Towse	Geelong West Brass Band
Claire Reade	Glenorchy City Concert Brass (TBL)

Volunteers

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Name	Band
Linda Ely	Hyde Street Junior Band
Fern	Hyde Street Youth Band
Fiona Brink	Hyde Street Youth Band
Anthony Rogers	K&N Brass (SABA)
Charmaine Kimber	K&N Brass (SABA)
Wendy Southward	Knox Concert Band
Ian Wienand	Melbourne Symphonic Winds
Melinda Wienand	Melbourne Symphonic Winds
Skye Wienand	Melbourne Symphonic Winds
Andrew Wilson	Mildura Brass
Brad Johnston	Moonee Valley Brass
Kenny Nicholson	Moonee Valley Brass
Megan Stapleton	Moonee Valley Brass
Peter Nicholson	Moonee Valley Brass
Raymond Isaac	Moonee Valley Brass
Paul Curran	Morwell Citizens Brass & Concert
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The Victorian Bands' League gratefully acknowledges the generous support of our sponsors. Events like these simply wouldn't be possible without the organisations that choose to support community music. Their contribution helps us provide opportunities for musicians of all ages and abilities to perform, compete, connect and share their love of music.

By supporting the VBL and our events, our sponsors are supporting much more than a competition. They are investing in musicians, bands and communities, and helping to ensure that banding continues to thrive across Victoria.

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Schedule Overview

Friday August 14th

7.30am: Open B Grade Brass

Saturday August 15th

8.00am: Junior C Grade Brass

8.30am: Junior B Grade Brass

9.20am: Junior A Grade Brass

9.50am: Primary School Brass

10.30am: Open A Grade Brass

4.30pm: Open B Grade Concert

6.45pm: Open D Grade Concert

8.15pm: Open C Grade Concert

9.45pm: Open A Grade Concert

Sunday August 16th

8.00am: Open D Grade Brass

2.30pm: Open C Grade Brass

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Adjudicators

Richard Shirley

Open A Grade, Open B Grade & Open C

Grade Brass

Junior Brass, Primary School Brass

Richard is a New Zealand born trombonist. He grew up in brass bands and spent his formative years in the Westport Municipal Band before joining the New Zealand Army Band straight out of school. After six years with the Army, Richard went to the New Zealand School of Music in Wellington to study Performance Trombone under Dr Rodger Fox and David Bremner's guidance. After graduation, Richard crossed the ditch to study towards his Masters of Performance at the University of Melbourne under Michael Bertoncello. Prior to securing his job in the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra in 2016, Richard held positions with the New Zealand Army Band, Central Band of the Royal New Zealand Airforce, Orchestra Wellington and New South Wales Police Band. Richard has also appeared as a guest musician with Orchestra Victoria, Australian Opera and Ballet Orchestra, Western Australian Symphony Orchestra, New Zealand Symphony Orchestra and the Malaysian Philharmonic to name a few.

Richard has featured as a guest soloist with ensembles throughout Australasia, and is currently a guest Trombone Tutor at the University of Melbourne, Conservatory of Music.

Amy Wert

Open Concert

Amy Wert is the Director of Music at Toorak College, Mount Eliza and holds a Masters of Music Performance in Conducting from Syracuse University, New York. During her time at Syracuse Amy conducted the Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, Women's Choir and Concert Band. She was awarded the graduate music prize from Syracuse University for her studies and worked as an adjunct lecturer teaching the undergraduate conducting and music theatre repertoire course. She was awarded the Theatre Guild of Victoria music director's award 2001, and a Lyrebird Award in 2012. Amy was awarded the Australian Kodaly Certificate in 2019, has an A.MUS.A on the clarinet, is a woodwind specialist, and has performed in and conducted bands and orchestras for many Melbourne and Geelong community theatre companies. Amy has been a guest adjudicator, clinician or conductor for Melbourne Youth Orchestras Summer and Winter schools, NEVR, VSMF, ABODA, Geelong Concert Band, Geelong Summer Music Camp, Kodaly Music Education Institute of Australia VIC, as well as many orchestras, bands, choirs and schools throughout Victoria.

Adjudicators

Louisa Trewartha

Open D Grade Brass

Louisa Trewartha leads a diverse career as a trumpet player, composer, and educator. As an orchestral trumpet player Louisa has performed with the Melbourne, Auckland, Tasmanian and Sydney Symphony Orchestras, and since 2009 has played in over 40 operas, ballets, and musicals with Orchestra Victoria. Louisa has been a Yamaha artist since 2022. After studying at The University of Melbourne from 2008-2010 and ANAM in 2013, she completed a Master of Arts in Scoring for Film and Visual Media in 2016 at Pulse College, Dublin. Louisa has since been commissioned to write works for Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, The Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Canberra Symphony Orchestra, and ANAM Set '25. In 2024, her EP Suite Water for brass quintet was released as an ABC Classic Commission. Louisa's solo works have been selected as test pieces for state and national band competitions, and are also on the VCE and AMEB music performance repertoire list.

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Full Schedule - Friday August 14

Open B Grade Brass

Band	Onstage Time
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Band No 1 - Whitehorse Brass	
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Conducted by Broden Ford	
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Punchinello by William Rimmer (March)	7.30pm
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Lift High the Cross by Jonathan Bates (Set Work)	
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Be Still by Arr. P Schwartz and D Gates (Hymn)	
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Visions of Kolkhis by Tom Davoren (Own Choice)	
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Band No 2 - City of Greater Dandenong Band	
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Conducted by Jamie Lawson	
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In Love for Me by Philip Harper (Hymn)	8.15pm
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Lift High the Cross by Jonathan Bates (Set Work)	
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Laudate Dominum by E Gregson (Own Choice)	
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The Australasian by W.Rimmer (March)	
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Band No 3 - Diamond Valley Brass	
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Conducted by Jeff Steele	
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Nicaea by Jared McCunnie (Hymn)	9.00pm
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Lift High the Cross by Jonathan Bates (Set Work)	
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The Contestor by TJ Powell (March)	
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Black Gold by Thierry Deleruyelle (Own Choice)	
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Open B Grade Brass Results	9.55pm
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Full Schedule - Saturday August 15

Junior C Grade Brass

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 1 - Hyde Street Junior Band

Conducted by Izzi Smith

Lord of the Lake by Thierry Deleruyville (Set Work)

Albion Treasures by Gavin Somerset (Own Choice)

Wipe Out by The Surfaris (Arr. unknown) (Own Choice)

8.00am

Junior B Grade Brass

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 1 - Richmond Youth Brass Band

Conducted by Adam Arnold

Festival Voluntary by F Peeters Arr. A. Arnold (Own Choice)

Amazing Grace by Trad Arr. W Himes (Own Choice)

Voices of Youth by Edward Gregson (Set Work)

8.30am



Full Schedule - Saturday August 15

Junior A Grade Brass

Band	Onstage Time
Band No 1 - Hyde Street Youth Band Conducted by Fern Gass Rocket by Alan Fernie (Own Choice) Albion Treasures by Gavin Somerset (Own Choice) For There is Nothing Lost by Jodie Blackshaw (Set Work)	9.20am

Primary School Brass

Band	Onstage Time
Band No 1 - Richmond West Primary School Brass Band Conducted by Adam Arnold Seventy Six Trombones by Meredith Wilson arr. A. Arnold (Own Choice) The Conquerors Return by A Arnold (Own Choice) Neraiuchi by Sunichi Tokura (Own Choice)	9.50am
All Junior Brass & Primary School Brass Results	10.20am

Full Schedule - Saturday August 15

Open A Grade Brass

Band	Onstage Time
Band No 1 - Geelong West Brass Band Conducted by Jason Mears Love Unknown by John Ireland (arr. Steve Robson) (Hymn) Moonscapes by Benjamin Tubb-Hearne (Set Work) Windows of the World by Peter Graham (Own Choice) O.R.B. by Charles Anderson (March)	10.30am
Band No 2 - Glenferrie Brass Conducted by Phillipa Edwards OAM Red Lines by Stijn Aertgeerts (Own Choice) Be Still by Dorothy Gates (Hymn) Moonscapes by Benjamin Tubb- Hearne (Set Work) The Cossack by William Rimmer (March)	11.20am
Band No 3 - Darebin City Brass Preston Band Conducted by Andrew Snell Senator by George Allen (March) Moonscapes by Benjamin Tubb-Hearne (Set Work) Beauty of thy peace by Dorothy Gates (Hymn) Blitz by Derek Bourgeios (Set Work)	12.10pm

Full Schedule - Saturday August 15

Open A Grade Brass (continued)

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 4 - Boroondara Brass

Conducted by Daniel van Bergen

Festival March - Temple 125 by Kevin Larsson
(March)

Moonscapes by Benjamin Tubb-Hearne (Set Work)

The Garden by Martin Cordner (Hymn)

BURN THE CHURCH! by Otto M. Schwarz (Own
Choice)

1.30pm

Band No 5 - Glenorchy City Concert Brass

Conducted by Simon Reade

Le Tricot Rouge by Wilfred Heaton (March)

The Essence of Time by Peter Graham (Own
Choice)

Irish Tune from County Derry by Percy Grainger,
transcribed by Graham Lloyd (Hymn)

Moonscapes by Benjamin Tubb-Hearne (Set Work)

2.20pm

Band No 6 - Footscray-Yarraville City Band

Conducted by Tim Francis

Honest Toil by William Rimmer (March)

Moonscapes by Benjamin Tubb-Hearne (Set Work)

Speak, Lord by Paul Sharman (Hymn)

Le Roi d'Ys by Édouard Lalo. Arranged by Frank
Wright (Own Choice)

3.10pm

Open A Grade Brass Results

4.10pm

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Full Schedule - Saturday August 15

Open B Grade Concert

Band	Onstage Time
Band No 1 - Knox Wind Symphony Conducted by Daniel van Bergen Brilliant March by Shin'ya Takahashi (March) Beyond the Lucent Portal by Jack Hwang (Set Work) Elegy, from "Siege" by Jared McCunnie (Hymn) Redhill by Benjamin Yeo (Own Choice)	4.30pm
Band No 2 - Geelong Concert Band Senior Band Conducted by Mathew Taylor On Parade by Amanda Aldridge (March) Beyond the Lucent Portal by Jack Hwang (Set Work) Sacrifice by Julie Giroux (Hymn) Danzon No. 2 by Arturo Marquez Arr. Nickel (Own Choice)	5.15pm
Band No 3 - Shepparton Brass and Wind Conducted by Lachlan Gallacher Second Suite in F for Military Band by Gustav Holst (Own Choice) A Hymn for Band by Hugh Stuart (Hymn) Beyond the Lucent Portal by Jack Hwang (Set Work) Barnard Castle by Goff Richards (March)	6.00pm

Full Schedule - Saturday August 15

Open D Grade Concert

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 1 - Morwell Citizens Band

Conducted by Joseph Bonnici

They Went Thataway Arr. by Paul Jennings (Own Choice)

6.45pm

Through The Valley by Ryan Nowlin (Set Work)

Childhood Hymn by David R. Holsinger (Hymn)

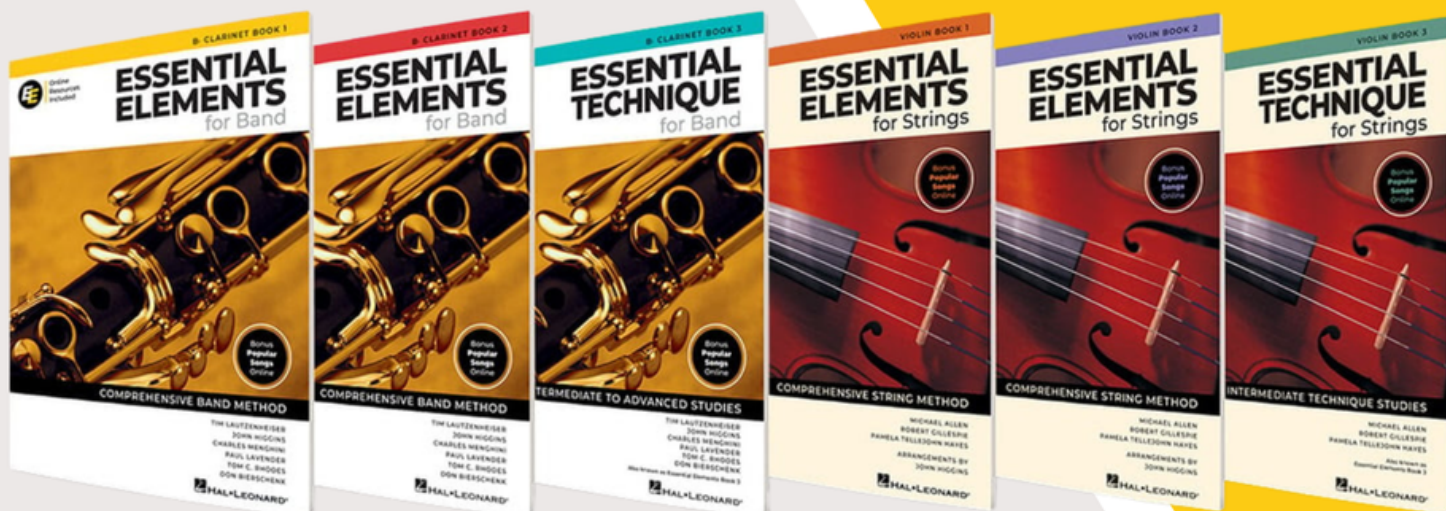
Pablito by Archibald Mizzi (March)

Open B Grade & Open D Grade Concert Results

7.35pm

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Open C Grade Concert

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 1

Geelong Concert Band Community Band

Conducted by Jen Clutterbuck

Second Century by Alfred Reed (March)

8.15pm

Nearer, My God, to Thee by L Mason (Hymn)

The Warriors of Crimson Cove by Adele Mitchell

(Set Work)

Choose Joy by Randall Standridge (Own Choice)

Band No 2 - Knox Concert Band

Conducted by Sion Boomsma

The Warriors of Crimson Cove by Adele Mitchell

(Set Work)

White Rose City March by Bob Cotter (March)

9.00pm

Abendlied (Evening Song) by J Rheinberger Arr.

Adam Arnold (Hymn)

American River Songs by Pierre La Plante (Own

Choice)

Open A Grade Concert

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 1 - Melbourne Symphonic Winds

Conducted by Ryan Parks

Chief of Staff March by Bob Thurston (March)

Dionysiaques by Florent Schmitt; Edited by F

9.45pm

Hauswirth (Own Choice)

Mare Tranquillitatis by Roger Zare (Hymn)

Fantastic Dreams by Frank Ticheli (Set Work)

Open C Grade & Open A Grade Concert

Results

10.40pm

Full Schedule - Sunday August 16

Open D Grade Brass

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 1 - Auburn Brass

Conducted by Sean Lambert

Dear Lord Father of Man Kind by C. H . H Parry Arr

C Bolton & E Banks (Hymn)

8.00am

The Journal Of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set Work)

Starburst by Dan Price (Own Choice)

Barnard Castle by Goff Richards (March)

Band No 2 - Boroondara Harmony Brass

Conducted by Robyn Lowenstein Waugh

Amazing Grace by Traditional arr. William Himes (Hymn)

8.35am

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set Work)

The Victorian Rifles by Wilton Roche (March)

Barbie's World by Arr. Michael Brown Trans. by Christopher Bond (Own Choice)

Band No 3 - Stonnington City Brass

Conducted by Kevin Hillier OAM

Be Still and Know by Philip Rayment (Hymn)

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set Work)

9.10am

Bandstand by T J Powell (March)

A Tribute to Lionel by Andre Waignein (Own Choice)

Full Schedule - Sunday August 16

Open D Grade Brass (cont.)

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 4 - Morwell Citizens Band

Conducted by Joseph Bonnici

Jurassic Park by John Williams, Arr. Alan Catherall
(Own Choice)

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set
Work)

9.45am

Unbounded Love by William Rowlands, Arr. by Ralph
Hultgren (Hymn)

The Victorian Rifles by Wilton Roche (March)

Band No 5 - Croydon Citizens' Brass Band

Conducted by Melina Benger

The Buchaneer by J Foulds, Arranger Drake Rimmer
(March)

How To Train Your Dragon by John Powell, Arr.
Johnnie Vinson (Own Choice)

10.20am

Lloyd by Cuthbert Howard, Arr. Alan Fernie (Hymn)

The Journal Of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set
Work)

Band No 6 - Mornington Youth & Citizens Brass Band

Conducted by John Beckley

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind by Sir C H Hastings
Parry (arr. C Bolton & E Banks) (Hymn)

Barnard Castle by Goff Richards (March)

11.15am

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set
Work)

It's Not Unusual by Gordon Mills & Les Reed (arr.
Stefan Schwalgin) (Own Choice)

Full Schedule - Sunday August 16

Open D Grade Brass (cont.)

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 7 - Ararat City Band

Conducted by Wade Carman

Terra Beata by James Curnow (Own Choice)

Precious Name by William H Doane Arr. Jared

McCunnie (Hymn)

11.50am

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set Work)

Collaroy by Barrie Gott (March)

Band No 8 - Warragul Municipal Band

Conducted by Cameron Sanders

Duntroon by Percy Code (March)

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set Work)

12.25pm

I'll Walk With God by Nicholas Brodsky arr. Goff Richards (Hymn)

Gladiator by Hans Zimmer & Lisa Gerrard arr. Frank Bernaerts (Own Choice)

Band No 9 - Sale City Band

Conducted by Tom Cousin

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set Work)

1.00pm

Holy, Holy, Holy (Nicaea) by J B Dykes, Arr. James Curnow (Hymn)

Prelude to a Festival by Alan Fernie (Own Choice)

Slaidburn by William Rimmer (March)

Full Schedule - Sunday August 16

Open D Grade Brass (cont.)

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 10 - Mildura District Brass Band

Conducted by Leigh Penna

Essence of Brass by Gavin Somerset (Own Choice)

The Journal of Phileas Fogg by Peter Graham (Set Work)

Prelude on 'Lavenham' by Geoffrey Nobes (Hymn)

Arnhem by Albert E. Kelly (March)

1.35pm

Open D Grade Brass Results

2.20pm

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Open C Grade Brass

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 1 - Box Hill Academy Brass

Conducted by Lauren Innes

Punchinello by William Rimmer (March)

The Irish Blessing by Joyce Eilers Bacak arr.

Stephen Bradnum (Hymn)

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

Starburst by Dan Price (Own Choice)

2.30pm

Band No 2 - Creswick Brass Band

Conducted by Katrina Bird

Reflections in Nature by Robert Redhead (Hymn)

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

The Cossack by William Rimmer (March)

Calling Cornwall by Goff Richards (Own Choice)

3.10pm

Band No 3 - Frankston City Band

Conducted by Aaron Richard

Crucifixus by Antonio Lotti (Arr: James Moule)

(Hymn)

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

Blue Rona a la Turk by Dave Brubeck Arr: Kevin

Edwards (Own Choice)

Amparito Roca by Texidor (Arr: Aubrey Winter)

(March)

3.50pm

Full Schedule - Sunday August 16

Open C Grade Brass (cont.)

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 4 - Moonee Valley Brass

Conducted by Dean Hughes

Be Still and Know by Philip Rayment (Hymn)

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

October by Eric Whitacre, Arr Philip Sparke (Own Choice)

The Call of the Brave by Jacob Vilhelm Larsen (March)

4.30pm

Band No 5 - City of Greater Bendigo Brass Band

Conducted by Cally Bartlett

Fanfare and Flourishes by James Curnow (Own Choice)

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

Be Thou My Vision by Arr. Andrew Wainwright (Hymn)

Barnard Castle by Goff Richards (March)

5.10pm

Band No 6 - Sparrow Park Brass

Conducted by John Collinson

Vitae Aeternum by Paul Lovatt-Cooper (Own Choice)

Be Still and Know by Philip Rayment (Hymn)

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

Courage by G. Marshall (March)

6.20pm

Full Schedule - Sunday August 16

Open C Grade Brass (cont.)

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 7 - Footscray-Yarraville Western Brass

Conducted by Jared McCunnie

The Victors Return by William Rimmer (March)

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

Blades of Toledo by Trevor Sharpe (Own Choice)

The Lord's My Shepherd by Arr. Paul Sharman

(Hymn)

7.00pm

Band No 8 - City Of Ballarat Municipal Brass Band

Conducted by Belinda Sileni

The Golden Lady by Goff Richards (Own Choice)

The Lost Chord by Arthur Sullivan arr. J.Ord Hume

(Hymn)

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

Punchinello by William Rimmer (March)

7.40pm

Band No 9 - Hyde Street Youth Band

Conducted by Phillipa Edwards OAM

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

Be Still by Jean Sibelius Arr. Dorothy Gates (Hymn)

The Wizard by George Allan (March)

Balkan Dance by Etienne Crausaz (Own Choice)

8.20pm

Full Schedule - Sunday August 16

Open C Grade Brass (cont.)

Band

Onstage Time

Band No 10 - Darebin City Brass - Northern Brass

Conducted by Bethany McAuliffe-D'Rozario

Love Unknown by John Ireland (arr. Steve Robson) (Hymn)

9.00pm

Arkansas by Jacob de Haan (Set Work)

The Centaur by Derek Broadbent (March)

Osterfjorden by Stijn Aertgeerts (Own Choice)

Open C Grade Brass Results

9.50pm

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