



Victorian Bands' League Inc.

Reg. No. A442 - ABN 71 326 189 778

Patron-in-Chief: Professor David de Kretser, AC, Governor of Victoria

Patron: Derek Guille, Presenter, Evening Programme 774 ABC Melbourne

Annual Awards – Criteria & Closing Dates

The VBL wishes to acknowledge significant contributions by individuals within our movement. As such, the following awards were promulgated in the 2002-03 VBL Strategic Plan.

To enable the awards to be decided and presented at the VBL Showcase concert on 30th November 2008, the VBL calls for written nominations in the following categories:

- Musician of the Year
- Young Musician of the Year
- Musical Director of the Year
- Drum Major of the Year

Please submit all nominations by email or post **by Friday 14th November 2008**, addressing as closely as possible the criteria for the applicable award. Any supporting information or references are welcome. NB: A band may submit only one nomination per category.

Chris Bowman
President, Victorian Bands' League

Musician of the Year

Awarded for the most outstanding musician of the year (25 years and over), as demonstrated by musical achievement and participation. **Award: medallion, certificate and trophy (IP).**

Criteria:

- pursuit of excellence in individual music performance
- continued high standard of playing ability over the last year
- significant performance at one or more solo championship
- undertake skills development activities
- preparedness to mentor others
- positive role model
- regular attendance record at rehearsals and performances
- positive contribution to the organisation and administration of their band
- good ambassador for banding
- must be a registered member of an affiliated member band

Award to be decided by a panel of the President, one member of the Executive and one member of the MAB, based on submissions from member bands. **Nominations close on Friday 14th November 2008.**

Young Musician of the Year

Awarded for the most outstanding musician of the year (under 25 years), as demonstrated by musical achievement and participation. **Award: medallion, certificate and trophy (IP).**

Criteria:

- pursuit of excellence in individual music performance
- exceptional improvement in playing ability over the last year
- significant performance at one or more solo championship
- undertake skills development activities
- preparedness to mentor others
- positive role model
- regular attendance record at rehearsals and performances
- positive contribution to the organisation and administration of their band
- good ambassador for banding
- must be a registered member of an affiliated member band

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Musical Director of the Year

Awarded for the most outstanding Musical Director of the year, based on musical achievement and participation over the course of the year. **Award: medallion, certificate and trophy (IP).**

Criteria:

- pursuit of excellence in musical direction
- innovation in music selection, concert programming and musical presentation
- significant result in one or more band championship
- undertake skills development activities
- ability to effectively train the band and individual members in aspects of music
- leadership
- positive role model
- good ambassador for banding
- must be a registered member of an affiliated member band

Award to be decided by a panel of the President, one member of the Executive and one member of the MAB, based on submissions from member bands. **Friday 14th November 2008.**

Drum Major of the Year

Awarded for the most outstanding Drum Major of the year, based on drill achievement and participation over the course of the year. **Award: medallion, certificate and trophy (IP).**

Criteria:

- personal excellence in drill
- willingness to develop drill within their band
- participation in one or more significant marching events
- ability to effectively train the band and individual members in aspects of drill
- positive role model
- good ambassador for banding
- must be a registered member of an affiliated member band

Award to be decided by a panel of the President, one member of the Executive and one member of the DAB, based on submissions from member bands **Friday 14th November 2008.**
