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2002 AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Entries received:

Brass & Concert Bands 72
Solo & Party: 336

NOTICE OF DELEGATES MEETING

The next meeting will be held on

Sunday 24 February 2002

Footscray City Primary School
(classroom in school grounds)

at 10.30am

Hyde Street, Footscray
Melways Ref 42 D6

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Draft Constitution to be reviewed
please bring your copy and comments for
discussion

State Youth Brass Band January Tour
Details on page 13

71st Annual General Meeting
&
Delegates Meeting
14 April 2002



The League is the governing body of the Victorian Concert and Brass Band movement

President
David Billimoria

Check out the VBL Website at:

www.vbl.org.au

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29 March - 1 April 2002
Geelong Performing Arts Centre
March 29 & 30 - Brass Band Championship
March 31 - Concert Band Championship
April 1 - Solo and Party Championship

For further information contact:

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McMullan, MHR, Member for Fraser, ACT, thanked us on behalf of all Members of Parliament, for coming to Canberra and giving such a wonderful concert. After the performance we were given a private tour of Parliament House. In contrast, that evening the staff judged a "red faces" night. First prize was won by the youngest members on the tour who were certainly the liveliest. Saturday 19th we drove to Albury and performed at the closing ceremony of the Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup. From there we drove to Ballarat where we stayed the night and the following day gave our final concert as part of the Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields Festival. The Musical Director of the Festival, Sergio de Pieri, commended the band on the quality of the performance. The band was then dismissed to travel home to places as far away as Wonthaggi, Sale, Wodonga and Echuca. On this most successful and enjoyable tour we had 39 members between the ages of 11 and 20, average age being 15 years with an even mix of girls and boys. Next year we are hopeful that all 70 of our members are in a position to tour with us.

I would like to thank all members for their participation and dedication to the band and the tour, and the staff for their wonderful assistance in making this an excellent and rewarding tour for all concerned.

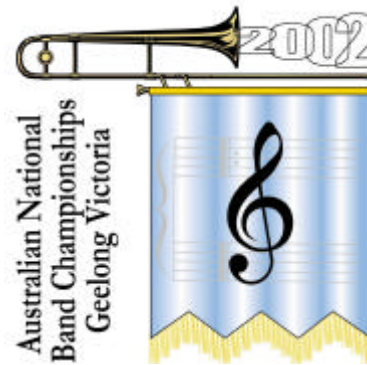
John M Breen, Musical Director.

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MARCH 15	Hawthorn Band and guests Hawthorn Town Hall contact: Fred Trewartha 9381 2550
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MARCH 17	Boroondara Symphonic Band MLC Auditorium contact: Michelle Hodder 9885 4458
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MARCH 24	Boroondara Brass and guests Hawthorn Town Hall contact: Robyn Kirk 9859 2088
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MARCH 27	Camberwell Salvation Army Band and guests Hawthorn Town Hall contact: Kathy Clark 9800 0618



VOLUNTEERS

are sought to assist with the organisation of the 2002 Australian National Band Championships to be held in Geelong during 29 March to 1 April inclusive.

People will be required for four days (or for as many hours as possible).

The positions are :

Door Keepers, Ticket Sellers, Stage Hands, Runners (between venues),
Program Sellers, Souvenir Sellers
Administration, Warm-up Area Supervisors
Time Keepers etc.

Please contact the VBL office on 9362 0200, if you are able to help.

Victorian Bands' League Inc

DELEGATES MEETING

24 February 2002

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A | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Roll Call 2. Receipt of minutes of previous meeting 3. Business arising from minutes 4. Adoption of minutes 5. Correspondence 6. Executive Council Report 7. Other Reports 8. Financial Report and presentation of accounts 9. Notices of Motion 10. General Business 11. Obituaries 12. Close |
|----------------------------|--|

Time: 10.30am
Venue: Footscray City Primary School, Hyde Street, Footscray.

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VALE

RUDI BRAAKHUIS

The Mornington Youth and Citizens Band lost one of its most valued players recently when Rudi Braakhuis, a member of the band and of the Mornington community for over 25 years, passed away after a long illness.

Rudi was a tireless worker for the band and took every opportunity to promote an interest in brass band music in the community. He also taught people, both young and mature age, the elements of playing brass instruments.

The band has lost a great man whose unselfish but self-giving work for the band has benefited the community and in particular the band members. His influence will be felt for years to come.

VICTORIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

TO BE HELD AT THE WHITEHORSE MUSIC CENTRE
NUNAWADING

STAGE BANDS—31 AUGUST 2002

SCHOOL BANDS—1 SEPTEMBER 2002

ADMINISTRATION

ATTENTION ALL BAND SECRETARIES

PLEASE NOTE

On receipt of three official personal record cards of a player's registration, please ensure two properly signed, witnessed and dated cards are returned to the VBL office as soon as is practical.

Thank you
Lorraine Johnson , Registrar

VALE

NORM BEST

Norm, a long serving member of the Oakleigh City Band, since 1954 passed away on Thursday 24 January 2002

VICTORIAN STATE YOUTH BRASS BAND

Tour 2002 – Report

The 2002 tour commenced on January 5 at the Mountain Valley Camp at The Basin. This is a well set up camp with excellent catering provided by the camp staff. Everyone settled in well on the Saturday when rehearsals began within an hour of arrival. On the Sunday Robert Breen (Mowbray College) and Bryan Chetcutti (Hyde St Youth Band) assisted with tutoring. On Monday Squadron Leader Graham Lloyd from the RAAF took the band through a new piece he had arranged especially for the tour. On Tuesday Michael Jongebloed from Music Junction, Blackburn, assisted with rehearsals. Michael also loaned the Band some expensive equipment for the tour. Both Robert and Michael are former members of the Band.

Early Wednesday the bus was packed ready for the trip to Wagga Wagga. That evening a concert was held at the Wagga Leagues Club. The next day we travelled to Sydney and met up with our hosts from NSW. Fiona Strykowski of Holroyd Band had arranged for young people to come from Gunnedah, Wollongong, Warringah, Sutherland and Holroyd Bands for workshops, tutorials, rehearsals and performances. When we arrived, there were 125 young people altogether and a staff of 25. Our members were billeted with people from Sydney and Wollongong. This proved to be a time of not only making lasting friendships but also learning from the very experienced conductors and tutors. Performances were at Darling Harbour where it was rather chilly, and Manly Corso, where it was very hot. Both venues provided large and appreciative audiences. Ten pin bowling, a ride on the Manly Ferry and a swim in the new Olympic pool (where we saw Ian Thorpe and other Olympic swimmers) were relaxing parts of this leg of the tour. On Monday 14 we headed off for Edgeworth and visited the Hawkins Retirement Village for lunch. A surprise concert was given for Mrs Bess Boyd who celebrates her 100th birthday later this year - then on to Newcastle and settling into our accommodation. The following day we gave a lunch-time concert at Tomteland – an adventure and fun park north of Newcastle. We spent the remainder of the day there with everyone enjoying the giant water slides and exciting rides. Wednesday was a busy day with a concert at Fighter World at Williamstown and what was seemingly our own air show from the Air Force base. After four hours here we drove on to Port Nelson for an afternoon concert at d'Albora Marinas. The locals were so impressed with our performance they took us on a Dolphin watch cruise late in the afternoon. On the Thursday we departed Newcastle for Canberra. After settling into our accommodation we spent the afternoon at the Australian War Memorial. Friday we played live-to-air on ABC radio in Canberra and then gave a concert in the Great Hall of Parliament House. All agreed that due to the marvellous acoustics this was the best concert on the whole tour. The security staff told us that 3,000 people passed through the Great Hall during the 1½ hour concert. The Hon Bob

compositions by unknown composers were performed by the Melbourne Staff Band of the Salvation Army

Peter Wiltshire

Attended: Victorian State Youth Brass Band rehearsal, 4/11/01, good attendance. Minutes of committee meetings, 2/9/01 and 7/10/01 tabled herewith.

Apology for Delegates meeting, 18/11/01 due to work commitments.
VSYBB Statement of Income & Expenditure for 10 months to 30/10/01 provided.
Constitutional Review Sub-Committee meeting, 30/10/01

John W Breen

Attended: Victorian State Youth Brass Band meeting, 4/11/01
Eaglehawk AGM
Ballarat AGM
Maryborough AGM & dinner
GPAC meeting at Geelong for 2002 Nationals, 13/11/01

Wilf Dyason

Attended: MAB Meeting 16/11/01

Pauline Farrugia

One week's annual leave 29/11/01-23/11/01

President's Report

Attended: Constitutional Review Meeting
Policy and Planning Meeting
Music Advisory Board Meeting
Cup Eve Concert
Concert Band Forum
Continued discussions with Insurance Agents regarding Insurance
Attended Meeting with Bendigo Eisteddfod Society to discuss 2002 Bendigo Contest

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Fees 2002

It was moved (JW Breen/S Szetey) that the Executive Council recommend to the Delegates Committee that affiliation fees and player levies remain the same in 2002. CARRIED

9. FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Music Advisory Board – 7.30pm, 16 November
Delegates Meeting - 10.30am, 18 November
Nationals – 7.30pm, 20 November
Policy and Planning - 7.30pm, 29 November
Constitutional Review – 7.30pm, TBA
Finance Committee – 7.30pm, 4 December
Executive Council – 7.30pm, 11 December
Executive Council - 28 January
Delegates Meeting - 24 February

10. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 9.50pm



CONGRATULATIONS

To the following bands persons who received awards from the League

NBCA 25 Year Medal	Alan Armstrong (Marist Brothers)
Badge and Certificate of Honour:	Glen Cox (Marist Brothers)
VBL Merit Badge:	Lex Gray (Marist Brothers) Belinda Mathers (Kew Band) Tamika Ellis (Kew Band)
Gold Youth Award:	David Wolfe (Boroondara Brass) Stewart Hay (Hyde Street Youth) Luke Arnold (Melton Secondary) Cameron Joyce (Melton Secondary)
Silver Youth Award:	Tim Young (Melton Secondary) Chris Young (Melton Secondary) Richard Akers (Melton Secondary) Jarryd Sweeney (Melton Secondary) Sarah Robertson (Melton Secondary)
Bronze Youth Award:	Ashley Sloan (City of Bendigo Brass) Julian Walley (Geelong Memorial) Lauren Zammit (Geelong Memorial) Andrew Heyde (Melton Secondary) Ashlee Kumar (Melton Secondary) Hollie Walgers (Melton Secondary) Natalia Tuyrkalj (Melton Secondary) Michele Schulz (Melton Secondary) Kelly Sellner (Melton Secondary) Julian Walley (Geelong Memorial) Lauren Zammit (Geelong Memorial) Rhys McKee (Boroondara Brass)

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A cost for travel and accommodation will be determined when all the relevant costs are forthcoming from RFDS, but will include sightseeing at Coober Pedy, Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kings Canyon, and Alice Springs, so come along and join us!

The trip is planned to leave on the 12th April and return on the 27 April 2003. Most of the trip will be over the Easter school holidays so younger bands people can apply. Band persons applying must realise that we will be on tour at the same time that the Nationals are being held as well as Anzac Day, so you must consider your application carefully if your band is going to the Nationals or requires you for Anzac Day. Players from any grade are welcome.

As we will in Alice Springs for Anzac Day we have been invited to take part in their service so you must be prepared to **march** if you won't or can't march do not apply, there will be no exceptions.

Practices will be held once a month on a Sunday at Beaufort

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Re-register for GST and remain registered

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Ignore issue

Reduce income in VBL

Looking forward to next year, would like to be given authority (with assistance of finance committee) to look at various fundraising activities after the Nationals next year, including allocation of, say \$100 for purchase of information re same. Regarding bank accounts, recommend opening accounts with National Australia Bank.

It was moved (S Szetey/JW Breen) that the Treasurer's Report be accepted

CARRIED

It was moved that the Treasurer be authorised to establish new bank account as required at the National Australia Bank and that the signatories be D Billimoria, J Kelly, I Douglas and S Szetey.

CARRIED

It was noted that the current ANZ Bank accounts will remain open.

It was moved (J Pace/L Johnson) that the VBL investigate means of outsourcing the Australian National Band Championships to address the impact of the GST on the National.

CARRIED

It was moved (S Szetey/JW Breen) that a budget of \$150 be allocated to purchase fundraising materials and publications.

CARRIED

b. Other

John Pace

Attended: Hawthorn Band AGM, 19/10/01

Policy & Planning Sub Committee Meeting, 23/10/01

Boroondara Bands Festival, 5/11/01

Lorraine Johnson

Attended: Moorabbin Town Hall Concert – Southern Area and Croydon Wind Symphony

Nationals Meeting, 16/10/01

Glen Eira AGM, 17/10/01

Concert Band Forum at Croydon, 28/10/01

Constitutional Review Meeting, 30/10/01

Helen Gray

Attended: Nationals Meeting, 16/10/01

Constitutional Review Meeting, 30/10/01

Concert Band Forum at Croydon, 28/10/01

Bells & Brass Concert at Myer Music Bow

Victorian State Youth Band Rehearsal

Boroondara Bands' Festival on Cup Eve – Hawthorn, Moorabbin &

Boroondara Brass performance

Boroondara Bands Festival, 5/11/01

Bendigo Competition and Bendigo Bands Group meeting with

President

The Inaugural Arthur Gullidge Composition Competition where new

Bendigo & District – Notification of Office Bearers - Noted
Hawthorn - Notification of Office Bearers - Noted
It was moved (L Johnson/J Pace) that the position of Executive Councillor held by Phil Greer be declared vacant as he is no longer the Delegate for Hawthorn Band
CARRIED

Footscray-Yarraville - Notification of Office Bearers - Noted
Wodonga Brass - Notification of Office Bearers - Noted
Wodonga Brass – Change of name from Wodonga Citizens Band Inc to Wodonga Brass
Kew Band Inc – Cancellation of VBL News advertisement - Noted
Muso's Media – Change of email address – to be advertised in VBL News
Royal South Street Soc – Eisteddfod 2002 and 2003 dates - Noted
Moved J Pace, Seconded S Szetey that the Correspondence be accepted.
CARRIED

Newsletters, Publications & Minutes of other organisations:

Outward

B Garrett – Thankyou but Adjudicating positions filled for 2002 Nationals
Waverley Concert Band – Advertisement re Musical Director in VBL News
Wodonga Citizens – Victorian State Brass Band Championships order of Music
Creswick – Approval of Youth Awards
Eaglehawk Citizens' – Approval of Badge & Certificate of Honour
Geelong Military Re-Enactment Group – VBL information material
Box Hill City – AGM acceptance, L Johnson to attend
Hawthorn Band – AGM acceptance, J Pace to attend
Beaufort Municipal – AGM acceptance, J Kelly to attend
Maryborough City - AGM acceptance, John & Jillian Breen to attend
Eaglehawk Citizens' - AGM acceptance, JW Breen to attend
Kew Band Inc – Member transfers – settled through mediation process, being external to the League
Kew Band – letter referred to NBCA for consideration
City of Ballarat Municipal – A protest should be lodged on the day of the contest
I Mathers – Executive Member to be contacted re position;
Conducting registration re Conductor – refer to rule 6.1 and 6.8
Portland Citizen's - VBL information material and request information re deregistered players

6. REPORT

a. Financial

Closing Bank Balance (31/10/01) \$12,002.73

Summary of Financial Report:

No abnormal expenses paid for the month

Have now received answer from Tax Office regarding GST. With National Income next year we will be over threshold limit and will need to register for GST.

Options available:

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JUNIOR/SCHOOL & UNCLASSIFIED BAND CONTEST
Saturday 18 May 2002

&

ANNUAL BRASS BAND CONTEST
Saturday 19 May 2002

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Crook Street, Bendigo

ENTRIES CLOSE 8 MARCH 2002

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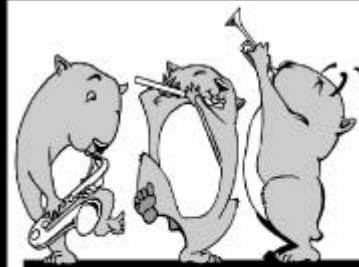
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VICTORIAN BANDS' LEAGUE

**MINUTES FOR EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 13 NOVEMBER 2001 AT 2/157 HYDE STREET, YARRAVILLE,
AT 7.30 PM.**

1. ATTENDANCE

D Billimoria, J W Breen, S Szetey J Kelly, J Pace H Gray, L Johnson, W Dyason, P Wiltshire, P Farrugia,

2. APOLOGIES

I Douglas

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved J Pace, Seconded L Johnson that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted. CARRIED

Moved J Pace, Seconded L Johnson that the minutes be taken as read. CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5. CORRESPONDENCE

1. *Invitations*

Boroondara Bands' Festival – Cup-Eve Concert 5/11/01 (attended)

Ballarat City – Performance and AGM 6/11/01 7.30pm – JW Breen attended

City of Bendigo Brass – AGM 21/11/01 7.30pm – Executive unable to attend

Warragul Municipal – AGM 22/11/01 8.00pm – W Dyason to attend

Kew Band Inc – AGM 13/12/01 8pm – D Billimoria to attend

Hyde Street Youth – Celebration Concert 2/12/01 2.30pm – JW Breen, L Johnson & H Gray to attend

Government House – Open Day 26/01/02 – to be advertised in VBL News

2. *Awards*

City of Bendigo Brass - 2 Gold, 2 Silver, 4 Bronze Youth Awards

Hamilton Brass – 2 Gold, 5 Silver Youth Awards

Maryborough City – 4 Badges & Certificates of Honour, 2 Badges of Merit, 1 Gold, 3 Bronze Youth Awards

Colac City – 2 Badges and Certificates of Honour, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze Youth Awards

Moved H Gray, Seconded P Wiltshire that the awards be granted. CARRIED

3. *Requiring Action*

Executive Council Nomination – I Magoulas was declared elected, the President to write a letter of confirmation.

City of Traralgon – Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod Contest Rules time limit – the matter to be referred to the Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod, the President to write.

Hawthorn Band – 2002 Nationals Championships A Grade Test Music Selection – to be referred to the MAB

Footscray-Yarraville City Band - 2002 Nationals Championships A Grade Test Music Selection - to be referred to the MAB

4. *General*

NBCA – NBCA Issues