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President  
 David Billimoria

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## \* FORTHCOMING EVENTS \*

**Don't forget the following events coming up soon:**

- August 17-18:  
Victorian Concert & Brass Band Championships (Ballarat)
- August 31-September 1:  
Victorian Junior Band Championships (Box Hill)
- September 14-15:  
Latrobe Valley Eisteddfod

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### Addition to the June VBL News issue 2002 VBL Solo & Party Championship Trophy Winners

- Viv Keebel Juvenile Aggregate:  
Mowbray College and Whitehorse Brass (tie)
- BBBG Junior Aggregate:  
Eltham High School
- Solitaire Open Aggregate:  
Warragul Municipal
- VBL Grand Aggregate:  
Eltham High School

**Check out the  
 VBL Website at:  
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 email  
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May be opened for postal inspection

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**The Band Association of New South Wales  
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Brass and Concert Bands  
to Newcastle, New South Wales  
for the  
Australian National Band Championships  
Easter 2003**

**Proposed Programme of Events**

- Thursday 17th April Solo & Party Events  
Champion of Champions Events
- Friday 18th April Brass Band Grades - Sacred Item and Test  
Selection
- Saturday 19th April Parade of Bands  
Brass Band Grades - Own Choice Selection and  
On-Stage March
- Sunday 20th April Concert Band Grades - All On-Stage Items
- Monday 21st April Concert Band Grades - All On-Stage Items

For further information contact:  
Mrs Mary Mead  
Secretary - Band Association of NSW  
Phone: 0500 518 188 or (after hours) (02) 9528 6969  
Email: bansw@hotmail.com

or  
Robert Bedwell  
President - Band Association of NSW  
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REMINDER  
Payment is now due .**

**SWAN HILL BAND COMPETITION**

**7th & 8th September 2002**

Open to Brass Bands and Concert Bands

Expressions of Interest to be forwarded to Mr John Riley, 118 Thurla Street, Swan Hill, 3585.  
Telephone/Facsimile 03 50 323 476

**Sunshine City Band Inc.**

IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF

**MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

The band rehearses Tuesday nights in Sunshine and is an active  
'C' Grade Band that performs regularly in the community.

For further information contact Sandra Marin (Secretary) on 9308 7217 or  
email Sandra.Marin@az1.bp.com

**VBL WEBSITE UPDATE**

All VBL forms have now been posted as Adobe Acrobat files on the Victorian Bands' League website at [www.vbl.org.au](http://www.vbl.org.au).

Having all the forms available online means that everyone has ready access to the forms whenever they need them. Some of the forms have also been updated to make them more user friendly.

The VBL will continue to accept old forms until any remaining stocks run out.

**\*\*\* ENHANCED SEARCH FACILITIES ON WWW.VBL.ORG.AU \*\*\***

The VBL has also upgraded its search facility on the website by incorporating a search engine from one of the world's most powerful search sites, Google. As Google searches all types of files on the site, search results are more accurate!

**THE EXHIBITION OF VICTORIAN WINEMAKERS**

**AUGUST 16-18 2002**

**VENUE: Melbourne Exhibition & Convention Centre  
Clarendon Street, Southbank.**

**Contact RACV Ticketing 132826  
[www.vicwineweek.com](http://www.vicwineweek.com)**

**NOTICE OF DELEGATES MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on

**Sunday 10 November 2002**

**10.00am**

**Venue to be notified**

**Victorian Concert & Brass Band Championships**

**Royal South Street, Ballarat**

**The Victorian Concert Band Championships**

**Saturday 17 August**

commencing at 2.00pm.

Southern Area Concert Band, Western Region Concert Band  
and Croydon Wind Symphony

**The Victorian Brass Band Championship**

**Saturday 17 August**

commencing at 8.00pm

A Grade : City of Holroyd (NSW) and Hawthorn Band

**Sunday 18 August**

commencing at 9.00am

D Grade: Wodonga Brass and Essendon City

commencing 10.15am

C Grade : Marist Brothers, Geelong West Brass, Advent Brass Melbourne

commencing 1.00pm

B Grade: Box Hill City, Greater Bendigo Concert Brass, City of Greater  
Dandenong, Boroondara Brass, Eaglehawk Citizens Brass, Moorabbin Brass

**NEW REGISTRATIONS**

If a playing member has been previously registered, please identify the band on the space allocated on the Registration form.

**THE HYDE STREET SCHOOL BAND RE-UNION**

Celebrating 125 years in 2002

2pm to 5pm, **Sunday 8 September**

to be held at Footscray City Primary School

All former students of the school are invited to attend. Those who were members of the band, bring your instruments and lyres and take part in a 'blow-in' during the afternoon. Music will be supplied.

Contact: Doug Trottman, telephone (03) 9331 3242

John Scally at the school, telephone (03) 9687 2826

Carried

The following people volunteered to be a part of the Grants and Funding

Committee - L Johnson and D Billimoria

Merv Simpson trophy - JM Breen to look at.

Moved W Dyason seconded JM Breen "that we pay 30 cents per kilometre for league related travel". Carried

Moved P Wiltshire seconded J W Breen "that the executive supports the VSYBB in any funding applications for the VSYBB". Carried

**OBITUARIES:** Reg Bishop

**CLOSE** 10:20pm Next meeting Tuesday 9 July.

**BAIRNSDALE CITIZENS BAND  
BANDMASTER**

The Bairnsdale Citizens Band are inviting applications for the position of Bandmaster.

The Band is an active community organisation having a long history in the local area, promoting brass music and musical education.

Applicants should have a keen interest in brass music with demonstrated initiative and desire to develop a community musical organisation with emphasis on youthful membership.

Applications close Monday 19 August 2002, position description, remuneration details are available from:

Mr Graham Hall, Secretary, Bairnsdale Citizens Band, PO Box 153, Bairnsdale 3875, (Mobile) 0407 366605

**PRE-PERFORMANCE CONCERT OF THE CURRENT VICTORIAN  
STATE CHAMPION BANDS**

*HAWTHORN BAND*

*BOROONDARA BRASS*

*MOORABBIN BAND*

**WITH GUEST SOLOISTS**

**CHRISTINA BOWDEN MERV PREUSKER**

**AT**

**THE GREAT HALL, CAREY GRAMMAR  
BARKER ROAD, KEW**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2002 7.30P.M.**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR : Adults \$8 Concession \$5**

Traralgon – Approval and postage of Awards

### REPORTS

#### **Financial**

Moved J W Breen, seconded E Puohotaua “that the executive council seek an overdraft or loan to finalise our obligations of the 2002 National Band Championships”. Carried

Ian Douglas to investigate.

Moved W Dyason, seconded L Johnson that I Douglas and D Billimoria be authorised to obtain sufficient funds to meet Nationals obligations.

#### **Other**

**E Puohotaua** – attended Grimethorpe concert and party held at Hawthorn band room

**W Dyason** reported the he has been working on the schedule for the State Solos and that he attended the constitution meeting and Grimethorpe concert.

**C Farrington** reported that he attended rehearsals in Ararat, Kyneton and VSYBB

**JW Breen** reported that he attended the Daylesford A.G.M and the Warragul coffee melody night, which was a great night. Also attended the VBL constitution meeting and the VSYBB rehearsal

**I Magoulas** attended the Bendigo Competition and sent in email report

**H Gray** attended all VBL meetings VSYBB rehearsal and has been working on the State Solos

**D Billimoria** reported that he attended SGMs all VBL meetings and VSYBB Rehearsal

**I Douglas** reported that he attended all VBL meetings and the Grimethorpe Concert

**P Wiltshire** reported that he attended the Grimethorpe concert, the constitution meeting and the VSYBB rehearsal and will be attending the Traralgon Brass concert featuring James Morrison and Julie Anthony

**J Pace** reported that he attended the Moorabbin Brass AGM (well attended a good night AGM followed Band rehearsal), Nationals and strategic plan meetings, and the Grimethorpe concert.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

Moved J Pace W Dyason awards be granted to Moorabbin

#### **Contests**

Bendigo – I Magoulas gave a report on Bendigo Competition

State Solos – Admission Charges \$10 all day \$5 per session

**Volunteers for State Solos:** W Dyason, L Johnson, I Magoulas, P Wiltshire, J W Breen and D Billimoria, N Green, J Kelly will help when there.

Moved JW Breen seconded P Wiltshire “that we award placings for each section”. Carried

Adjudicators not finalised due to short notice.

It was discussed and decided that entries for all competitions to close at least 42 days before the contest date to make administration easier. I

Mathers to organise piano tuning

#### **Finance and funding committees**

Moved H Gray seconded L Johnson – “that a Grants and funding committee be established”.



# CONGRATULATIONS

To the following bands persons who received awards from

Badge and Certificate of Honour John Cooper (Diamond Valley)

VBL Merit Badge: Lyn Cooper (Diamond Valley)  
Simon Wiltshire (Diamond Valley)

Gold Youth Award Paul Fitzpatrick (Diamond Valley)

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Address: PO Box 645 Warragul 3820

Email hammond@sympac.om.au

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### 2002 LATROBE VALLEY EISTEDDFOD TRARALGON

Inc

Brass Solos & Ensembles : Saturday, 14 September

Brass Band Contest : Sunday 15 September

Information provided

**MAB** – Recommendation that Moorabbin and Frankston each go up one grade.

It was moved J W Breen seconded H Gray "that Moorabbin and Frankston be regraded as per the recommendation of M.A.B." - carried

**Stonnington** – *email* - Comments on Strategic Plan

#### General

**NBCA** – Conference and AGM Agenda

**Kew Band** – Notification of Geoff Coote, appointment as Secretary

**Corowa National Federation Festival** – Authority for communication with C Murdoch

Note: VBL to only correspond with C Murdoch re Corowa National Federation Festival

**C Broderick** – Information on Corowa National Federation Festival

**Hobsons Bay City** – *email*- Request affiliation pack (emailed)

**Sale City Band** – Results of Sale Eisteddfod (advertised in May News) and thank you to JM Breen for his enthusiastic and knowledgeable adjudication

**Warragul** - *email* - Thank you to JW Breen for presentation of Nationals trophies to band members

**R Keen, Salisbury** – Public Liability Insurance information request (posted)

**SABA** – *email* - Drum Major's Workshop successful

**Music Education** – Percy Grainger book available

#### VBL News Advertising

**Moreland-Brunswick** – Musical Director

**Warragul Municipal** – Musical Director

**D Trotman** – Hyde Street School Band Reunion celebration 125<sup>th</sup> Year – September 8

#### Newsletters, Publications & Minutes of other organisations:

Various, see folder

#### Outward

**Concert Bands** – RSSS Concert Band Invitation addressed to all concert bands

**NBCA** – Nomination form for Executive to NBCA as President – JW Breen

**NBCA** – Agenda items for 2002 NBCA Conference

**NBCA** – *email* - Nomination of JW Breen as Delegate and D Billimoria as observer at 2002 NBCA Conference

**NBCA** – *email* - D Billimoria flight details and booking

**VSBB** – Thankyou and acceptance to attend to discuss Strategic Plan

**Swan Hill** – Inaugural Band Contest , September 7 & 8

**RSSS** – Acknowledge and acceptance of Adjudicators' appointment for Victorian Brass Band Championships

**R Keen** – Public Liability information

#### Letters to nominators of Life Membership

**Echuca Federal** – AGM thankyou, W Dyason to attend

**Daylesford & District** – AGM thankyou, JW and J Breen to attend

**Frankston** – AGM thankyou, L Johnson to attend

**Port Fairy Citizens** – Approval and postage of Award

**VICTORIAN BANDS' LEAGUE**

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
11 JUNE 2002 AT 2/157 HYDE STREET, YARRAVILLE, AT 7.30 PM.**

**ATTENDANCE**

David Billimoria, President, John Pace, Helen Gray, John W Breen, Peter Wiltshire, Lorraine Johnson, Craig Farrington, Ian Douglas, John M Breen, Wilf Dyason, Eugene Puohotaua, Irene Magoulas

**APOLOGIES**

Bryan Chetcuti

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Moved JW Breen seconded L Johnson that minutes of the meeting held on May 13, 2002, be received. Carried

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Ballarat Adjudicators** unavailable.

**Kew Band** – Re refund and delegate being on delegates list. Already decided that no refund be given. Meeting resolved fees for 2002 are now overdue, delegate will be recognised when band becomes financial. Resolved

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**Inward**

**Invitations**

**Moorabbin Brass** – AGM 22 May - attended by J Pace

**Greater Dandenong** – AGM 27 June and request for Badge of Merit - David Billimoria to attend meeting

Moved L Johnson J Pace that the award be granted Carried

**Advent Brass** – AGM Sunday 23 June - J Pace to attend

**Awards**

**Greater Dandenong** – Badge of Merit

Moved Helen Gray Seconded J W Breen that the award be granted Carried

**Requiring Action**

**J Breen** – Application for Director of Music – VSYBB

**H Gray** – Application for Band Manager – VSYBB

**B Chetcuti** – Application for Assistant Musical Director – VSYBB

Moved J Pace, seconded L Johnson "that these people be appointed to the positions for a two year period from August 1<sup>st</sup> 2002". Carried

Moved J W Breen Ian Douglas "that we advertise for a drill instructor". Carried

**Mornington Youth** – *email* - Request for their Musical Director to be considered as Volunteer adjudicator - refer to MAB

**Frankston** – Request to be regraded to 'C' grade - See motion re MAB

**Moorabbin Brass** – Request to be regraded to 'B' Grade - See Motion re MAB

**Sale City** – Public Liability Insurance concerns and request further information.

**Victorian State Youth Brass Band**

The Executive Council has approved and appointed

**John M Breen as Musical Director**

**Bryan Chetcuti as Assistant Musical Director**

**Helen Gray as Band Manager**

Need more info about joining , telephone ☎ 0418 380 481

Rehearsals on first Sunday of the Month unless otherwise advised

Venue: Essendon City Bandroom, Bradshaw Street, West Essendon Community Hall (Melways Ref 28 B 3 or enter off Buckley Street).

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**Concert 6**

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The Executive Council calls for applications from interested persons to undertake the role of TREASURER.

Duties of the Treasurer are to:

- maintain the accounts of the VBL in an appropriate and timely manner
- arrange for the receipt of all income and payment of all expenses
- provide reports on the financial position of the VBL to each regular meeting of the Executive Council and Delegates Committee
- advise the Executive Council and Delegates Committee of appropriate actions in relation to finances of the VBL
- attend all meetings of the VBL Executive Council, Finance Committee and other committees as requested by the Executive Council
- have the accounts of the VBL audited as per the VBL Constitution
- undertake other duties in relation to VBL finances as requested by the Executive Council from time to time.

Applicants should have a good knowledge of accounting and preferably be proficient in the use of accounting software such as Quickbooks. An honorarium is available to the successful applicant and the person will serve as an honorary member of the Executive Council.

Applications should be directed in writing to The President, Victorian Bands' League,

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When notification of a transfer is received by you if approved please forward Declaration of Compliance **immediately** together with the member's record card to the League office for processing.  
If not approved, a Declaration of Non-Compliance is to be forwarded to the applying band, copy to the League office.

Refer to Band Secretarays' Manual



# Corowa National Federation Festival

BIRTHPLACE OF FEDERATION

2003 theme: -

## "FESTIVAL OF FUN"

DATES 2003  
January  
24-25-26

P.O. Box 275, Corowa, N.S.W. 2646  
Phone:- 02 6033 1036 fax:- 02 6033 0586  
email:- corowafed@albury.net.au

The Corowa National Federation Committee will be holding their annual festival over the Australia Day Weekend, 24th, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2003.

The committee is inviting 'Registration of Interest' from Brass Bands and Concert Bands interested in attending the festival.

Over the long weekend bands will be involved in a number of events, including the Grand Parade where bands will spread between floats and other parade participants.

Bands will also be asked to entertain the public at various venues within the town.

For those bands interested, on Saturday night there will be a massed bands concert on Corowa's main oval.

This is looked upon as a fun weekend forum, with both the bands and the public, enjoying the entertainment.

A fee will be negotiated with all attending bands based on distance travelled to attend the festival.

The Committee would appreciate any band interested to reply by 1<sup>st</sup> September 2002, to enable the program to be put together, well in advance of the Festival Weekend.



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