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General Information

Rehearsal Times

Concert Band – 7.30pm- 9.30pm Thursday

Music Academy – 6.30pm – 7.15 pm Thursday

For more information on the Music Academy please see enclosed flyer.

The bands usually rehearse all year, except for a break during the Christmas/New Year Period.

Toilets are accessed by the door located behind the conductor. They are to be found on the right hand side of the building.

Performances

The concert band plays at annual community events such as Australia Day, Easter and Christmas carols and various other engagements during the year. Each October the band presents a Gala Concert at the Capital Theatre. The band also participates in competitions, usually the Bendigo Competitions and sometimes travels to other competitions.

Social Activities

Members regularly stay behind after rehearsal for a chat. Refreshments are available for purchase from the fridge. Social activities are also held during the year.

Communication

Please complete and return "Application for Membership"

Information is communicated to members at rehearsals, via email, the Band's monthly newsletter or through the band website. The Band also has a Facebook group that you are welcome to join. Please inform the Secretary if your contact details change.

If you can't make it to a rehearsal it is *polite* to let the Musical Director know.

If you can't make it to a performance it is *essential* you let the Musical Director know, with as much notice as possible. Contact numbers can be found at the bottom of the page.

Fees

Please return payment to the Treasurer after your membership has been approved by the Committee

Fees are set each year at the AGM and are payable to the Treasurer by the end of February each year. Players joining after June 30 may pay half the annual fee for the remainder of the year.

Fees for 2013

Concert Band

\$60 per year

Music Academy

\$30 per year

Both Bands

\$60 per year with \$30 going to the Academy, \$30 Concert Band

Non playing member

Postal Address: P.O. Box 1429, Bendigo, Vic. 3552

Email: bendigoconcertband@gmail.com

Inc. Reg. No A0019461Z

ABN: 85 854 404 995

\$10 per year

Uniform

Please return your "Uniform order form" with payment to the Treasurer. Further information on uniform is available from the Uniform officer.

To buy both formal and casual uniform (shirt, tie/scarf, polo & hat) currently costs \$105

Concert Band

Formal Uniform

Men: Black long sleeve shirt with embroidered logo
Black trousers
Blue Band tie
Black socks and shoes (no sneakers)

Ladies: Black ¾ sleeve shirt with embroidered logo
Black trousers or skirt
Blue Band Scarf
Black socks/stockings and black shoes (no sneakers)

Casual Uniform

All: Navy band polo
Respectable dark coloured bottoms
Comfortable footwear

All members are also required to purchase a black wide-brimmed hat (with embroidered logo) for wear with either uniform.

Music Academy

Uniform

Navy band polo
Black trousers/skirt
Black Socks & black shoes (no sneakers)

Music

You will be given a folder of music that you can use at rehearsals and for home practice. The Librarian will be able to assist you with any music you require. Music remains the property of the Band and must be returned on request (usually annually) or when leaving the band. You are welcome to make notations on your music using pencil.

Management

The Band is an incorporated body run by a management committee that is elected at the Annual General Meeting. Details of the current committee can be found on the notice board and the website. There are also various sub-committees and other roles that are performed by non-committee members.

The band operates under a constitution. A copy is available in the band hall. If you would like to receive an electronic copy, please email the Secretary.

The band receives income from subs, council grants and paid gigs. Income covers running costs of the band which includes public liability insurance, VBL fees, purchasing new music, equipment, honorarium for Musical Director, entry fees for competitions and other running costs of the band.

If you have a question and are not sure who to ask, a current band member will be able to point you in the right direction.

Working With Children

Working with Children's Checks are not required by all band members. Some band members act as supervising cardholders. It is a Parent/Guardian's responsibility to ensure that adequate supervision is available for their son/daughter prior to leaving them at rehearsals or events.

For more information please refer to the Working With Children Policy & Procedures enclosed.

Instrument Hire

The band owns a limited number of instruments that may be hired by current players. Current fees are \$40 per 6 months with a \$100 bond payable. If interested please speak to the Property Officer.

Expectations

The following is taken from the Band's Roles & Responsibilities document. If you would like a copy of the full document, which details all the roles within the band please contact the Secretary.

All Band Members

- Attend band practice regularly. Be set up and ready to play by rehearsal commencement time.
- Ensure that band membership fees are paid by end of February.
- Maintain the band hall in a neat and tidy manner reporting any maintenance issues to a Secretary or other management committee member as necessary.
- Be aware of upcoming performances and attend on a regular basis (available via rehearsals, newsletters, web site &/or email)
- Be punctual for performances. Late arrivals should wait for an appropriate break in the music and only join the band after being invited by the Music Director to take their place.
- Wear correct uniform to all band performances; Casual or Formal uniform as instructed. Order new uniforms well in advance of performances
- Uniform must be clean and tidy at performances
- Any questioning of the Musical Directors' interpretation is to be conducted privately with a committee member present
- Help in the setting up of band equipment prior to band performances
- Help in packing up band equipment after performances
- Keep band folder up to date. Return music as required or upon leaving band
- Treat your fellow band members in a courteous and friendly manner
- Adhere to Band policies and procedures
- Attend Band social activities and help develop band's sense of community
- Contact Secretary or Musical Director if you are unable to attend band performances
- Ensure Secretary is made aware of any changes to membership details
- Any query regarding sheet music should be made to the Librarian
- Any queries, suggestions or complaints must be made to the Management Committee in writing
- In inclement weather, it is the band member's responsibility to contact either the President, Secretary or Musical Director to confirm if an engagement is on or cancelled.
- All band members are to return any band property within 14 days of either leaving the band or by receiving a request from the management committee

All prices are subject to change.