



# Newsletter

Thursday 16th May 2024

VSYBB Patrons: Claire Dickinson & Greg Munro

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## VSYBB in Concert

Musical Director Jamie Lawson OAM

Sunday 19th May 2024

Creswick Senior Citizens Hall  
Water St, Creswick

From 2:30pm

Entry by gold coin donation

All are welcome to come and hear the fabulous Victorian State Youth Brass Band this Sunday 19 May. Hosted by our good friends at the Creswick Brass Band, this concert will feature some of the pieces that we will play on our New Zealand tour in September. Entry by gold coin donation.

The band is comprised of talented young musicians from all over the state including:

- Creswick
- Bendigo
- Wonthaggi
- Wodonga
- Warnambool
- Phillip Island
- Ballarat
- Geelong
- Clifton Springs
- Metropolitan Melbourne



These dedicated band members travel many miles each month to attend rehearsals and concerts so come and hear the results of all their hard work this Sunday at the Creswick Senior Citizens Hall from 2:30pm.



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## Alpine Brass Festival - Saturday 15th June

The VSYBB along with many other bands will be travelling to Bright to participate in the Alpine Brass Festival.

The day will comprise a Whit Sunday style brass band festival with bands playing in different locations around the town followed by a concert at the Bright Entertainment Centre.



Come and browse through the many wonderful shops and cafes that Bright has to offer and admire the Autumn leaves while listening to the bands. Don't forget to say hello to the many band members who will be wandering around town.

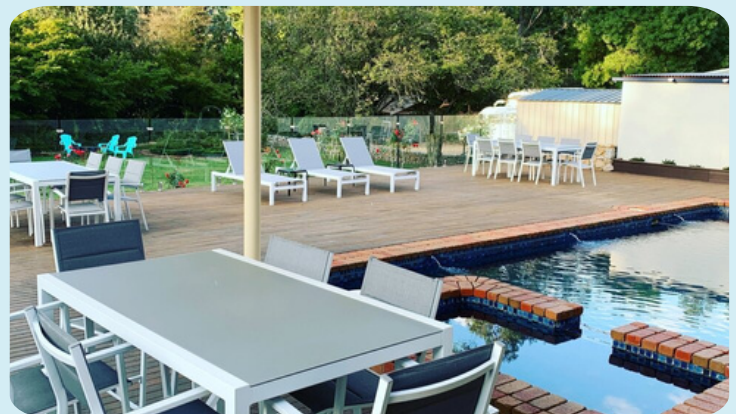
Bed and breakfast accommodation for the weekend can be had at a very reasonable cost at the Bright Chalet, 113 Delany Ave, Bright. Just ring Michael on 0438 551 833 or go to [www.brightchalet.com.au](http://www.brightchalet.com.au)



### VSYBB Special Offer

For the Alpine Brass Festival the Bright Chalet is offering a very special deal for members of the VSYBB.

For only \$90 you can get two nights accommodation (4 bed share) plus breakfast each morning.



Bright Chalet, 113 Delany Ave, Bright



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## New Zealand Tour Update

Planning for our NZ tour in September is well under way with flights, accommodation and buses booked plus itinerary planning and concert bookings well advanced. We are now pleased to announce the tour band members.

### TOUR BAND MEMBERS

Abe Orkin  
Aiden Lemke  
Alex Beale  
Aliyah Tapster  
Angus Irvin  
Atticus Lawson  
Ben Smith  
Billy Stewart  
Caleb Robertson  
EJ Gass  
Fergus Moorhouse  
Fern Gass  
Harrison Brink  
Hetty Lawson  
IJ Shepherd  
Imogen Handley



Ivy Mulholland  
Izzi Smith  
James Lawrence  
James Swinton  
Jeff Yu  
Kahlil Slamet  
Levi Orkin  
Neva Cleary  
Noah Robertson  
Noah Vallance  
Olena Vallance  
Oscar Shepherd  
Quinn Kellock  
Ruben Bell  
Violet Young  
Will Lawrence

The tour logo is based on the VSYBB logo but with the NZ Silver Fern added alongside the Victorian State flower, the common heath.

In addition to the band members, the band will be accompanied by a team of professional musicians and educators as well as a support staff of parents. We would like to thank these volunteers for the generous donation of their time and skills. They are:

Jamie Lawson, Nick Beale, Phillipa Edwards, Aiden Purdy, Colin Harrison, Dustin Vallance, Maxine Vallance, Peter Cleary, Linda Ely, Fiona Brink.



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## Important Information - New Zealand Tour

To come on tour you will need to have:

- a **passport** with at least **6 months** until expiry (at the date of departure). As passports can take a long time to process, start your passport application **now!!**
- attend all rehearsals plus extra rehearsals as scheduled.
- be proficient in playing your parts. (Make sure you take home practice parts)



## Tour Payment Schedule

We have had to advance the tour payment schedule in order to satisfy our payment deadlines with our suppliers. You must pay your tour payments within the following payment schedule. Failure to do so may result in you being cut from the tour. If you are experiencing difficulty in meeting this schedule please contact us at [contacttheskunk@gmail.com](mailto:contacttheskunk@gmail.com)

26th April :	\$60 (deposit)
31st May :	\$250
23rd June:	\$250
14th July:	\$250
<u>11th August:</u>	<u>\$175</u>
TOTAL	\$985



Name this NZ bird. First correct answer sent to [contacttheskunk@gmail.com](mailto:contacttheskunk@gmail.com) wins a NZ tour sticker

## Tour Refund Policy

- Tour deposit is non-refundable.
- From 1st August we will not be able to pay any refunds if you cancel your tour.
- In general, we cannot pay you refunds if we have already paid our suppliers.



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## Hobbiton Village Tour - Special Offer

We are currently negotiating a special deal for a tour of the Hobbiton Village movie set. The cost of the tour will be in the region of \$72 (over and above current tour costs). This price includes return travel to Hobbiton (approx. 2.5 hrs from Auckland ) and a 2.5 hour tour of Hobbiton Village plus a complimentary beverage at the Green Dragon Inn.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer then please complete the form by clicking on the link below.

[Hobbiton Village Tour](#)



## Band members - Join the Tour Project Team!!

[Bus Driver Assisstant](#)

[Load Master](#)

[Band Choreographer](#)

[Host/Compere](#)

[Artwork & Merch.](#)

Would you like to be involved in the planning and/or management of the tour? We currently have a number of positions available in various areas that are open to band members. You will be working within the broader project team towards producing the **best tour ever!!** Whether your interest is in the artistic area, planning or management, these positions will give you the responsibility to achieve the stated project outcomes, learn and gain experience in your chosen area, and provide you with an opportunity to grow as a person.

If interested, just send an email to [contacttheskunk@gmail.com](mailto:contacttheskunk@gmail.com) stating why you want the job and why you think you will be good in the position.

Applications close:  
2nd June 2024

**Any Questions**

Contact us at:  
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