



Newsletter

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New Zealand Tour Information Session

Tour members, parents/family and other interested persons are invited to attend a NZ Tour Information Session at 5:00pm on Sunday 2nd June. This information session will be held via zoom and will provide information on tour planning to date plus answer any questions you may have.

You may submit questions verbally (or via Zoom chat) at the session however we recommend that you pre-submit your questions via the link below. This will allow us to prepare comprehensive answers.

The Zoom session will be recorded for viewing by others who can't make it to the session. If you don't wish to be recorded just leave your camera off and submit your questions via the Zoom chat.

To pre-submit your questions click on the link below:

[Submit questions here](#)

To join the Zoom meeting for the NZ Tour Information Session on Sunday 2nd June at 5:00pm, click below.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

This button will take you to the Zoom meeting for the NZ Tour Information Session. Don't click this button before 4:50pm on Sunday as no-one will be there.





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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.

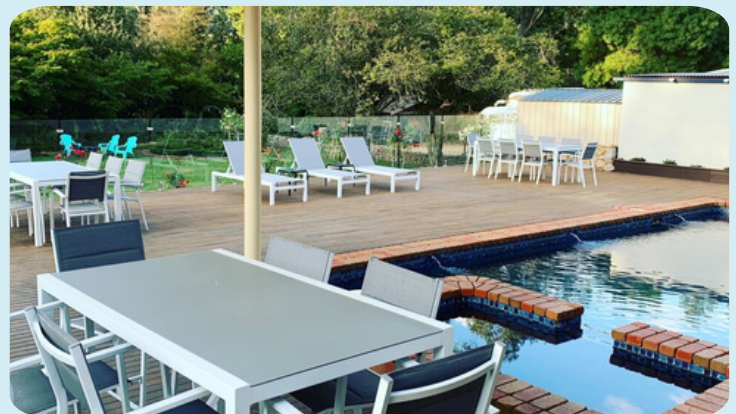
Bed and breakfast accommodation for the weekend can be had at a very reasonable cost at the Bright Chalet, 113 Delany Ave, Bright. Just ring Michael on 0438 551 833 or go to www.brightchalet.com.au



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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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

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 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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Important Information - New Zealand Tour

Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance is your responsibility. If you are concerned about luggage loss or instrument damage you need to arrange your own travel insurance.

Skunkworks cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to your luggage or instrument.

If you are taking an instrument on tour that is owned by your band or school, we recommend that you speak to your band committee or school teacher about their requirements for travel insurance.



Kevin the Kiwi

Health Insurance

The Reciprocal Health Care Agreement (RHCA) that Australia has with New Zealand may cover some of your medical costs in the New Zealand public health system. Any private health insurance you wish to take out is your responsibility. Click below for more information on the RHCA.

[RHCA Information](#)



Mobile Phones in NZ

Skunkworks will not be responsible for any mobile phone bills incurred while in NZ. Please check with your mobile phone provider about international roaming charges etc.



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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 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:
contacttheskunk@gmail.com