



# Newsletter

Tuesday 16 July 2024

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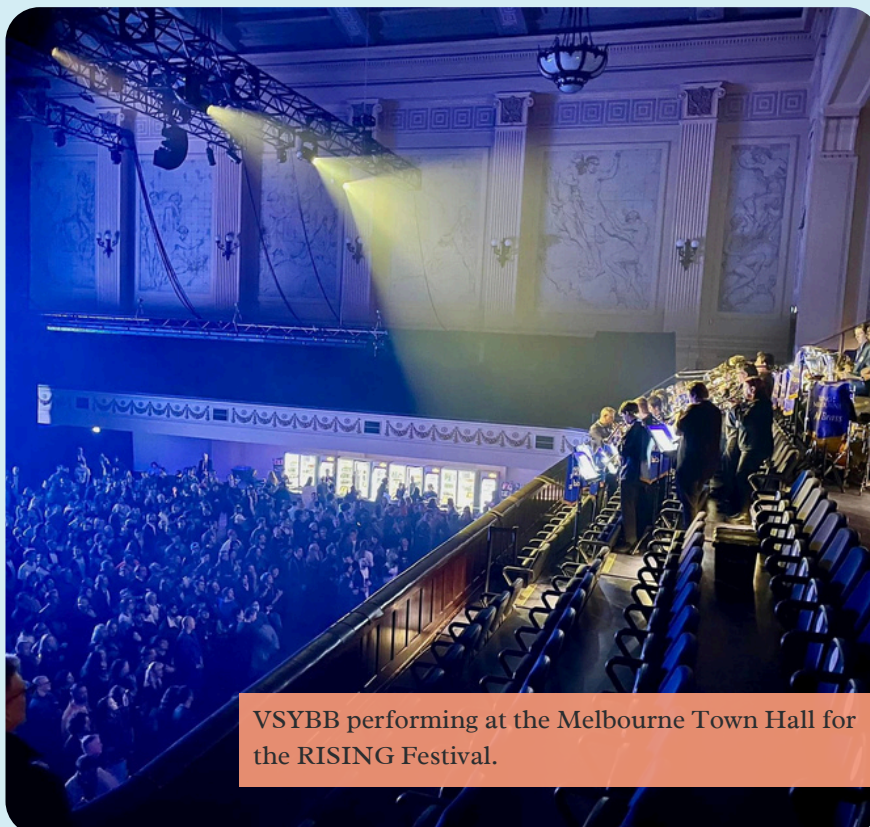
- VSYBB Trivia Night -17 Aug.
- New Zealand Tour - 18 to 25 Sept.
- Victorian Youth Band Festival - 27 Oct.

## RISING Festival

The Victorian State Youth Brass Band were invited to perform in the prestigious RISING Festival. RISING is Victoria's flagship festival of new art, music and performance held in June each year in the heart of Melbourne.

VSYBB performed in the Melbourne Town Hall and surrounding area over the weekend of 8th and 9th June. Large crowds gathered to hear the band perform Acid Brass. Acid Brass is the brainchild of concept artist Jeremy Deller. It is the unlikely fusion of Acid House

anthems with the sound of a traditional Brass Band, the result of which has received much appreciation from varied audiences across Europe and beyond.



VSYBB performing at the Melbourne Town Hall for the RISING Festival.





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## Alpine Brass Festival

The VSYBB along with many other bands traveled to Bright to participate in the Alpine Brass Festival on Saturday 15th June.

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





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## Lions Club International Conference

The VSYBB was invited to participate in a parade for the Lions Club International Conference on 22nd June. The parade consisted of many thousands of participants from all over the world. We were selected to march in front of the Australian contingent and played the unofficial Australian Anthem Waltzing Matilda.



## Important Information - New Zealand Tour

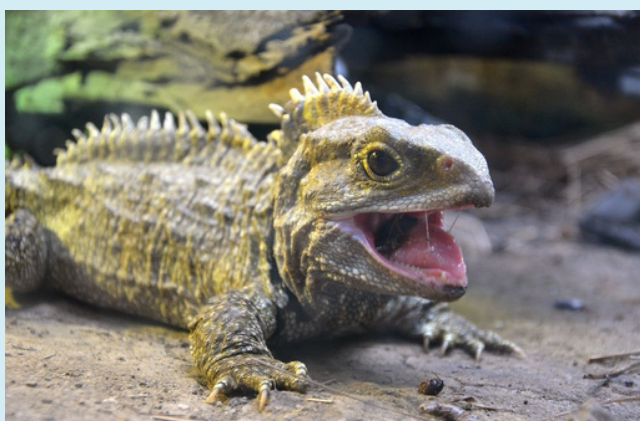
### Tour Payments

Your next tour payment is now due (14th July).

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)

#### TOUR PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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



Pay your tour payments to:

Acc. Name: Skunkworks Community Limited

BSB: **633 000**

Account No: **188 626 535**

Ref: Your name and "NZ"



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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)



## Flight bookings

You will shortly receive a questionnaire asking for your details so that we can complete your flight booking. It is important that all details you provide are correct otherwise you may be prevented from boarding the flight. The details that are required include:

- Your **legal** name (as shown on your passport)
- Date of birth
- Your passport number (with more than 6 months before expiry at date of departure)
- Nationality
- other details as required.

## 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 about their requirements for travel insurance.



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### 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.



### Luggage Restrictions

We need to keep within Jetstar's group luggage limit to avoid additional luggage fees. Due to the number of instruments etc., we will be putting a restriction on the number and weight of personal luggage you may bring with you to NZ.

These restrictions will be published in due course.



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ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO ASSIST  
THE VSYBB NZ TOUR



## FUNDRAISING TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

PENS DOWN 7:00PM

RAFFLE - SILENT AUCTIONS - GAMES

Compete for prizes, have some fun, and show off your smarts!  
Bring your friends and your brain power for an unforgettable night of trivia.

BYO DRINKS, NIBBLES & COINS FOR GAMES

FREDERICK WACHTER RESERVE COMMUNITY CENTRE

DANDENONG BRASS BAND HALL

ENTER VIA DRIVEWAY LOCATED BETWEEN

140 & 142 BLOOMFIELD RD, KEYSBOROUGH

Tickets  
**\$10**  
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