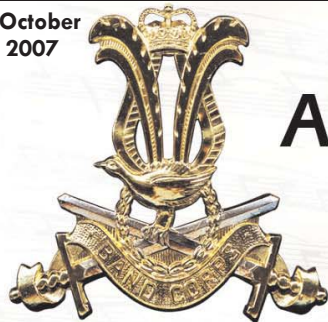


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Australian Army Band Melbourne

THE OFFICIAL FRIENDS OF THE BAND NEWSLETTER

Out & About

AAB-M has enjoyed a busy few months, with various engagements in the metro area and wider Victoria. [pictures p.2]

The *Pomp & Pipes* concert at St Marks church, Fitzroy, was a great success. Vocalists MUSN Deb Cotton and MUSN Tanya Christensen (AAB-S) joined forces to perform the popular *Flower Duet* from *Lakme*, as well as other operatic favourites from Bizet's *Carmen*, Mozart's *Così fan Tutte*, and works by Delibes and Puccini.

The instrumental soloists included CPL Vince King, who performed Weber's *Concertino* for clarinet, MUSN Brent Grapes, with the Arutunian-Duker *Concerto* for trumpet, and former bandsman Christopher Luke, who is now Music Director at St Marks, who performed his composition *March Heroique* on the church organ.

The Big Band has undoubtedly been the busiest ensemble recently, with engagements at the Army Logistics Ball at Wodonga, the Defence Lake Attack, the Military Officers' Ball at the Grand Waldorf Ballroom, and the *Tribute to the Big Band Era* concert at Knox Arts Centre.

The Box Hill institute of TAFE performing arts faculty recently collaborated with the band to produce a television series on music from Broadway. The series airs on Channel 31.

Several school bands have attended workshops with the band in recent months. These workshops provide an excellent opportunity for young musicians to experience

the versatility of the wind band ensemble, as well as a great chance to develop their individual and ensemble playing skills with close guidance from the AAB-M team.

We put our new recruitment display [see previous newsletter] to the test at the Melbourne School Bands Festival, held at Monash University, Clayton campus. The display generated a lot of interest amongst the students, so we expect some familiar faces for work experience in the future.

We have continued our involvement with the Vietnam veterans, assisting with the blessing of a new memorial at Spotswood, the Vietnam Veterans Day service at the Melbourne Shrine of Remembrance, and performing our annual Vietnam Vets concert and street march through Greensborough.

We recently performed at The Good Samaritan primary school in Roxburgh Park. This show featured the 2IC, LT Matt Chilmaid's *Space Opera* that involved some of the teaching staff dressing up as space heroes to the delight of their pupils.



In other news, the Australian Army Band Corps celebrated its 39th birthday on 2nd August!



We couldn't resist posting this image as we approach the warm Summer months!

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The Big Band & Jazz Ensemble have been invited back to the Mildura Jazz Festival on 3-4 November. For more information, contact (03) 5021 5100 or visit the website: www.jazzwine.com.au

Out & About



Pomp & Pipes at St Marks Fitzroy



Military Officers' Ball



Lake Attack: MUSN Glasson, MUSN Cotton, MUSN Sutcliffe & MUSN Cassidy

'At Home' Concerts

Our 'At Home' concert series takes place within the state of-the-art music facility, the Defence Force School of Music (DFSM).

The primary purpose of these concerts is to give trainees and students, that are under training, the on-the-job experience relevant to the course they are undertaking whether it be the Basic Musician, Section Leader, Group Leader or Band Officer courses. Band Officer candidates conduct and compere at the 'At Home' concerts, gaining vital experience for their potential future roles as Music Directors.

The 'At Home' concerts play an important part in the training of Australian Defence Force musicians. The staff and trainees of the DFSM and AABM wish to thank the 'Friends of the Band' for their commitment to making these concerts a success!

The nature of these courses means that the repertoire performed at the 'At Home' concerts is very demanding for both DFSM staff and students, and AAB-M. Thus, concert-goers like yourself are guaranteed to witness a spectacular display of versatility from our musical ensembles, at every 'At Home' concert!

The 2007 'At Home' concert series commences at 11am in Newman Hall, DFSM. Due to the popularity of these concerts, we recommend you arrive early to secure your seat!

As usual, tea and coffee will be made available before each concert for a small donation.

On the back page is the calendar for 'At Home' Concerts for the remainder of 2007. Alternatively, you can check out our website (below).

Some changes have been made to the way in which DFSM 'At Home' concerts are managed in order to attain maximum seating capacity.

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES FOR GROUP BOOKINGS

New phone number **(03) 9450 7412**

It is essential you leave a return phone number.

Minimum 10 people.

Please call the bookings and enquiries number the week of your concert to confirm your booking.

Once group bookings reach 100, all further people wishing to see the concert will enter as individuals, regardless of the group size. That is, tickets will be issued at Crew St for each person (not part of a pre-booked group); of which there are only 200 available.

Once all available tickets have been issued, no further entry will be allowed.

It is advised to arrive as near to 10am as possible in order to secure tickets to the concert.

Group Booking Checklist (answering machine):

- your name;
- concert date;
- number of seats required;
- special requirements; and
- return telephone contact details.

DFSM FUTURE ENGAGEMENTS CALENDAR



At Home Concerts @ 11am

12 October (Proms Concert)
2 November

Twilight Concerts @ 8pm

16 November
7 December (Christmas Carols)

Simpson Barracks

Crew Street Gate Entry

Melways Ref: Map 20, H8.

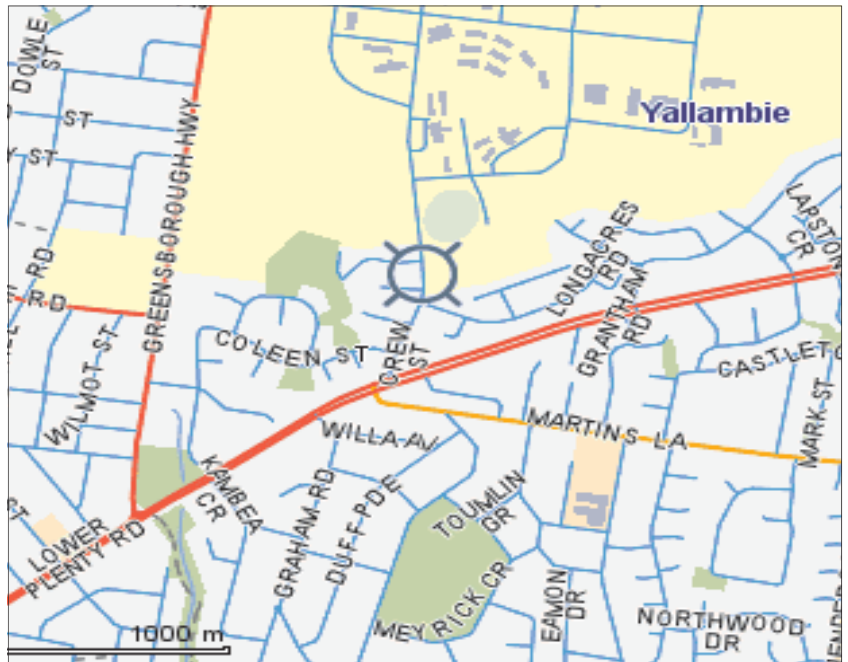
At Home Concerts: Crew St gate opens at 10am on the morning of the concert.

Groups will not be issued tickets. Please notify the person on the gate which group you belong to.

Individuals will be issued a ticket (people not part of a pre-booked group).

Twilight Concerts:

Crew St gate opens 6pm (?) on the evening of the concert. Ushers will assist you with parking.



Are your contact details correct?

To help us keep you informed about AAB-M's and DFSM's up & coming events, please let us know if your contact details change (including email addresses), by emailing us at aabm.pr@defence.gov.au, ringing (03) 9450 7407 or completing the form below & forwarding it to:

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