

Victorian Bands' League

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Music Advisory Board: Messrs. J. BOWDEN, J. BOOTH GORE, F. C. JOHNSTON, A. H. PAXTON, H. R. SHUGG.

Secretary: Mr. H. J. SULLIVAN.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

9 Myrtle Grove,
Preston, N.19 (Tel. JW3152),
July 6th, 1933.

TO ALL MEMBERSHIP BANDS—
Gentlemen,

Notice is hereby given that the SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the VICTORIAN BANDS' LEAGUE will be held at Nicholas Building (4th Floor), 37 Swanston Street, Melbourne, on FRIDAY, JULY 14, 1933, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS.

SPECIAL.—Notice of Motion given at the General Meeting held on June 9th, 1933, as follows:—
"That Rules Nos. 6(b), 8(a) and 11(a) of the General Constitution and Rules be suspended, only in respect to the Annual Meeting to be held on July 14th, 1933, to permit of nominations being received on the night of election."

In accordance with Rule No. 9, on the General Constitution and Rules.

Yours faithfully,

H. J. SULLIVAN,
Secretary.

SPECIAL INVITATION.—The President, Cr. Ben. J. Warr, J.P., extends a cordial invitation to the Officers, Committee, and Bandmaster of every Membership Band, also Registered Adjudicators, to be present at the Annual General Meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT.

TO ALL MEMBERSHIP BANDS—

Gentlemen,

It is with great pleasure that your Executive Council submits its Second Annual Report.

RECONSTRUCTION.—During the past year the task of reconstructing the Bands' movement of Victoria was finally completed, and your Executive Council extends hearty congratulations to every Band on the consummation of this effort. Your loyalty to the League has been the chief factor in this respect, and is indicative of your confidence in the new administration. Coincident with the progress made has been a widespread release from the stagnant conditions of the past. On every hand Bands are conscious of their heritage. Pessimism has given way to optimism, and a general determination exists to profit from the experiences of the past. Our goal is clearly defined. No longer can Victoria be permitted to lag behind others in the development of her musical resources. We have our part to perform in the onward progress of the State. Let us discharge that duty in a manner worthy of our musical traditions.

MEMBERSHIP.—From an excellent foundation your League has continued to grow steadily in favor. During the year the membership increased by nine (9) Bands, making a grand total of fifty-eight (58) affiliated Bands, comprising twenty-nine (29) metropolitan and twenty-nine (29) country, the greatest affiliated membership Victoria has ever known. All parts of the State are reflected in the League's numerical strength, thus making it truly representative in character. The following constitute the membership Bands of the League, viz.:

METROPOLITAN.—Box Hill City, Brighton Municipal, Brunswick City, Caulfield District, Coburg City, Collingwood Citizens', Essendon Citizens', Footscray City, Hawthorn City, Heidelberg Municipal, Kensington District, Kew City, Kingsville and Yarraville Citizens', Malvern Tramways, Mentone Citizens', Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Moorabbin Shire, Mordialloc City, Newport Railway Workshops, Northcote Citizens' and Soldiers', Oakleigh City, Prahran City, Preston City Boys', Richmond City, South Melbourne City, St. Vincent De Paul's Orphanage, St. Kilda City, Sunshine District, Williamstown City.

COUNTRY.—Ararat Citizens', Ballarat Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial, City of Ballarat, Dimboola and District, Eaglehawk Borough, Geelong West City, Hamilton Brass, Hamilton Town, Hopetoun Brass (Bendigo), Jeparit Brass, Kerang Town, Korumburra and District, Kyabram Brass, Maryborough Citizens', Mildura Municipal Town, Nhill and District, Nyah District, Phillip Island Brass, Portland Citizens' Shepparton and District, Stawell Brass, Sunraysia District, Swan Hill Municipal, Tatura Fire Brigade, Terang Brass, Thompson's Foundry (Castlemaine), Warracknabeal and District, Warrnambool Municipal, Yallourn and District.

Since the date of the report the undermentioned Bands have joined your League, viz.: Colac Citizens' and Mooropna Brass, making the total membership now sixty (60) Bands, consisting of twenty-nine (29) metropolitan and thirty-one (31) country. Advices to hand at the moment indicate that several additional Bands will link up with your League during the current month.

ADJUDICATORS.—Your Executive Council is pleased to record the continued support of Adjudicators. For the year just closed the following Judges were registered, viz.:

Music: Messrs. J. Bowden, P. Code, E. H. L. Colhoun, T. B. Davison, J. Booth Gore, L. Hoffman, F. C. Johnston, P. Jones, H. Niven, A. H. Paxton, H. R. Shugg, C. Turner, F. Wright.

Drill: Messrs. H. E. Bourne, W. A. Gorman, W. Humphries, K. G. Kennedy, R. Llewellyn, W. J. G. Lyon, A. J. P. Read, S. Stephens.

A recent addition to the list of Music Adjudicators is Mr. V. V. Lorimer.

Adjudicators are notified that registration fees for the current year are due and payable on July 1st. Country cheques must include exchange. Adjudicators are reminded that non-payment of the prescribed fee by August 1st will result in the immediate cancellation of registrations concerned.

INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL.—Your Executive Council desires to place on record its appreciation of the services rendered by Commissioners R. A. Thomas (Chairman), H. Hampden Church, and J. Young. These gentlemen give generously of their time and talents in the interests of the League.

CONTESTS.—It is, perhaps, disappointing to note that, in comparison with our year of foundation, a falling off has occurred in the number of Band Contests conducted under the jurisdiction of the League. The depressing economic conditions through which the nation is passing is primarily responsible for the reduction. In numerous instances reduced municipal subsidies have accentuated the problem of Band finance, thus making contesting aspirations more difficult of attainment. However, with a return to better times your Executive Council is of the opinion that contesting will develop and expand to an extent hitherto unknown in Victorian Band history. The following contests were carried out under the patronage of the League, and your Executive Council offers its congratulations to the winning Bands:—

November 1st, 1932 "C" and "D" Grades, at Malvern.
October 27th, 28th, and 29th, 1932 All Grades, at Ballarat.
January 2nd, 1933 "C" Grade, at Maryborough.
January 30th, 1933 "D" Grade, at Swan Hill.
February 4th, 11th, and 18th, 1933 "C" and "D" Grades, at St. Kilda.

CONTEST PROMOTERS.—The thanks of your League are extended to the undermentioned contest promoters for their support during the past year. Your Executive Council desires to emphasize the cordiality of the relationship existing between these promoters and your League, and trusts that this will long continue. Your Council particularly values the expressions of goodwill received from the various promoters, also their congratulations on the efficient co-operation rendered by the League in the several contests:—

The South Street Society (Ballarat), Malvern Cycling Club and Malvern Tramways Band in conjunction, Maryborough Highland Society, Swan Hill Hospital, Municipality of the City of St. Kilda and St. Kilda Shore Committee in conjunction.

An event of exceptional interest was the revival of the famous Ballarat Contests after a lapse of eight years. Your Executive Council congratulates the South Street Society on its enterprise, which, in the words of the Society, was one of the most successful contests ever held under its auspices.

INTERSTATE AFFILIATIONS.—It is gratifying to report that your League has merited the recognition of the other States in the Commonwealth. All Australian States are now united on the matter of affiliation, and your League enjoys the distinction of being recognised as the supreme controlling body of Bands in this State. Your Executive Council has extended its appreciation to the various States' Associations for the action taken, and has indicated its willingness to co-operate with the other States in the formation of an Australian Bands' Council, to establish uniform laws for the government of band contesting throughout the Commonwealth. Preliminaries for the inauguration of an interstate conference will be taken in hand immediately.

It is pleasing to mention that, on account of the continued absence of affiliation with the Band Association of New South Wales, the Secretary of your League was recently sent to Sydney to confer with the sister State on the subject. His mission was completely successful, and opened up a new era of relationship between the two States. The thanks of your League have been conveyed to the New South Wales body for its acceptance of the League's affiliation, also for the courtesy and consideration shown Mr. Sullivan, and the friendly feeling which his visit has undoubtedly helped to create.

MASSED BANDS' RECITALS.—During the past season two (2) Massed Bands' Recitals were held on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. The first display took place on Sunday, September 18th, before an audience of about 15,000 people. The second performance, which was held on Sunday, November 27th, was only responsible

attendance... ple. On this occasion weat... large concourse of people. A sweltering hot day made things very un... sires to compliment the Bands which paraded that day on their loyalty... ness with which they carried out the whole programme under very trying circumstances. of banding, and while we have units of that calibre in our ranks the movement will assuredly

Your Executive Council has decided to conduct recitals this year on September 24th (Show Sunday) and November 26th (Henley Sunday). You will be notified in due course as to where the demonstrations will be held. An invitation is extended to country Bands to participate in these displays. Endeavours will be made to billet country Bands visiting Melbourne for the occasion. Country Bands intending to be present are requested to notify the Secretary of the League as early as possible.

FINANCIAL.—For the year ended June 30th, 1933, the finances of your League were maintained satisfactorily. Receipts from all sources amounted to £226/3/2, while expenditure totalled £187/18/2, leaving a credit balance of £38/5/-. The Balance Sheet as at June 30th, 1933, reveals a surplus of Assets over Liabilities amounting to £160/5/8.

AUDITORS.—Your Executive Council desires to express its appreciation of the capable services rendered by the Honorary Auditors of the League, Messrs. J. Booth Gore and Ivan Hutcheson.

OBITUARY.—It is with feelings of intense regret that your Executive Council records the death of our esteemed Trustee, the late Mr. W. J. Fagan. Appreciation of his services has been expressed in our minutes and the League's sympathy conveyed to the bereaved relatives.

SOLO COMPETITIONS.—Your Executive Council has arranged to hold Solo Competitions under the auspices of the League during the currency of the forthcoming Royal Agricultural Show. St. Patrick's Hall, Bourke Street, Melbourne, has been engaged for the occasion. The dates fixed are from Thursday, September 21st, to Saturday, September 30th. Every membership Band will receive fuller particulars in due course. The dates chosen have been specially selected to suit the convenience of country bandmen who may be visiting Melbourne for the Show.

COUNTRY REPRESENTATION.—The rules of your League were recently amended to permit two (2) members of any metropolitan Band occupying seats on the General Committee, conditionally upon one of such members representing a country Band. The object is to provide country Bands, which may experience difficulty in arranging suitable representation with practical men to represent their interests on the League. The services of several first-class men are available, and country Bands interested are invited to communicate with the Secretary of the League, who will afford them every assistance in the appointment of capable delegates. Unless country Bands so desire, it is not proposed that the innovation should be of a permanent nature; rather would we prefer every country Band to arrange its own nominee delegate. The appointment of any delegate under the new arrangement may be terminated at any time by the Band concerned.

PUBLICITY.—The successes achieved by your League to date have been facilitated considerably by the "Australasian Orchestra and Band News." To the proprietors and editor of this journal we extend our keen appreciation of their continued staunch support. Disquietingly, it has come to our knowledge that the "Band News" is not receiving adequate support, either as an advertising or literary medium. Your Executive Council regards this as a tragedy, and appeals to every bandman to support this publication, which has done so much to foster banding. As the official organ of your League, we propose to rely largely in the future on the columns of this journal for the dissemination of our various activities. It seems patent that bandmen would be the first to regret any curtailment or suspension of the paper's circulation, yet this is precisely what will happen unless bandmen support their own journal.

MEMBERSHIP FEE FOR 1933-1934.—The attention of membership Bands is drawn to the fact that the current year's membership fee of £2/2/-, plus exchange, is due and payable on July 1st. Any Band not paying the prescribed fee by August 1st shall be deemed unfinancial, and shall be subject to the penalties imposed by Rule No. 14 (b) of the General Constitution and Rules.

CONDUCTORS (NON-PLAYING BANDMASTERS) AND DRUM MAJORS.—Your attention is directed to Contest Rule No. 3, which permits a registered player of a Band, without payment of a registration fee, to act as Conductor or Drum Major of that Band in a contest. If such player desires to act as Conductor or Drum Major with any other Band, he must be registered with the League as a Conductor, or Drum Major, as the case may be, at least three calendar months prior to the date of any contest. A person who is not a registered player, and who desires to act as Conductor or Drum Major, must be likewise registered. A fee of one shilling (1/-) is charged by the League for this registration, and is payable on registration being granted, and thence on July 1st in each year. Current registration fees not paid by August 1st will result in the registrations concerned being immediately cancelled.

NOTE.—Registered Adjudicators of the League, by virtue of such registrations, are automatically registered as Conductors or Drum Majors, as the case may be, and are exempt from payments of the prescribed fee of one shilling (1/-).

PRACTICAL SUPPORT.—A report on the operations for the past year would be incomplete without some reference to those who have helped in our success. To Messrs. Allan & Co. Pty. Ltd. and Mr. A. P. Sykes we offer our sincere appreciation of their continued practical support, which, at all times, has been given generously, and with an earnest desire to elevate your League to a status worthy of bandmen and the musical prestige of the State.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE.—We particularly thank Mr. A. P. Sykes for his kindness in placing a room at the disposal of your League for the purpose of meetings of the Executive Council, etc., since the inception of the League. The expense saved your League in this direction has been considerable.

AMENDMENTS TO RULES.—Several notices of motions have been received dealing with certain amendments, etc., to the Rules, and these would, ordinarily, be considered at the Annual Meeting. Your Executive Council is of the opinion, however, that, in view of the lengthy list of general business to be transacted at that meeting, insufficient time would be available to allow of a full discussion on alterations, etc., to the Rules, and it is, accordingly, proposed to convene a special meeting of the League in the near future for this purpose.

GENERAL.—Your Executive Council looks with confidence to the ensuing year for a further consolidation of the interests of Victorian Bands. As a State-wide organisation your League has already developed to an extent far in advance of that attained by any previous administration. We gain inspiration from this achievement, which draws perceptibly nearer our ideal of a truly united State, which will encompass every Victorian Band, irrespective of its grade or location.

The matter of band representation on the League will be specially dealt with in the coming year. It is essential to our welfare that every Band, while sharing in the benefits of membership, should also participate in the responsibilities of government. Particular attention will be given to country Bands in this respect. Sane and progressive measures will be introduced to correct some of the disabilities attendant upon the comparative isolation of our rural members. A closer relationship between city and country is imperative to our continued progress, and practical steps will be employed in giving effect to this.

The necessity for the existence of your League is plainly demonstrated by the progress made to date. It is wise to reflect on the remarkable growth of this new body, in order that some conception may be gained of the magnitude of the organisation which has been established for your benefit. The annals of band government in Victoria contain no finer episode than the amazing transformation which has taken place in the short space of two years. It is your duty and privilege to zealously conserve the interests of the new creation, and prove to the world at large your undoubted right to inclusion in the counsels of the musical life of the nation.

For and on behalf of the Executive Council,

BEN. J. WARR, J.P., President.
H. J. SULLIVAN, Secretary.

July 6th, 1933.

TO ALL MEMBERS

My pleasure in writing to you is a Band in congratulations consequent upon the splendid record of the League of its history. As President, it has been my privilege to be intimately associated with the development of our institution, the phenomenal growth of which, in the two years of its existence, has exceeded all anticipations.

The task has fallen heavily on the shoulders of the officers of our League, and it is right that you should be apprised of their services in this respect.

First and foremost I must confess to a particular admiration of the able part played by your Secretary, Mr. H. J. Sullivan, in the wonderful results achieved. From the very birth of the League his task has been bristled with difficulties. His job has been no sinecure. In the face of many personal sacrifices he has carried the banner of the League into almost every nook and corner of the State, and even outside the State, and by sheer ability has created and perfected an organization of which every Band might well be proud. The League to-day is a monument to his genius, and ask all membership Bands to unite with me in an expression of sincere thanks for the excellent service he has performed.

To Mr. John Dalton, Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. E. H. McColough, Hon. Asst. Secretary, your League owes a debt of appreciation for their painstaking labors in the interests of the League during the past year. Your League is fortunate in having the services of such able and enthusiastic officers.

The members of your Executive Council have worked strenuously during the period just closed, and much of the League's success is due to the foresight and business acumen displayed by the Council in all its doings.

BEN J. WARR, J.P.,
President.

VICTORIAN BANDS' LEAGUE.
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30th, 1933.

DR.		CR.
To Printing and Stationery	£33 14 11	By Membership Fees—
„ Postage and Duty Stamps	18 5 7	1 Paid in Advance
„ Telegrams	2 1 0	Y.E. 30/6/32 £2 2 0
„ Telephone	12 9 7	56 Paid Y.E.
„ Rent	9 3 0	30/6/33 117 12 0
„ Travelling Expenses	24 11 3	4 Outstanding Y.E.
„ Bank Charges	0 8 0	30/6/33 8 8 0
„ General Expenses	9 15 10	—
„ Typewriting	4 1 0	61 128 2 0
„ Honorariums	70 5 0	2 Paid in Advance
„ Depreciation Typewriter,	3 3 0	Y.E. 30/6/33 4 4 0
(20 per cent on £15 15/-)		—
	187 18 2	59 Bands 123 18 0
„ Balance—Surplus of Income over Ex-		„ Patrons' Fees 1 1 0
penditure	38 5 0	„ Adjudicators' Fees 17 17 0
		„ Players' Transfer Fees 3 14 0
		„ Players' Re-registration Fees 0 13 0
		„ Contest Patronage Fees 17 6 6
		„ Drum Majors' Registration Fees 0 13 0
		„ Drill Book Sales 0 17 0
		„ Massed Bands' Recitals' £160 19 2
		„ Less Ex-
		penses .. £40 15 6
		„ Donation,
		Lord
		Mayor's
		Fund .. 60 0 0
		100 15 6
		60 3 8
	£226 3 2	£226 3 2

BALANCE SHEET

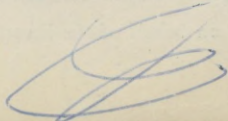
AS AT JUNE 30th, 1933.

DR.	LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	CR.
Membership Fees Paid in Advance	£4 4 0		Typewriter	£15 15 0
Accumulation Account—Surplus of Income			Less 20% Depreciation	3 3 0
over Expenditure—				£12 12 0
Y.E. 30/6/1932	£122 0 8		Bannerettes	0 17 0
Y.E. 30/6/1933	38 5 0		Rent Paid in Advance—	
	160 5 8		Telephone	3 0 0
			St. Patrick's Hall	3 0 0
				6 0 0
			Outstanding Membership	
			Fees, Y.E. 30/6/33	8 8 0
			National Bank of A'asia Ltd.	136 12 8
	£164 9 8			£164 9 8

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We hereby certify having examined the Income and Expenditure Account of the Victorian Bands' League for the year ended June 30th, 1933, and the Balance Sheet as at June 30th, 1933, together with all books, documents, and vouchers in connection therewith, and have found everything correct and in order. We further desire to compliment the Officers of the League on the efficient manner in which all books and accounts have been kept.

July 4th, 1933



IVAN HUTCHESON, }
J. BOOTH GORE, } Auditors.