



## August 2009

### Ballarat Comps here we come!

Better get the ol' alarm clock out however, as we're on early!

Not a great deal to report on at the moment, as we haven't done too much apart from practice lately. There was a Spring Gully Dance catering fundraiser last week, with numbers a bit down on usual. Still a good effort though, and huge thanks go out to Val and helpers for their efforts.

Hopefully there'll be plenty of 'positive' things to report on after Ballarat's done-and-dusted. Here's hoping anyway!

Cheers!

Brendan

### **BALLARAT COMPS**

#### WHAT?

VBL Ballarat 'South Street' State Brass Band Championships - Open C Grade.

#### WHEN?

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of August 2009

#### WHERE?

Wendouree Centre for the Performing Arts, 1220 Howitt Street, Wendouree. [MAP HERE.](#)

#### TIMES?

Warm-up room - 9:00am

On stage - 9:40am

Allow plenty of time to find the warm-up room and have your equipment and music ready.

### **PREPARATION FOR COMPS**

Aside from our normal Wednesday night rehearsals, there will be two Sunday evening rehearsals leading up to the comps. Both of these will include one of 'Smokin' Dave Hague's world famous BBQ's for dinner, one no 'right-minded' brass bander should miss! BYO fire extinguisher.

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 9<sup>TH</sup>

Rehearsal at the band room, 5pm to 8pm (max), with a BBQ in the middle.

#### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>

Usual Wednesday night rehearsal.

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 16<sup>TH</sup>

Rehearsal at the band room, 5pm to 8pm (max), with a BBQ in the middle.

The band will be splitting in half for this rehearsal, with Louisa taking the Cornets and Andrew taking the rest of the band.

#### WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>

Usual Wednesday night rehearsal.

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>

COMPS!

### **BAND FEES**

A friendly reminder that band fees are now due. Please see Michael or Alan to pay these if you haven't already done so.

- Single adult \$70 per year or \$20 per quarter,
- Junior players \$50 per year or \$15 per quarter,
- Families \$100 per year or \$30 per quarter.

### **OTHER DIARY DATES**

- **Aug 23** - Ballarat Comps
- **Sept 26** - Spring Gully Dance Catering
- **Oct 31** - Inglewood Concert
- **Nov 21** - Spring Gully Dance Catering
- **Dec 6** - Brass in the Park (formerly Brass on Bull)
- **Dec 13** - Neale St. Christmas Concert, around 2:30pm.

### **OTHER ITEMS**

A couple of people have requested that a reminder go out to please turn off mobile phones during rehearsals.

#### THE WORLD FAMOUS

## **BLACK DYKE BAND**

WITH

## **JAMES MORRISON**

Friday 14th of August

Her Majesty's Theatre Ballarat

Trevor has organised 20 tickets and a mini-bus to go down to this very special event.

He is selling tickets for **\$77.00 each**, which includes travel and the show. Very reasonable, considering individual tickets are \$69 - \$79 each for the show only!

Get in early to secure your place on the bus, and chance to see the 'world's greatest brass band', in concert with James Morrison.

The bus will leave the Tom Flodd Sports Centre at around 4:30pm. For further info or to book your tickets, contact Trevor Trewartha on 5447 1115 or email [treford1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:treford1@optusnet.com.au)