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"Deep South Brass 8"

Sun 1st Feb '26

7.30pm Tyers Hall

DSB8 are a high energy, New Orleans influenced band that play a mix of jazz/funk/blues. Inspired by the contemporary brass bands of New Orleans, DSB8 plays an infectious mix of originals and popular charts. With nods to The Big Easy's luminaries of Trombone Shorty, Jon Cleary, Dr John, and the Rebirth Brass Band, DSB8's big bold brass also brings a few surprise interpretations of some old favourites. With a fast growing following and recent rave reviews from their performances in and around Melbourne, DSB8's focus since its inception has been on fun, energy and providing entertainment value in every show with an engaging interactive act.

Dance like on one's watching; Sing like no one's listening is DSB8's mantra. High-energy, infectious grooves that will get you up out of your seats with a big bold brass sound. Deep South Brass 8 deliver entertainment value with their engaging, interactive show.

Neil Gracey: trumpet/trombone/band leader

Mark Sylvio: trumpet/vocals

Justin Abicare: alto sax/flute

Andrew Murray: keyboard

Matthew Dixon: trombone/lead vocals

Sean Nihill: trumpet/composer

Joel Plymin: tenor & baritone sax

Roy John: drums

Support Act: Sean McGuinness

ENTRY: \$25 members & concession, \$30 adults
free for children under 18

Pre-purchase through
<https://www.trybooking.com/DGDMF>
or cash entry at the door.



Tea/Coffee & Supper will be available. Please bring a plate of supper to share. Please also byo coffee mug.

Procedures for Emergency Warnings (bushfires, floods etc): In the event that a "Watch and Act" Warning or an Emergency Warning is listed for Tyers on a day when GAMC is hosting an event (or for other locations where GAMC may be hosting an event), the club event will be cancelled for that day. In such circumstances, we will endeavour to advise members via email, but recommend that you tune into local ABC radio and/or <https://emergency.vic.gov.au> for warning updates before leaving home.

Memberships are now due for renewal Thanks to those who may have paid already.

Membership costs for 2026 are still the same and run from January 2026 to December 2026.

Family \$20, Adult Single \$15, Concession \$12.

Payments can be made online or at a Bendigo Bank branch into the **Gippsland Acoustic Music Club, Inc** account.

BSB Number 633 000 Account Number 163 729 114

UPCOMING GAMC EVENTS

- ♪ Weds 21st Jan 7.30pm and again on Weds 4th Feb 7.30pm at Traralgon Neighbourhood House: **Committee Meetings**
- ♪ Sat 7th Feb: **Saturday Sing-lets** resumes. Led by Rhonda Newton 1.30pm - 3.30pm at Traralgon Masonic Centre. Stay tuned for dates for further Sing-Let sessions throughout the year. See info below.
- ♪ Sunday 8th Feb 1pm (and again on 8 Mar, 12 Apr, 10 May & 14 June) at Traralgon Masonic Centre: **Banjo Workshops** led by Andrea Hadley. See info below.
- ♪ Fri 13th, 20th, 27th Feb, 6th, 13th, 20th March 7-9pm **"Gippsapella" Rehearsals** (GAMC Acapella singing group) in preparation for "Choirs at Tyers". See info below.
- ♪ Sat 28th Feb 10am -12 noon: **First Jam session for the year to take place at Victory Park, Traralgon** (weather permitting). Meet under shady trees behind Monomeath Senior Citizens Centre. BYO chairs and maybe a picnic lunch for afterwards.
Jam sessions will only run monthly this year on the fourth Sat of the month (back at Traralgon Masonic Centre from March onwards)
- ♪ Sun 1st March: **"Tidal Moon" Concert**
- ♪ Weds 4th March 7.30pm at Traralgon Neighbourhood House (Kath Teychenne Centre) 11 - 13 Breed Street, Traralgon: **Committee Meeting and AGM**. Details & nomination below.
- ♪ Sat 21st March at Tyers Hall: **"Choirs @ Tyers"**. See info below.
- ♪ Fri 27th March, 7-8.30pm at Traralgon Masonic Centre: **"Valley Power Chords"** ukulele group will recommence rehearsals. Further rehearsals on 10th, 17th, 24th April, 1st, 8th May and possibly 15th May too. If you're keen to join and want to get on the email circulation list, please email Ken on ukulele_ken@outlook.com
- ♪ Sun 12th April: **"Bididbids" Concert** from NZ (not the first Sunday due to Easter clash)
- ♪ Fri 17th - Sun 19th April: Music Camp at Inverloch. Further details in next newsletter.



2026 Gippsapella



GAMC's A'Capella singing group " Gippsapella" will soon be ready to ~~sing~~ sing into action in preparation for "Choirs@Tyers". All are welcome to join.

- Rehearsals, led by Rhonda Newton will be on Friday nights 7-8.30pm Feb 13th, 20th, 27th Mar 6th, 13th & 20th and perform on Saturday 21st Mar at "Choirs@Tyers".
- Rehearsal Venue: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre, Oswald St Traralgon
- No cost to members. If you're not a GAMC member, you'll need to join (see membership details above).
- If you're keen to sing with Gippsapella, get yourself on the email circulation list by emailing Rhonda rhondanwtn@yahoo.com.au



Choirs@Tyers

Saturday 21st March 2026
10:30 am to 5:30 pm
Tyers Hall, Main Road, Tyers

This festival is for everyone who likes to sing. You don't need to be a member of a choir to participate. Come along to the workshop and enjoy singing in a group.

**\$20.00 for the Workshop
(includes afternoon concert)**

Guest Workshop Leader: Leanne Murphy



Singer-songwriter Leanne Murphy has been leading community choirs since 2011, most recently co-ordinating the 2024-25 Yackandandah Folk Festival Community Choir!

GAMC is delighted to have Leanne share her love of community music with us, planning a wonderful workshop for this event.

All attendees will have the opportunity to perform in the afternoon concert to celebrate our shared love of singing.

See more about Leanne on <https://www.leannemurphy.com.au/>

Bookings at <https://www.trybooking.com/DIRZO>
or cash at the door.



For more information, contact Joan on 0408 747 882

Hands up to sing each month in Traralgon with us!

SATURDAY SING-LETS



Come and join us and see how much joyous noise we can generate!

Simple, fun stuff with beautiful harmonies.



Just turn up, gold coin donation at door and byo cup. You'll need to be a GAMC member. See page 2 of newsletter.

When: Sat 7th Feb from 1.30-3.30pm (with a cuppa/chat break). Stay tuned for dates of following monthly Sing-lets sessions.

Where: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre, 9 Oswald St Traralgon

Contact: Rhonda Newton GAMC30@gmail.com

Banjo Group led by Andrea Hadley

Members of the banjo group formed in the past two years are keen to get back into a banjo routine. New participants are encouraged to join too, whether new to banjo playing or having some experience. Participants will need to bring a banjo. Contact Andrea if you need advice about that.

The format will involve getting together to work on some banjo tunes. If you have been working on a tune or would like to play a tune in a group, then bring it along and Andrea will create a basic arrangement for the group. If you're interested in a specific style, she is happy to work on that too.

The banjo group will meet on the second Sunday of the month at 1pm at Traralgon Masonic Centre Sunday 8th Feb 1pm (and again on 8 Mar, 12 Apr, 10 May & 14 June). Just turn up when you can. The cost will be \$5.00 per session to contribute to the hire of the venue. You will need to be a GAMC member. (see membership details on page 2 of this newsletter)

When: The following Sunday afternoons, 1-3pm
8th Feb, 8th Mar, 12th Apr, 10th May & 14th June 2026

Where: Latrobe Valley Masonic Centre Oswald St Traralgon

Further details: Andrea on 0434 843 363

GAMC 2026 Annual General Meeting

ALL GAMC MEMBERS WELCOME!

Weds 4th March at Kath Teychenne Centre (Traralgon Neighbourhood House), 11/13 Breed Street, Traralgon

6.00pm: Pizzas ordered based on numbers and preferences of attendees - provided by the club. Alternatively, you may prefer to bring your own food from elsewhere. Plates, cups, napkins, tea/coffee provided but you may like to bring other drinks.

7.00pm: AGM to commence:

This will include appointment of the following positions/jobs: President, Vice President, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Newsletter Editor/Email circulation, Merch orders/salesperson, Social Media Coordinator as well as ordinary committee members (ie. without a specifically designated role). Any GAMC club members wishing to nominate themselves or another member (over 18 years old) are asked to complete & return this nomination form by **Weds 25th Feb** to club secretary Barb Brabets at 21 Hickox St Traralgon 3844. Otherwise email with title "Committee Nominations" to gamc30@gmail.com

7.30pm: ordinary committee meeting to follow

NOMINATION FORM FOR GAMC AGM 2026

I _____ (insert name of nominator) wish to nominate

(insert name of person to join the committee)

for the position of _____ (insert position or simply "Committee") on the 2026 GAMC Committee.

Seconder: _____ (or can be given verbally at the AGM)

Accepted by the nominee: _____ (or can be given verbally at the AGM)



OTHER EVENTS AROUND THE PLACE:

Renowned European saxophonist Niels Bijl is now residing in Gippsland, and is involved in the organisation of this workshop. The organisers aim to get as many parents and kids involved as possible, from all over Gippsland to give them a taste of different instruments, and necessary contacts if they wish to continue playing.

More info and workshop registration

<https://www.westgippslandconcertband.com.au/workshop>



- Weds 28th Jan 12.30-2.30pm: **Mirboo Music Jam Sessions** "Jammin' in the Boo!" recommence. (they happen on the 2nd and 4th Weds of each month) at the Baromi Centre at 39 Couper St Mirboo North. All instruments and/or voice & all ages & experience levels welcome. Gold coin donation if possible & great arvo tea. See Mirboo Music Facebook page or contact Peter McCarthy 0417060566
petermcc@outlook.com