

VML Newsletter

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Hello and welcome to the first of a new series of quarterly newsletters from the Victorian Music Library! We aim to provide information useful to our members, and to support the many musical communities in Victoria who give so much to the richness of our lives. If you have suggestions for items for the next newsletter, or would like to list your event in our events section please feel free to drop us an email. I hope you find the news interesting and thank you for your continuing support of the library.

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Happy Birthday in Elsternwick!

A musical celebration was held on July 3rd to commemorate two years of the library being open in Elsternwick.

Volunteers, committee members and staff got together to mark the 2nd anniversary of the library opening at its new home in Elsternwick. Great progress has been made during the two years since moving from our old Coburg home. Huge amounts of music has been sorted and shelved and the space warmed up (a bit!). An ensemble of volunteers played music from the shelves and toasted the continuing success of the library.



Executive Officer Appointed

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our first ever Executive Officer, Roz Ward.

Roz started work in the library on April 15th and has been making great progress since then.

With a background in community music and project work in small organizations, Roz has lots of experience in working with volunteers, membership organizations, project management and finding funding.

Roz had a very musical upbringing in the UK with a mother who was both a music teacher and director of a choir.

Since joining the library Roz has worked with our volunteers to create a new shelving display, sort music in the 'back' section, publicize library services, and provide more heaters!



New Opening Hours

Hours to increase for 'after-school' borrowers.

We are pleased to announce that from July 22nd the Library will be open from

10am – 5pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We have received feedback from many of our members on the difficulty they have getting to the library by 4pm, especially those who work in schools.

The extra hour will be staffed by volunteers, so please make use of it to come and take your time in browsing the magnificent music we have available.

Don't forget we can also post you the music you need if you send in your requests by phone or email. There is a small postage and packing fee and you can also return items in the mail to PO Box 236, Elsternwick VIC 3085.

Collection of the Month

Each newsletter we intend to highlight one of our historical collections or an area of the library where little light has been shed.

This month we will focus on the

Musical Society of Victoria Collection

The MSV was the first music society of its kind in Australia, founded in 1861. We hold over 500 items of their music, with a particular focus on chamber music. Much of this music was used for the first ever performance of European works in Australia during the late 1800s. On close inspection you will see that most of the collection is 19th century plate engraved music, rather than printed by the modern printing press.

If you would like to come and look at this collection, or would like to know more, please feel free to get in touch and we'll be happy to show you around.

Attention Cello Teachers!

The AMEB syllabus is being revised – comments from teachers and students are invited through www.ameb.edu.au

Calling Violinists!

The Orchestra of U3A Hawthorn needs experienced violinists to strengthen the string section. Rehearsals and concerts take place on Thursday mornings.

Please contact the manager, Ruth Muir on 9818 0801.

Events

Saturday October 25th

Victorian Music Library Open Day

@ VML, 64-66 Orrong Road, Elsternwick

A day of festivities, fun, and music.

Put the date in your diaries now!

Orchestra Victoria @ Horsham Town Hall

Conducted by Maestro Marko Letonja

7.30pm Tuesday 5 August 2008

Free tickets are available now! Call Chisholm Hi Fi on 5382 4343 to book.

Volunteers Needed!

Could you spare a few hours a fortnight to volunteer in the library?

We always need people to help with:

- Borrowing and returning
- Sorting music to be catalogued
- Member enquiries
- Publicity and getting new members
- Office tasks

Without the support of our current team of volunteers the library would not be able to exist. If you think you could help please call and ask Roz for more information.

Can't find the music you need?

Unable to hire from other libraries? Perhaps you require a work that does not exist in the form your ensemble takes?

Contact **Glynn Davies**, an arranger of classical, jazz and popular music of chamber to orchestral proportions since 1991.

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