



Yamaha Australian National Band Championships—Brisbane 2019

FEBRUARY 2019

Important Dates coming up!

- **Friday 8 March**—All players must be registered with State Governing Bodies
Own Choice Music Selections Form due (online)
Own Choice Scores due—bands and ensembles
Stage Seating Plans due
- **Please go to the Nationals website for all forms required.**
www.nationalbandchampionships.com.au
- Band draws have been sent out. Please check your inbox.
- Solo and Ensemble Draws and Schedules are coming out this week. These are sent directly to soloists.
- 'LIKE' the Yamaha National Band Championships Facebook page :)

SOLO AND ENSEMBLE COMPETITION

The **time limits** for **own choice** solo items and ensembles are:

Solo events— 6 minutes maximum

Quartets and Quintets—10 minutes maximum

In the interests of an entertaining and flowing event, please adhere strictly to these time limits.

PROGRAM ADVERTISING

Would you like your business product/service to be seen by 4 000 musicians? Have you thought about putting an advertisement in the official 2019 Nationals Program? Available pages and costs can be found on the nationals website—www.nationalbandchampionships.com.au—under the '**Be Involved**' link.

SECTION SPONSORSHIP

Individuals and bands have the opportunity to sponsor an event—either band or solo/ensemble— and have their name recorded in the official program. This could be a fitting tribute to a loyal bands person who has dedicated many years to the banding community. For details on how to sponsor an event, go to the Nationals website. The application form 'Section Sponsorship' is under the 'Be Involved' link.

Please be aware that the A Grade Brass and Concert Band events are sponsored by our Platinum Sponsor, Yamaha Australia.

PLAYER PASSES

All players will be required to show a player pass (bracelet) to enter the auditoriums at the Brisbane City Hall at any time—results included. It is also a security regulation set by the City Hall that any person going backstage must have some form of identification.

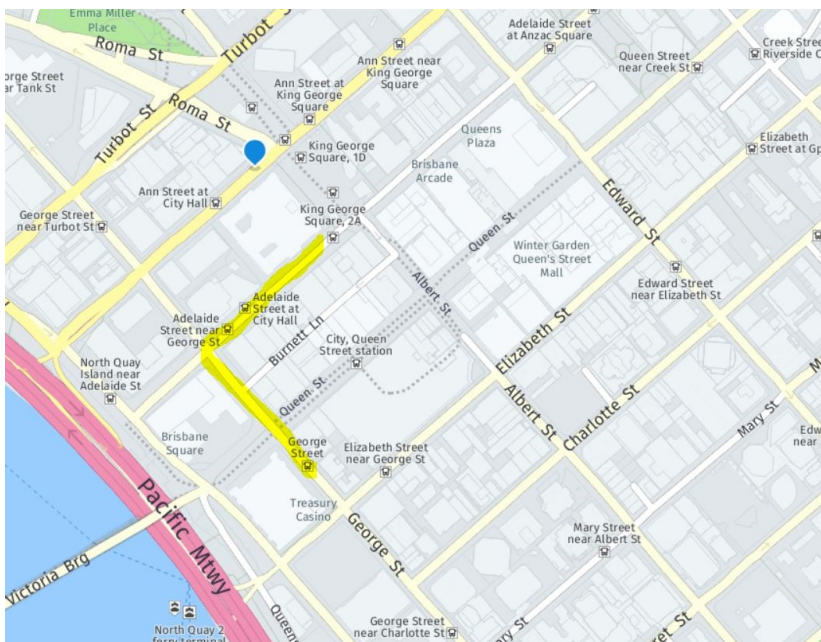
Player Passes will be issued according to the number of players on your Player Declaration Forms that are sent to your State Governing Body. Bands will be invoiced at \$5.00 per player. If your band doesn't wish to purchase a bulk order, players will need to purchase individual Player Passes from the Ticket Office for \$8:00 when the contest commences.

Volunteers working with School bands and Junior Bands, may request a Player Pass through the band secretary. There is a limit of 5 per band. These will be available at \$8:00.

PARADE OF BANDS

Get your marching shoes on and get ready for the inner-city Parade of Bands on **Saturday 20 April**. The parade will head west along George Street, turning right into Adelaide Street and finish at King George Square. The distance is approximately 300metres. Bands will step off from Reddacliff Place. More details later coming soon.

We are looking for sponsorship for the Change of Direction competition. Please register your interest by contacting Annette Ries—admin2019@nationalbandchampionships.com.au



TICKETS TO ALL EVENTS

Tickets to all events at the Brisbane City Hall are now available on-line by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/yamaha-australian-national-band-championships-brisbane-2019-tickets-49256453378>

Audience tickets for the solo/ensemble events at the Southbank Conservatorium of Music are only available for purchase at the door.

VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

The volunteer registration link is now open at the websites below. There are two different volunteer registration pages—one for the Solo and Ensemble day (Thursday 18 April) and one for the Band Events at City Hall.

SOLO DAY VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/volunteer-registration-solo-and-ensemble-competition-yamaha-australian-national-band-championships-registration-49277021899>

BAND EVENTS REGISTRATION

Events of this size are successful only due to the amazing dedication of our volunteers. The QBA is a not-for-profit organisation and rely heavily on the support of our wonderful volunteer base.