

DERWENT VALLEY CONCERT BAND
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY PROFESSOR THE HONOURABLE KATE WARNER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA, WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2018

Good evening and welcome to this reception to mark the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the Derwent Valley Concert Band.

I begin by paying my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land— the Mouheneener people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community, who have survived invasion and dispossession, and continue to maintain their identity, culture and Indigenous rights.

May I acknowledge among you:

- The Honourable Guy Barnett MP, Minister for Primary Industries and Water, Minister for Energy, Minister for Veterans' Affairs ;
- Layton Hodgetts, Founding Music Director;
- Ross Butler, Co-founder;
- Lyall McDermott, Chief Conductor;
- Michael Young, Vice-President South, Tasmanian Bands League;
- Dick Adams, former MP and a strong supporter of the band;
- Members, past and present, of the Band's Artistic Leadership Team and Executive.

The story of the Band is really a Tasmanian legend. In considering my remarks for this evening, I had a look at your website with its somewhat low-key statement, quote:

“If you enjoy playing music, would like to travel, have access to an instrument and would like to join a friendly, versatile, progressive and professional community band, then please contact us.”¹

All of which is entirely true of course, but I could imagine a stranger being interested in possibly joining and asking, “Well, what kind of travel? Like, from New Norfolk to Triabunna?” And your equally true answer would be, oh, you know, “Japan, Canada, Austria, France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Poland, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Sweden, Spain, Denmark, China, Malaysia ...”²

We hosted a function here before your Poland trip, and the Band has of course played here on a number of occasions in recent years.

And I need hardly say it, but that Dick and I as longtime New Norfolk residents, at Valleyfield, have great admiration for and pride in the Derwent Valley Concert Band. And many, many congratulations to Layton Hodgetts for all of your hard work, perseverance and skill in the Band's many achievements.

Now, we'll shortly enjoy a performance of ten minutes or so by a DVCB ensemble.

But before then it is my very happy duty to present the inaugural "Certificate of Service" to the Derwent Valley Concert Band. This award has been created to mark the 25th Anniversary.

I will read the citation, after which we can indulge in another round of applause, for the inaugural recipient. The citation reads:

[HE reads the citation]

And now Layton will introduce the Ensemble.

Thank you.

¹ <http://dvcb.org/>, accessed 27 November 2018.

² Ibid.