



MEDIA RELEASE

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Free big band concert in Burnie Park this Saturday

Burnie Park will be flooded with music from the Australian Army Band Tasmania this Saturday for a free concert in the park.

Renowned for being one of the State's most sought-after performing arts group, the band will host the concert from 1pm as part of Burnie Shines.

Officer Commanding/Music Director Captain Christopher Martin said the wonderful ensemble of Defence Reserve musicians promised an afternoon to remember.

He said the concert provided the opportunity to be entertained by the virtuosic talents of the band's vocalist, solo instrumentalists, and the big band.

"The concert will capture all the pomp and ceremony of a military band performance and execute the intricacies of the full wind ensemble repertoire," Captain Martin said.

"It will also continue the experience with works from all genres of musical periods, including narration and music to Banjo Patterson's famous poem *The Man From Snowy River*.

"Our band has a proud history and has been serving the Tasmanian community for well over 100 years in various forms."

Burnie City Council Tourism and Marketing Events Coordinator Rob Simpson said organisers encouraged everyone attending to bring along a blanket and lunch to the park.

"This is a fantastic event for all ages that offers families a day out that won't break the budget," Mr Simpson said.

"The Australian Army Band Tasmania is capable of playing all styles of music and is equally at home on the parade ground as in a concert hall.

"The band also appears at major sporting and community events and significant public performances.

Mr Simpson said the band would hold concerts at Marist Regional College and Parklands High School this Friday.

The band will also perform at Saturday night's Burnie Shines Cocktail Party held at Sirocco's.

For more information contact Captain Martin on 0417 357 516 or Rob Simpson on 6430 5788.

Caption: Members of the Australian Army Band Tasmania, who will host a free concert at Burnie Park on Saturday 24 October.

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