

GLENORCHY CITY BRASS INC.

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BANDIT

Beginner Brass Ensemble

New Member Pack

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Welcome to Bandit!

Welcome and thank you for joining Bandit, the beginner brass ensemble of Glenorchy City Brass Inc. We are thrilled to have you as part of our musical family!

Glenorchy City Brass Inc. has been entertaining audiences in Southern Tasmania for over 100 years. Bandit is our newest ensemble, created specifically for beginner brass players of all ages who are taking their first steps in learning a brass instrument.

This New Member Pack contains everything you need to know about Bandit, your membership, and what to expect as you begin your brass playing journey.

About Glenorchy City Brass Inc.

Glenorchy City Brass Inc. is one of Tasmania's finest brass band organisations. The organisation is extremely versatile and undertakes a wide range of musical activities including state and national band championships, solo and ensemble championships, formal concert hall recitals, backing groups for guest artists, various ceremonial occasions, informal outdoor recitals, and marching displays.

Our Ensembles:

Ensemble	Rehearsal	Conductor
Glenorchy City Concert Brass (A Grade)	Mondays 7:30–9:30 pm New Town High School	Simon Reade
Glenorchy City Community Brass (C Grade)	Thursdays 7:00–8:30 pm Berriedale Community Centre	Marty Smith
Bandit (Beginner Ensemble)	Thursdays 6:00–6:45 pm Berriedale Community Centre	Dean Hunt and tutors

About Bandit

Bandit is Glenorchy City Brass's beginner brass ensemble, designed to provide a fun and supportive environment for young players to develop their skills and confidence. Bandit is open to young players who are beginning their brass journey.

Instruments available: Soprano cornet, cornet, flugel horn, tenor horn, baritone, euphonium, trombone, and tuba. Those interested in playing percussion instruments are also welcome.

What to expect: Group lessons focus on building fundamental skills in a relaxed, encouraging atmosphere.

About Dean Hunt

Dean Hunt OAM brings over 50 years of brass band experience to Bandit. A long-standing member of Glenorchy City Brass, Dean has served as Musical Director of both the Concert Brass and Youth Brass ensembles, leading the band at numerous Australian National Band Championships. In 2022, he was awarded the TBL Jubilee Certificate for 50 years of service, and holds the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for his contribution to music and the community. Dean is passionate about developing beginner players and is excited to help Bandit members take their first steps in brass.

Other Bandit Tutors

Name	Instrument
Hettie Lancaster	Cornet
Carmen Turk	Cornet
James Harrison	Baritone
Rob Maher	Trombone
Carla Ward	Cornet

Key Contacts

Role	Name	Contact
President	Noel Hunt	president@gccb.org.au
Secretary	Emma Cooper	secretary@gccb.org.au
Treasurer	Matt Leary	treasurer@gccb.org.au
Bandit Musical Director	Dean Hunt OAM	bandit@gccb.org.au

For general enquiries, please visit www.gccb.org.au/contact

Joining as a Member

To become a member of Bandit, you will need to complete the following steps:

- Complete a membership registration (details will be provided at your first session).
- A parent or guardian must sign the registration form on your behalf.
- Pay your membership fees (see below).
- Complete an instrument hire agreement if borrowing a band instrument.

Membership Fees

Bandit membership fees are charged on a per-term basis. Your membership fee includes instrument hire at no additional cost, so you can get started straight away without needing to purchase your own instrument.

Fee Type	Amount
Bandit Term Membership (includes instrument hire)	\$50 per term

You will be invoiced for your term fee once enrolled. Any difficulties with payment should be discussed with the Treasurer — we want music to be accessible to everyone.

Financial options may be available on request.

Instrument Hire

As a Bandit member, instrument hire is included in your \$50 term membership fee. This means you will be provided with a band instrument at no additional hire cost. However, you are responsible for looking after the instrument while it is in your care.

Key points:

- An Instrument Hire Agreement (provided as a separate document) must be signed before any instrument is issued. For members under 18, a parent or guardian must sign the agreement.
- Instruments are managed by the Bandit Musical Director and will be issued in good working condition.
- You are responsible for maintaining the instrument in good condition throughout the hire period. This includes regular cleaning, proper storage, and careful handling.
- Any damage to the instrument must be reported to GCB within 48 hours.
- If the instrument is damaged due to misuse or negligence, you (or your parent/guardian) are liable for the cost of repair or replacement.
- In the event of total loss (e.g. theft, irreparable damage), you are liable for replacing the instrument.
- Any servicing or repairs must be conducted by an authorised technician approved by GCB (Rob Bester – Island BrassWinds).
- GCB does not provide insurance for hired instruments. You are encouraged to check whether your home and contents insurance covers musical instruments.
- The instrument must be returned within 7 days if you leave the organisation or at the end of the hire period, in the same condition as it was hired (allowing for normal wear and tear).
- GCB reserves the right to terminate the hire agreement if the instrument is not being properly maintained or if fees remain unpaid for more than four weeks.

The full Instrument Hire Agreement is provided as a separate document and must be signed as part of your enrolment.

Uniforms

Bandit does not currently have a formal uniform requirement. Members should wear neat, comfortable clothing to rehearsals.

As Bandit develops, uniform requirements may be introduced, and members will be notified in advance. Performance dress codes will be communicated ahead of any events.

Communication & Staying Connected

Facebook: Glenorchy City Brass has a Facebook group for news, photos, and updates. In accordance with Australian law and our child safety obligations, social media is not permitted for children under 16. Parents and guardians of Bandit members are welcome to join the Facebook group to stay informed.

Website: Visit www.gccb.org.au for general information about the organisation and its ensembles.

Email & Electronic Communication: In line with our Child Safety Policy, adult members, tutors, and musical directors will not communicate directly with children via email, text

message, social media, or any other electronic means. All electronic communication regarding a child's participation in Bandit will be directed to their parent or guardian. This applies to all platforms, including Muzodo, email, and messaging apps.

Contests & Performances

Glenorchy City Brass is a key member of the Tasmanian Bands League (TBL) and actively supports the various contests throughout the year. As a Bandit member, you may have opportunities to participate in beginner-level competitions, ensemble performances, and band events.

Band members are encouraged to participate not only as part of the band but also as soloists or members of a small ensemble.

Members' Rights & Responsibilities

As a member of Bandit and Glenorchy City Brass Inc., you have both rights and responsibilities:

Your rights:

- Access to group rehearsals and tuition as scheduled.
- Use of band equipment by arrangement, including instruments and sheet music.
- Access to band subsidies for trips and social events.
- Active participation in all band events and performances.
- A vote at the Annual General Meeting (for financial members).

Your responsibilities:

- Attend all rehearsals and performances as directed.
- Notify the Musical Director or Tutor as soon as possible prior to any absence.
- Care for and maintain band equipment, uniforms, and facilities.
- Pay fees promptly.
- Practise regularly at home.
- Notify the Secretary in writing of any resignation or extended period of absence.

Policies

Glenorchy City Brass Inc. is committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and welcoming environment for all members. The following policies apply to all members and are available on the band's website www.gccb.org.au

- Constitution of Glenorchy City Brass Inc.
- Code of Conduct / Member Expectations
- Child Safety Policies
- TBL Code of Conduct
- Uniform Policy

If you have any concerns or wish to make a complaint, please refer to the complaint process outlined in the Child Safety Policy or speak to a committee member.

Information for Parents & Guardians

If your child is joining Bandit, here are some important things to know:

- All adults working with children in our organisation comply with the Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Act 2013 and the Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023.
- Our organisation follows the Tasmanian Bands League (TBL) Code of Conduct for child safety.
- Children should be dropped off and collected from rehearsals on time.
- If you have any concerns about your child's safety or wellbeing, please speak to a committee member immediately or contact the TBL Executive.
- We encourage parents and guardians to take an active interest in their child's musical development and to support regular home practice.

Your role in communication:

As a parent or guardian, you are the primary point of contact for all band communications regarding your child. Specifically:

- You will need to set up and manage a Muzodo account on behalf of your child. All rehearsal, event, and availability communications will come through this account.
- Adult band members, tutors, and musical directors will not contact your child directly via email, text, social media, or other electronic means. All communication will be directed to you.
- Children under 16 are not permitted to use social media. You are welcome to join the Glenorchy City Brass Facebook group to stay connected with band news and events.
- If your child receives any direct electronic communication from an adult member of the organisation, please notify the Committee.