

2022 Qld State Band Championships

Toowoomba – 24-25 September, 2022

Empire Theatre, Neil Street, Toowoomba



An Invitation to attend...

In our **Centenary** year, Toowoomba Municipal Band would like to invite bands to come to our beautiful city during the prestigious Carnival of Flowers, to be part of the 2022 Championships and to celebrate our Centenary year.

THE EMPIRE THEATRE with its historic art deco décor, will be the venue for the Championships. The complex encompasses the Empire Church Theatre, the Empire Studio Theatre and the Armitage Centre. Situated close to the CBD, with plenty of bars and restaurants within walking distance. It is the perfect venue for hosting the State Championships. <https://www.empiretheatre.com.au/>

ENTERTAINMENT: As one of the many events in the **Carnival of Flowers**, the State Championships will offer bands the opportunity to mix music and a holiday with Carnival of Flowers events from 1-30 September. As a significant and popular carnival, bands would be wise to make a decision soon about attending as accommodation fills quickly over this period. <https://tcof.com.au/>
<https://visittoowoombaregion.com.au/plan-your-visit/accommodation/>

THE PARADE OF BANDS will be held on the oval just behind the **Cobb & Co Museum**. The cafe will open early for us to caffeinate and have breakfast or a snack before heading off to the contest after the march. The Cobb & Co Museum is a place you can spend a few hours absorbed in history and the displays. <https://cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au/>

ACCOMMODATION: If bands are interested in the possibility of using the facilities of a boarding school over the weekend, please contact our organising committee and we will forward information to you. There are **direct flights** from Townsville to Toowoomba for our far north Queensland bands, so please check out your options. <https://visittoowoombaregion.com.au/accommodation>

GALA CONCERT: As part of our Centenary celebrations, there will be a **Gala Concert on Saturday night**, 24th September. **Brisbane Excelsior Band** will be the featured guest band, sharing the concert with Toowoomba Municipal Band and don't miss the Slow Melody Contest at the Gala Concert!

SLOW MELODY CONTEST - As an exciting part of our **Gala Concert** and Centenary celebrations, we will be inviting all competing bands to nominate a single player to compete in the Slow Melody Contest with the winner taking home to their band \$1000! Help to make our Centenary a great night of music. Tickets available through the Empire Theatre. <https://www.empiretheatre.com.au/>

CRITICAL DATES:	Test Music information available	May 2022
	Entries Open	May 2022
	Entries Close	30 July, 2022
	Registrations close	13 August, 2022
	Permits close	13 August, 2022

Registration and Entry Form information will be available soon.

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