

DRBB Annual Report

The DR Big Band has had an eventful year with some interesting rehearsals but not many gigs. Kelvin has introduced some unusual arrangements and medleys of some well known bands such as Count Basie, Ted Heath, and others.

We have also been experimenting with others managing rehearsals as well as Kelvin. This has seen Brian Kemp, Jon Magill, and others direct rehearsals. This has been quite effective and provides some different insights into interpretations, rhythm and tempo's.

Although we did not have many playouts during the year our first was at the 1812 Theatre in April which was recorded and is available on Youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzNR7k76jgE>. We also played at a fundraiser for the Alexandra Timber Railway at Holmesglen Eildon campus which was a great venue and the band was well received by all the attendees. We also played at St Margarets Church in Eltham as part of the councils community engagement week.

We look forward to 2017 and continuing to explore new and interesting arrangements and more playing opportunities.