



Term 1  
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**Mitchell Conservatorium**  
Community & Joy through music



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## *Term 1 is cookin' at the Con*

We are well and truly into 2023 and the Con is alive with activity. One-to-one lessons are in full swing, ensembles are rehearsing and thriving and great concerts are being planned for the rest of the term.

Read on to get a small taste of everything that is happening at your Con ...

## *Welcome to new staff*

We are pleased and excited to welcome four new teachers to the staff at MitCon. Marc Brown joins us delivering our small schools curriculum program in the Lithgow LGA. Marc plays trombone and teaches brass instruments. Karin Hentschel is teaching flute on behalf of Mitchell Conservatorium at Kinross Wolaroi school, Kait Milgate is teaching saxophone, clarinet, flute and piano at our Bathurst Campus, and Elissa Jones is looking after our fabulous Baby and Early Childhood Music programs at Bathurst. We hope to profile them all in forthcoming newsletters. As a start, in this edition we profile Kait...



## *Introducing Kait Milgate*

New MitCon teacher Kait has hit the ground running and is busy teaching woodwind and piano at Bathurst Public School and St Philomena's Catholic Primary School. She is also a valued saxophonist in our new big band Connections. Kait has a BMus degree from the University of Newcastle and tells us that she is excited about giving her students the opportunity to build their music and collaborative skills in the fun environment at MitCon. Welcome Kait!



## Three exciting classes for children & babies

We are proud and delighted to have Elissa Jones looking after *three* weekly Early Music Childhood programs at MitCon. At our Baby Music class, babies aged 0-2 years begin learning about sounds, noise, pitch and rhythm. Let's Make Music is for 3 to 5 year olds, with lots of fun musical activities and suggestions for using music in play at home. And on Family Fridays, pre-school-aged children begin to learn the building blocks of music in a fun, dynamic and supportive environment. Elissa is a passionate and dedicated musician and educator and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to these programs.

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## Farewell Emma Knott

Emma joined us in 2019 as a flute teacher and Schools Coordinator and quickly established herself as a valued and popular musician, teacher and administrator. Emma lives in the Southern Highlands and stayed in Bathurst during the week before returning home to her family and beloved animals. Now Hume Conservatorium in Goulburn has snapped her up - she tells us the commute is now all of 40 minutes! Good luck Emma ... but don't forget that you can hear Emma's extraordinary flute playing in two upcoming concerts by the Bathurst Chamber Orchestra.



## Bathurst Chamber Orchestra in Concert ... x 2 - Concert 1

### An Easter Concert



3pm Sunday 2 April 2023

Bathurst Uniting Church

Come and hear how the passion of the Easter story inspired great composers! From the devout Lutheran, Johann Sebastian Bach, who composed a new cantata every week for one job, to the prolific Joseph Haydn, commissioned to compose the suitably solemn and dramatic "Seven Last Words of Christ", and finally, to the Russian nationalist, Rimsky-Korsakov, who infused his Russian Easter Overture with populist Orthodox melodies of the time. A poignant African-American Spiritual and some glorious flute playing from Emma Knott will be heard as well. [mitchellconservatorium.edu.au](http://mitchellconservatorium.edu.au)





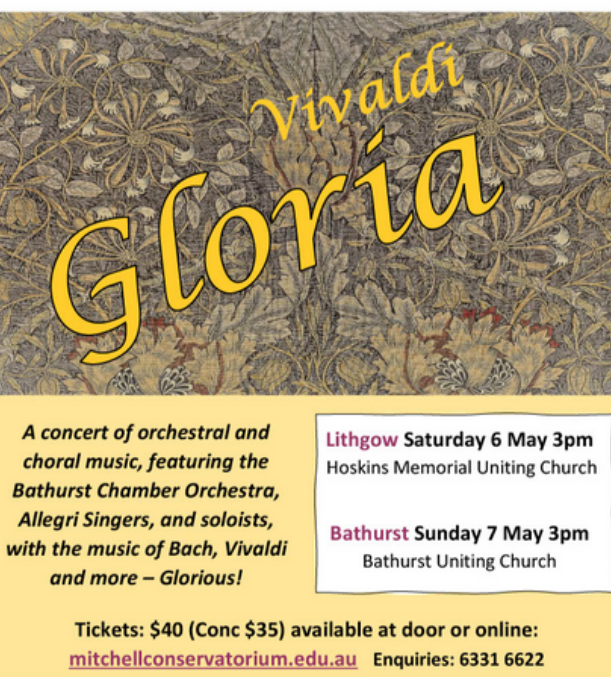
## Bathurst Chamber Orchestra in Concert ... x 2 - Concert 2

### Vivaldi 'Gloria' with Allegri singers

Lithgow, 3pm Saturday 6 May, Hoskins Memorial Uniting Church

Bathurst, 3pm Sunday 7 May, Bathurst Uniting Church

A celebratory concert combining forces from two longstanding Bathurst musical institutions: the Bathurst Chamber Orchestra and the Allegri Singers. Two energetic works from the famous "Red Priest" of Venice will frame the program, beginning with his double trumpet concerto, showcasing trumpeters David Hood and Laykus Woods, followed by a choral offering from the Allegri Singers and J. S. Bach's much-loved B minor Suite featuring flautist, Emma Knott. Vivaldi's exultant Gloria will then provide the grand finale, requiring all forces in a jubilant display of collaboration and joy. An afternoon of Baroque delights!



*Vivaldi*  
**Gloria**

A concert of orchestral and choral music, featuring the Bathurst Chamber Orchestra, Allegri Singers, and soloists, with the music of Bach, Vivaldi and more – Glorious!

**Lithgow Saturday 6 May 3pm**  
Hoskins Memorial Uniting Church

**Bathurst Sunday 7 May 3pm**  
Bathurst Uniting Church

Tickets: \$40 (Conc \$35) available at door or online:  
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## Connections Big Band

MitCon Executive Director and nationally recognised Big Band leader and jazz educator Andrew Smith conceived and initiated Connections Big Band in 2022 and this term it's really taking off. With four trumpets, four trombones, two alto saxophones, two tenor saxophones and one baritone saxophone, plus a four-piece rhythm section of piano, guitar, drums and bass, the sound is amazing and will blow you away. The band plays the full range of jazz and big band music, including Swing Era classics and contemporary Latin, Funk and Soul styles. Watch and listen out for the band at the Festival of the Bells on 29 April - [bathurstregion.com.au](http://bathurstregion.com.au)





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## New name, same great music-making

Our wonderful Symphonic Winds Ensemble has a new name and a new Director, with former conductor Bethany Carter-Sherlock moving on to pursue other exciting personal and musical goals (but, we're pleased to note, still teaching harp, singing and piano at MitCon). David Hood is the new conductor (known to some of you from last year's MitCon Concerto Competition) and is excited to be taking over the role. The ensemble has a new name - the Conservatorium Concert Band - but will continue to rehearse and play great music. Advanced beginners and intermediate players welcome, 6 to 7pm Wednesdays.



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## The good news and... more good news

The Con is happy to announce that we were able to donate \$1000 to the Forbes Flood Appeal in January thanks to the generous donations received from the crowd at Carols by Candlelight. What a fabulous effort! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the bucket collections on the night.

We were also lucky enough to receive \$500 from the Greater Bank as part of its not for profit community funding program. A big thank you to everyone who voted for us. In the end we were beaten for the big one by the Manildra pool, but it was a very close race. Maybe next time!



## Mitcon teachers achieving

Congratulations to MitCon singing teacher Alyson Laver who was a finalist in the 2023 Bathurst Regional Songwriting Competition. Alyson performed her song, *Four Walls*, to a capacity and enthusiastic audience at a gala event at Keystone 1889 on 23 February, with a fabulous six-piece backing band. Now there's a talk of a recording ... well done, Alyson.



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