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Grade 4 marches event concept



National management committee has been in discussions for some months with a number of Grade 4 and juvenile band members and tutors along with several contest promoters with the aim of increasing participation in competitions.

The discussions have centred on creation of an option for a Grade 4 selection of marches event, a separate event to the Grade 4 aggregate competition where an MSR and medley is required for competing bands and would continue to be held.

Proponents of the concept believe a separate Grade 4 selection of marches event would fill a vital but currently missing "bridging opportunity" for the development of pathways for new players being taught in community and school bands and for those bands with long-time players wishing to continue engagement within the movement.

Management committee has indicated it would favourably welcome any proposal from branches to incorporate the offering of a Grade 4 selection of marches event within an existing rule or trial rule for use at state competitions and will also consult with College.

Existing musical requirements for Grade 4 aggregate competitions would not be affected. Requirements attached to the MSR are currently being reviewed by the music principals with a report due on 31 October and any recommendations to be included in a ballot of bands scheduled for January/February.

Bands scheduled for January-February.

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