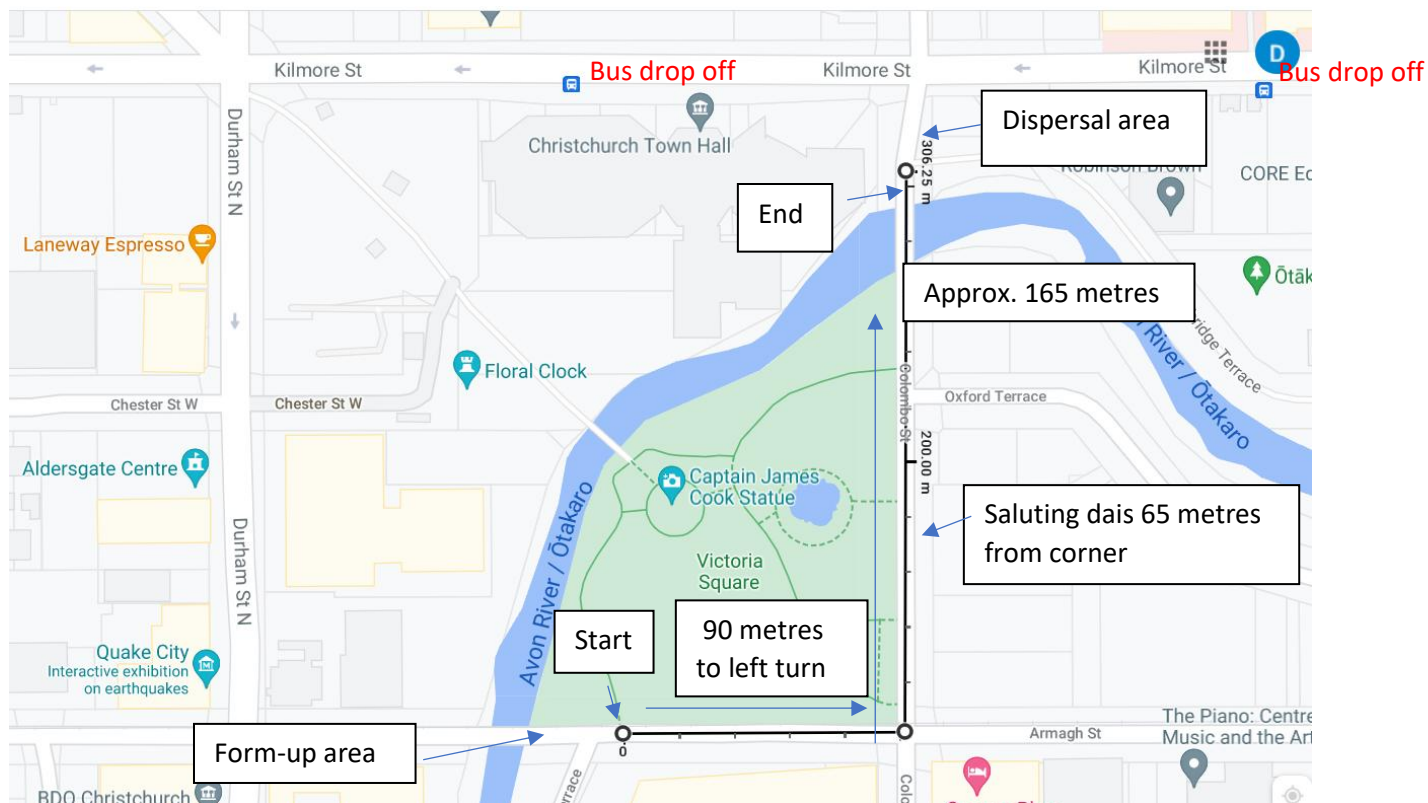


PARADE OF BANDS - CHRISTCHURCH 2025 Sunday 6 July 2025



Start time: 10.30 am Sunday, 6 July. **End time:** approx. 11.35 am.

Prize giving: 11.45 am in the Town Hall.

The Parade of Bands will be held on Armagh Street and Colombo Street, which flank Victoria Square. This is the same route that was used at the Christchurch contest in 2021.

The map above shows the location and the route for the parade of bands.

- The Parade of Bands begins on Armagh St heading East.
- After stepping off, continue straight for 90 metres, then perform a change of direction left evolution into Colombo Street.
- Continue along Colombo Street
- The saluting dais will be on the right side of Colombo Street, 65 metres from the corner.
- Once past the dais, continue for approximately 165 metres.
- Once over the Avon River Bridge, halt and dismiss.
- **The route is not very wide, with places along Colombo Street as narrow as 5.5 metres, so bands will need to march no wider than five files across.**

Order of March:

- D Grade (3)
- C Grade (12)
- B Grade (7)
- A Grade (10)

A detailed marching order for the bands will be sent out two weeks before the contest, along with the draw for the band events.

Band name signs

Bands are reminded that they are to provide a person carry their band name sign. These signs are supplied and will be available at the form-up area.

Marching Regulations

A copy of the Marching Regulations can be found on the Association's website. Link: [Marching Regulations](#)

Marching - Entertainment evolution

This year, bands will be allowed to halt and perform a short entertainment evolution in the area of the Saluting dais. Bands are to be halted for no longer than **30 seconds**. This entertainment evolution is optional and will NOT be judged by the drill judges. The entertainment judges will be evaluating these evolutions for the Entertainment Award.

Please ensure that this entertainment evolution is no longer than **30 seconds**, as we will be stepping bands off in anticipation that they are under this time limit.

Bands will be stepping off at two-minute intervals; the Inspection Judge will control this. When the Inspection Judge gives the Drum Major the order to step off, the Drum Major is to take the necessary actions to step the band off immediately. If they have not completed dressing, they are to stop dressing and move to the front of the band to step the band off.

All bands are to advance at the step off. No playing at the halt or not advancing is allowed.

These measures are designed to help keep the event running on time and ensure a continuous stream of bands in the parade.

Logistics

The Avon and Limes Rooms at the Town Hall will be available for bands to store instrument cases during the Parade of Bands.

Bus drop-off and pick-up will be on Kilmore Street, outside the Town Hall.

Christchurch City Trams will not be operating during the event.

The Logistics / Drum Majors meeting will be held in the Avon Room at the Town Hall at 5:30 pm on Thursday, 3 July. A representative from every day is required to attend.

The Town Hall is the wet-weather alternative venue for all bands to perform their marching music on stage, if an outdoor parade cannot occur.

If you have any questions regarding the Parade of Bands, please contact Denis Spurdle at denis.spurdle@gmail.com or 022 024 0646

Compere Notes

Having compere notes for the Parade has worked well at recent contests, and Tim Kelly will also use the notes to tell the at-home audience a bit about each band.

So, show your band's personality and have a little fun with this. It is not a grant application. A template has been provided below.

We require this information by Friday, 20 June 2025. Please email to bbanzeo@gmail.com

Name of Band:

Drum Major:

Musical Director:

Title of the music being played on the March and any interesting comments on why you chose to play that Music:

Colour of your marching uniform:

A short statement, less than 45 seconds long, which captures the important essence of or fun facts about your band.