

# Award for loving all that jazz

**ANDREW** van Gemert likes to swing.

He also loves jazz, classical and pretty much any music he can get his hands on.

A member of the Manningham Concert Band for 21 years, and its musical director for eight, Mr van Gemert has artistic control of the group, developing themes for their concerts and arranging the music.

"I really enjoy making music with such a diverse group of

people," Mr van Gemert, of Eltham, said.

"At the moment we have people with ages ranging from 19 to 78," he said.

For his dedication to music in Manningham, Mr van Gemert was given a Menzies Community Australia Day award. The band meets once a week to rehearse.

An open rehearsal will be held at the Templestowe Memorial Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday, February 15. Inquiries: Mr van Gemert on 9431 0397.



Tanya Robinson, Andrew van Gemert and John Davis.

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