



WHAT IS PAPARE MUSIC?

Despite originating in Sri Lanka, Papare is characterised by a mix of lively African and Latin American tones. The Papare sounds can be recognised primarily by the trumpet snare and bass drums, along with the saxophone, trombone and various other instruments. One can enjoy live music at restaurants and special functions, however it does not liken to the vivacious ambience of hearing Papare music at a cricket match; which is often tailgated by fans uniting to dance and sing.



Supporting Shane Warne and Lasith Malinga in joining the Melbourne stars prior to the 2012 Big Bash League.

HISTORY

Founded in 2002, Melbourne's very own Papare band is currently the only ensemble of its kind in Australia. Having started with five talented musicians, the band has now expanded to over 20 members with increasing expressions of interest every year. Coming together from all walks of life, a shared passion for music and cricket inspires each member to contribute their talents to the atmosphere of cricket matches around the world.



The 2014 Melbourne Renegades vs. Sydney Thunder Cricket Match With Muttiah Muralitharan.



The 2018 Australia Day Parade in Melbourne.

SRI LANKAN FAN ZONE

Fans are naturally drawn to the entertainment of the Papare band. This has been the driving force behind the 2008 establishment of the Sri Lankan Fan Zone, a three bay space in the stadium which was designated especially for devoted Sri Lankan cricket fans to socialise and share their emotion, whilst also enjoying Papare music and participating in chants. As the popularity of the Sri Lankan Fan Zone grew, there was widespread recognition to expand fan zones during the 2015 World Cup series and for future cricketing events. Today, the Sri Lankan Fan Zone, which is also referred to as 'The Mighty Lions' or 'The Lions' Den' has grown to become ever so popular that the space has expanded to seven bays and accommodates to over 3000 loyal fans.



Crowds joining in with the band at the 2012 Boxing Day Test Match in Sri Lanka.



The 2015 ICC World Cup with James Faulkner.



Celebrating the 2016 Sri Lankan New Year Festival.

INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE

Aside from dedicating the time to cricket in Australia, the Melbourne Papare Band has also played in numerous countries around the world including New Zealand, England and of course, Sri Lanka. In 2002, England's very own Barmy Army joined in on the fun with the Papare band at Adelaide Oval. It was from here that the Barmy Army was inspired to also incorporate musical instruments such as the trumpet and drums into their performances.