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Garrison Gazette

Welcome

Welcome everyone to the 1st Edition of the IGB Newsletter to hopefully keep you all updated on the upcoming and going events with the Ascot Park Hotel Brass Bands (Senior and Junior) of the IGB Society throughout the year.

We hope you all have had a great Christmas and New Year and are looking forward to a great 2018.



With the reunion now over we are already leading up to a very busy year ahead of us. Remember, for those who have not looked at the reunion photos these can be viewed with Southern Exposures on <https://southernexposures.co.nz/Events/2017/Other/Garrison%20Band%20150th%2025-11/>.

Upcoming Events (Dates may vary closer to events)

IGB Annual General Meeting	24 March
Otago Southlands (Dunedin)	7/8 April
Anzac Day (Invercargill)	25 April—7 am
Cheese Roll Fundraiser	
Combined Concert with Acapella	End of May
Nationals (Blenheim)	10/15 July
Proms Night	October
Boys' Fishing Trip	1st weekend in October
OSBBA Band Camp (Owaka)	2nd week in October
Rhododendron Church Service/Concert (Gore)	1st Sunday in November
Santa Parade (Auxiliary Band—Invercargill)	November
Girls' Weekend Trip	Last weekend in November
Gore Christmas Parade	Early December
Auxiliary Band Christmas Concert	1st week in December
Carols in the Park	Mid December
Auxiliary Band carols around the streets— 3 nights a week	Start late November approx.

Cheese Roll Fundraiser



We are having a cheese roll fundraiser on 25th April. If you are interested in purchasing cheese rolls (white only) for \$6.00 doz then please contact Kerri on 021 151 0527 or email her at donkez@actrix.co.nz.

Orders have to be in by Monday 16th April 2018 and cheese rolls will be ready to be picked up on 25th April from City of Invercargill Caledonian Pipe Band Rooms at 54 Elles Road.

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BLOWERS' YARN

At a rural playcentre, a little girl and a little boy were enjoying being outside and were playing in the sandpit.

The girl, Amie, thought for a moment and asked the boy, "Hey Stevie, wanna play house?"

He stopped what he was doing and said "sure, what do you want me to do?"



The girl put on a serious expression and replied, "I want you to communicate".

He said to her, "That word is far too big. I have no idea what it means".

The little girl smirked and said, "perfect—you can be the husband."

Help Wanted

The following positions are needed to be filled for the band to run efficiently and effectively in the future.



BAND MANAGERS

- Senior Band and Auxiliary Band.
 - Excluding anything to do with National or Provincial contests.
 - This person will work closely with the Musical Directors to manage the bands throughout the year including-
 - attendance
 - apologies
 - communication
 - organising events and playouts.
 - Liaising with Secretary and National Association when necessary.
- Contact Graham Dick on 0274 371 300 to discuss the role if you are interested.

LIBRARIAN

The band is about to relocate and upgrade the music library and establish a computerised database.

We are looking for a person with an interest in music who will work with the Musical Directors, distributing new music, collecting music, filing of music and keeping database up to date.

Contact Graham Dick on 0274 371 300 to discuss the role if you are interested.

UNIFORM CUSTODIAN

This job mainly involves making sure everybody has a uniform that fits and keeps the uniform register up to date on who has what. Prior to the Nationals in July you will need to make sure that all the imports have a marching uniform and a playout uniform.

We are always looking for supporters to help out now and again whether it is for working bees, concerts, or fundraising etc. If you feel that you have a spare hour here or there or could fill one of the positions above please contact Kerri on 021 151 0527 or email the secretary on secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz.

Farewell

The IGB Society AGM is coming up in March. We sadly say goodbye to Graham Dick who has done an amazing job in the president's role for the past three years, along with Pat Service as secretary, a real gem doing a lot more behind the scenes than most realise. You both will be missed immensely.



2019 National Youth Band

2018 National Secondary Schools Brass Band

The 2019 National Youth Band applications close on Friday 23 March. It is intended that the selected band will tour Queensland in January 2019.

This year the National Secondary Schools Brass Band will be based in Christchurch on 8–15 October 2018 with applications closing on Friday 20 April 2018.

There is a form for each on the band room wall to photocopy or let Kerri know and she can email you the information and forms.

Updating of Information

Please remember to keep Kerri informed if you have changed your email, postal address or contact number so we can keep the IGB database up to date.

Mouthpiece

Attached for your information is a copy of the March Mouthpiece. Happy reading everyone.



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