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Garrison Gazette

Welcome

Welcome everyone to the 2nd Edition of the Garrison Gazette. Hopefully you enjoyed the 1st Edition on the upcoming and going events with the Ascot Park Hotel Brass Bands (Senior and Junior) of the IGB Society.

Before I start this Edition I would like to thank Lynne Kennington who thought up the title (Garrison Gazette) and Pat Service who puts the final touches to the layout of the Garrison Gazette. Thank you both for your thoughts and hard work.



Upcoming Events (Dates may vary closer to events)

We have had a very busy start to the year so far and it looks like it will be steady for the rest of the year.

Nationals (Blenheim)	10/15 July
OSBBA Band Camp (Pounaweia)	12 -14 October
Proms Night	27 October
Rhododendron Church Service/Concert (Gore)	1st Sunday in November
Santa Parade (Auxiliary Band—Invercargill)	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.

IGB Society's 150th AGM

The Society's AGM was held on 24 March. We said farewell to Graham Dick (President) and Pat Service (Secretary). Shaun Chalmers has now stepped up to take the President' seat. CONGRATULATIONS!

The committee for the IGB society for 2018 is:

President:	Shaun Chalmers
Secretary:	Kerri Hellyer
Treasurer:	Simon Ward
Committee:	Grant Chalmers, Trish Gooding, Megan Gooding, Tom Stewart, Chris Herman Dawn James and Julie Loan (Auxiliary Band Reps) Matthew Dick and Kath Herman (Musical Directors)

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BLOWERS' YARN

I went to the liquor store Saturday afternoon on my bike,
Bought a bottle of Scotch and put it in the bicycle basket.
As I was about to leave, I thought to myself that, if I fell off my bike, the bottle would break.
So I drank all the Scotch before I cycled home.
It turned out to be a very good decision,
Because I fell off my bike seven times on the way home.

Players' Profiles

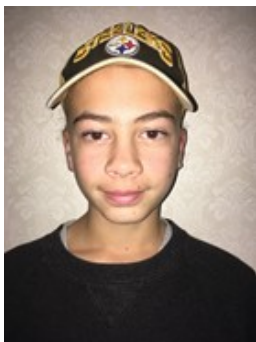
Matthew Dick approached me about having a Player's Profile section in the Garrison Gazette. WHAT A GOOD IDEA!

Meet **Warren (Wal) Crighton** (2018 Bands Person of the Year) with his beautiful Granddaughter Hayley (Mark's daughter).

Warren's involvement with the bands in its various forms stretches back nearly 50 years. During this time Warren has played soprano cornet, tenor horn and for the most part the cornet.

Warren also has a hands on involvement with his superb ability to make repairs to Instruments that requires a delicate touch. For a long period of time he was the custodian of the band looking after all the instruments and also uniforms.

Warren has never been one for the limelight of participating in solos or duets etc but instead is a committed bands person who always strives for perfection with his playing and very rarely misses any practices.



Meet **Kyrell Gerrard** - An enthusiastic keen 11 year old who plays the cornet in the Auxiliary Band. Kyrell started with the Auxiliary band in October last year and helped out at the Anzac Parade doing a wonderful job.

At 8 he started learning the recorder at Out of School Music. The following year he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps (a cornet player in his church band) and started playing the cornet. He is currently learning the guitar at Verdon College and his parents just brought him a keyboard for his 12th birthday .

Kyrell's aim is to improve his playing and move up to the Senior Band.

What's Been Happening

- On the 7-8 April the Senior and Auxiliary Bands travelled to Dunedin for the Otago Southland Brass Bands Association Competitions, conducted under the leadership of Matthew Dick (A Grade) and Kath Herman (C Grade). Both bands won their sections in the Hymn and Test and the Soloists had great results playing their Slow Melodies and Air -Varies. Results of the OSBBA band events and solo events can be viewed at the BBANZ website.

- The I.L.T. Entertainment Awards were held on Friday 13th April in the Civic Theatre. Yet once again it was a full house of Southland musicians and musical organisations. We played one of our favourite Queen pieces INNUENDO, featuring two of our fine soloists Steve and Megan Gooding. An enjoyable evening. If you haven't been you should keep it in mind for next year.

The Ascot Park Hotel Brass Band Awards went to Warren (Wal) Crighton for Bands Person of the Year and Jack McKenzie for the Bands Most Improved Player. WELL DESERVED ON BOTH COUNTS.

- On the 25 April the Senior Band meet at the Cenotaph once again for the ANZAC Dawn Parade. It turned out a beautiful morning and believe it or not, it wasn't raining or cold. We couldn't have got a better morning really, with only a slight wind, and enough light to read our music. The huge crowd even had the option to view the service on a big T.V. screen. After the parade we ventured back to the Band rooms to have an ANZAC breakie, cooked superbly by Trish Gooding. Waiting for us when we arrived were bacon & eggs, sausages, spaghetti, toast and even porridge. YUM. It certainly went down well.



After the breakie we went to the Invercargill City Caledonian Pipe Band Rooms to make our cheese rolls for the band fundraiser. With many hands making light work and the President in the kitchen for the day (overseen by Mary his wife and Trish of course) we finally got the orders made without too much drama.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED AND SUPPORTED WITH OUR FUNDRAISER.

- Our last music outing for the term was on 20th May, playing with the Acapella Choir in First Church, conducted by Matthew Dick and Di Lenihan. The sounds of the music resonated around the church setting off a tranquil feel to the classical music.



Surprised Visitor

On Monday 7th May we had a surprise visit from Alex Lithgow’s Great, Great Granddaughter Diane and her husband. All the way from Perth whilst visiting, she discovered the band had their practice that night, so came along to check out the IGB Society. Once shown the display cabinet and the history of Alex Lithgow by Matthew we played the Invercargill March. Diane thanked the band on behalf of the family and sat to listen before heading home.

IGB Society Links

Remember, for those who have not looked at the reunion photos these can be viewed with Southern Exposures on <https://www.southernexposures.co.nz/Events/2017/Other/Garrison%20Band%20150th%2025-11/>

The drop box link for the Reunion Photos for the Friday and Saturday Nights can be viewed at <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/z086fvgbjn3rgetAAcEkKBHDmyd7fWwmjF8JnGUa?dl=0>

Keep an eye out for our new website which Tom Stewart is organising. He is currently working on hosts and once that is decided it will be up and running.

Mouthpiece

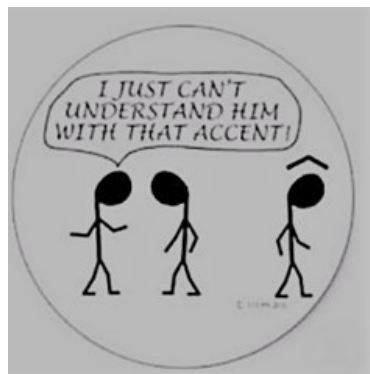
The June issue of Mouthpiece can be accessed via the link below. We have been advised by BBANZ that there will be no July issue of the Mouthpiece.

http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/b6c7a7_ec7a1db36d684c2da835357ef4fcae7d.pdf



We are always looking out 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 help please contact Kerri on 021 151 0527 or email the secretary on secretary@ascotbrass.org.nz.

REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR CONTACT INFORMATION PLEASE LET KERRI KNOW SO SHE CAN KEEP THE IGB DATABASE UP TO DATE.



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