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Garrison Gazette

Welcome

Welcome everyone to the 3rd Edition of the IGB Newsletter. Hopefully you are enjoying your quarterly editions of the Garrison Gazette on all the upcoming and going events with the Ascot Park Hotel Brass Bands (Senior and Junior) of the IGB Society.

Upcoming Events (Dates may vary closer to events)

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| Canterbury Provincials (Christchurch) | 15/16 September |
| Auxiliary Band Concert (Still in planning) | End of 3 rd Term |
| Boys' Fishing Trip (Lake Te Anau) | 5, 6, 7 October |
| OSBBA Band Camp (Pounaweia) | 12, 13, 14 October |
| Proms Night (Civic Theatre) | 27 October |
| Santa Parade (Auxiliary Band—Invercargill) | November |
| Auxiliary Band Ensemble Competition | (Date still to be advised) |
| Girls' Weekend Trip (Wanaka) | 23, 24, 25 November |
| Gore Christmas Parade | Early December |
| Auxiliary Band Christmas Concert | 1st week in December |
| Auxiliary Band carols around the streets— (3 nights a week) | Start—late November approx. |
| Carols in the Park | Mid December |
| Di Lenahan Combined Concert | Sun 2 nd December (Date still to be confirmed) |
| IGB Society (Snr & Jnr) Solo Comps (Bandrooms) | To be advised. |

What's Been Happening

Due to work, school and other commitments, we sadly had to turn down going to the 2018 Nationals held in Blenheim. It didn't take long for the word to go around and 7 of our players who were available, were whipped up from the other bands around the country.

For those who watched the live-stream, I know you would have enjoyed the bands showing great talent on stage. I certainly did. For those of you who missed it, the A Grade results were:

1st Wellington, 2nd Woolston, 3rd Eastern Bay of Plenty Brass
A Grade Outstanding Soloist—Principal Cornet, Waitakere Auckland Brass
Administrator of the Year Award—Lou Davey and Wayne Jennens jointly
Best Section in Test—Bass Section, Woolston Brass
Outstanding Principal Cornet (Own Choice) - Chris Lawrence (EBOP)
Own Choice Conductor—Nigel Seaman (Wellington)
Street March—1st Woolston, 2nd Canterbury Brass, 3rd Waitakere Auckland
Drum Major—Todd Turner, Woolston.

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BLOWERS' YARN

So two Irishmen are travelling to Australia. Before they leave home, one of their Dads gives them both a bit of advice: *"You watch them Aussie cab drivers. They'll rob you blind. Don't you go paying them what they ask. You haggle."*

At the Sydney airport, the Irishmen catch a cab to their hotel. When they reach their destination, the cabbie says, *"That'll be \$20 lads."* *"Oh no you don't! My Dad warned me about you. You'll only be getting \$15 from me,"* says one of the men.

"And you'll only be getting \$15 from me too," adds the other.

National Contest Results—C Grade.

1st Howick Brass, 2nd Woolston Concert Brass, 3rd Levin Municipal Brass.

For more results, check out the BBANZ website.

Happy 90th Birthday



Ray Allen is the IGB Society oldest living member who turned 90 on the 8th June 2018. What a great achievement!

Ray was in the IGB Society band for about 18 years. He started in 1939 when he was 11 years old and departed in 1957. He now lives in Queensland, Australia with his daughter enjoying the Aussie sunshine.

Some on you might remember Ray in the “The Brylcream Boys”. The Trio of Bob Holmes, Ray Allen & Ray MacDonald



Players' Profiles

Jack McKenzie—The Ascot Park Hotel Brass Band Most Improved Player for 2018 at the ILT Entertainment Awards

Jack is in his last year at high school, and since he started learning the trombone approx. 6 years ago he has developed into a fine talented musician.

Jack puts a lot of pressure on himself to always play at his best, and is playing music at a very high level.

Jack has won numerous age group solo events at both local and national level, and currently plays the principal trombone with the band.

See article on top of Page 3 regarding his selection in the National Secondary Schools Band for 2018.



Ken Wellington

Ken started playing the trombone at school in Aylesbury (England) in 1958 after being inspired by Jack Teagarden.

He joined Ellesborough Silver Brass Band but only having a baritone available he played in the school orchestra to get a loan of their trombone to play in the band, thus learning to read treble and bass clef.

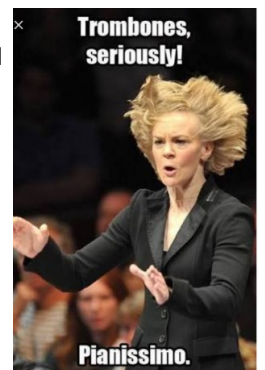
Ken has moved a bit over the years from England, Wales, Zambia and finally to New Zealand. Along his journey he played in many bands from Jazz, Warm up Bands for Rag Balls, Pit Orchestras for local shows, brass bands and our Bavarian Beer Band. Ken has even met Harry Mortimer, an adjudicator at a contest when the Patcham Parish Brass Band (one that he played for at the time) won the 4th Grade.

In 1974 Ken left for New Zealand staying with his brother in Rotorua until getting work with NZAS and he moved down to Invercargill. He joined up with the IGB in 1974 but due to shift work practice was sparse and with an abundance of trombones in 1975 he marched with a cornet filling a spot at the Nationals.

In 1979 Ken volunteered to help with the percussion section playing the tymps mainly to help out Marjorie (Rodney Sutton's sister) who joined the band at that time. He kept playing his trombone and started helping out the Boys Band, volunteering to play in the Bavarian Band when Brian Eckersley wasn't available and joined the Crazy Rhythm Big Band (now the Invercargill City Big Band).

Ken retired from the Senior Band in 2000 as the music became very difficult and too technical for his tastes. He still continues to play for the Auxiliary Band to help the kids out on his Bass Trom.

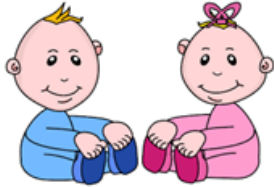
Ken has been on the IGB committee for 10+ years, the OSBBA Committee, he even has been President of the Association. In 1998 Ken was made a Life Member of the IGB Society.



National Secondary Schools Brass Band

CONGRATULATIONS go out to Jack (Snr Band) and Florence McKenzie (Aux Band) who have got into the National Secondary Schools Brass Band. Jack will be one of two, playing 1st trombone and Florence will be playing 3rd cornet. Sarah Wright (ex Snr Band) has also been selected, playing solo cornet.

Baby Boom



We have had a couple of additions to the Brass Band Society this year.

Jade Halford had a baby boy born on the 25th February 2018 – Tiariki Tangatakino Maine Halford. Tiariki was named after his Dad and Dad's Family.

Alice Hildebrand (nee McKinlay) and Dom welcomed Ivy Elizabeth Hildebrand on the 9th July. Alice is the daughter of John and Marilyn McKinlay who are now PROUD grandparents.

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/z086fvbjn3rgetAAcEkKBHDmyd7fWwmjF8JnGUa?dl=0>

Our new website which Tom Stewart is organising is still a work in progress. I will keep you posted when it is up and running—www.ascotbrass.org.nz.

Mouthpiece

The September issue of Mouthpiece can be accessed via the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/12gnqvw-a6-JHJaMpQHhdM8P6ZTArR1QI/view?ts=5b959374>



OSBBA Band Camp



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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