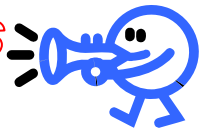


BRASS WANGANUI HIGHNOTES



FEBRUARY - MARCH 2010

Welcome to our February – March 2010 newsletter. A great deal has happened in the Brass Wanganui world since our final newsletter of 2009.

Passing of Jay Neal:

Sadly, our great player and stalwart, Jay Neal suddenly passed away late last year. As most of you will know, Jay had been having cancer treatment since immediately following the national contest in Napier and he continued to fight on with great dignity and courage until sadly, it overcame him.

As a player committed to brass bands, he was second to none and his knowledge, experience, wit and playing ability are all sadly missed by Brass Wanganui and his many friends. Cheers, Jay. And thanks for those wonderful memories.



Seriously Ill:

At the time of writing, Errol Jellyman, one of our very long standing members is seriously ill in hospital. Errol has filled many roles in the band over decades of service to brass bands. He has been everything from a national champion bass trombone player, to President to Drum Major, where he won the B Grade marching last year. He has our very best wishes.



Errol Jellyman, proudly leading Brass Wanganui to win the Street March in Napier in 2009.

of the organising for us from London! Kathy Fraser and Jess held a series of email sessions to get it all running smoothly. As to who organised the stunning ABBA vocal group- well, that is a closely guarded secret and remains a mystery to us all!

Band Player of the Year again went to band leader, David Maas. David's play continues to go from strength to strength. Musical Director, Bruce Jellyman received the "Bandsman of the Year Trophy", a thoroughly justified award. Band Section of the Year award went, by some strange quirk of fate, to those small noisy instruments, who think they are the stars of the band. Their name escapes me for the moment. However, in the Popular People's Choice category, awarded by public acclaim, the Tenor Horns correctly received the title. When interviewed recently about this fine win, the Tenor Horn section agreed that the correct choice had been made in this case. "Thoroughly justified, Outstanding play, and Tenor Horns Triumph", were common remarks. A totally impartial commentator, Ms C. Hunt, was quoted as saying, "Bloody good job team. Couldn't have chosen better myself!"



Abba revival. Who were those gals????



Tony Cowan, Awarding Bruce his "Bandsman of the Year" trophy.



Joe Power (Jess's dad), serving up.









Popular People's Choice Champions, the Tenor Horns.

Band Dinner 2010:

The Band's annual dinner was held in late February in the Bandroom. Another wonderful meal was put on for us by Joe Power. As a matter of some interest, our dear old mate Jess did some

Busy Weekend of Blowing:

In late March, the band performed a series of concerts in Wanganui and Marton.

	
The band on stage at Huntley School, Marton, playing in "Party in the Paddock".	Cornets doing their thing at Kowhai Park. Apart from making an awful lot of noise, just what do cornets do anyway?
	
Notice the lovely and VERY stylish sun shade, made from a knotted handkerchief!!! Go KLJ!	Corrina spotting that the statue lady had a bare bottom!
	
The basses going for it!	Man, it was hot in there. Mark taking on water! Lots of water!
	
The trombs working hard in the heat.	Frankie and Tanya. Our lovely baritone section.
	
Morag, dealing to the drums.	Nigel right in the zone!

"A Bandsman's Tale" Concert:

Now here is something you will not want to miss. At 2pm on Sunday 16 May in the Central Baptist Church, Wanganui, the Band will be performing with Maestro Kevin Jarrett, as he recounts stories about his banding career. Those who have heard

Kevin speak will know they are in for a treat and this concert is not to be missed. Amongst numbers to be played are:

"Dark Haired Marie" (cornet soloist, David Maas), "The Impresario Overture", "Bolero", "Three Jolly Sailors" (cornet trio) and the marvellous "Suite Gothique". This will be a demanding programme for the players and a gloriously melodious afternoon for the audience. Be sure to be there, if you can.

	Maestro KLJ, at the recent band dinner, putting in some serious pre-performance planning!
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Brass Wanganui Blog:

I have started a Brass Wanganui blog onto which I will put quick access material for you.

If you click on the "Follower" link, it will record your email address and send you an email each time I update the blog. How do they do those clever things???

The blog address is:

www.brasswanganui.blogspot.com

Band Photographs:

I have taken many photos of the band over the past year or so. To enable wider access to them, I have begun creating web albums using Picasa – a Google programme. I will put the links here:

Band Dinner

<http://picasaweb.google.com/105889146897936299397/BrassWanganuiBandDinner2010#>

Band at the Party in the Paddock

<http://picasaweb.google.com/105889146897936299397/BandPartyInThePaddock#>

Band 21 March

<http://picasaweb.google.com/105889146897936299397/Band21March2010#>

Dates of Interest Ahead:

Sunday 18 April. Central District Solo competitions. 10am – 6pm Wanganui Bandroom

Sunday 25 April. ANZAC Service 11am.

Sunday 16 May. Bandsman's Tale Concert.

2pm Central Baptist Church

That's all for now.

Keep those loooong sloooow notes blowing,
Cheers

Barry.