

Brass Notes

Monthly Newsletter to members and friends

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The satisfaction gained from belonging to community organisations is usually directly proportional to the personal input of the individual. Community organisations cannot exist without many willing helpers of varying skills to undertake the many and varied tasks involved in running our Not for Profit Organisations. Typically, community organisations flourish or founder on the level of both financial and practical support available to them. Our Band is no exception.

The players contribute tremendous time to the Band for which they receive tremendous satisfaction, however there is a real need for administrative and practical help from non playing members and friends.

Last month we advertised several positions needing helpers and the response has been . . . well . . . hardly overwhelming. To enable the Band to continue it's recent successes there is an urgent need for practical help that does not require any level of musical knowledge, just a willingness and a small amount of time.

The personal satisfaction and sense of ownership that is found by helping the Band is worth the effort – if you haven't experienced that buzz yet I urge you to treat yourself by giving it a go.

Willing volunteers should contact me by email or telephone. Contact details on back page.

Thank you

Brian Nicholas
Chairman

Contesting 2009



Napier 14th to 19th April: NZ Nationals.

Contest Manager Ernie Scherf has confirmed that we have secured Interislander Ferry bookings at very agreeable rates and accommodation is booked.

Musical Director Kevin Moseley reports that the music is coming along well so everything is beginning to fall into place for another successful contest in just 4 weeks time.

The committee and others are continuing their quest to cover the contest costs of about \$30,000 to minimise any personal cost to players.

Please support the Pre Contest Concert on 5th April.

The band will be staying at:

Palm City Motor Inn
31 Georges Drive, Napier
Ph 06 835 0005
Fax 06 835 0006
www.palmcity.co.nz

Blenheim 27 / 28th June: West Coast Provincials.

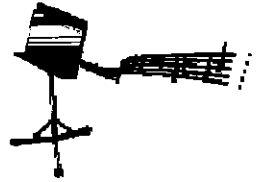
The contest is to be held in and around the Marlborough Boy's College new hall and music suite. It is expected seven bands from Nelson, Golden Bay, West Coast and Marlborough will compete in an open style contest including a test piece, Stage march, Hymn and light selection. Soloists also compete in age and experience categories.

We hope to incorporate a concert on the Saturday night this year featuring Blenheim and Wellington Brass.

Queensland Australia 25th October: FABB Contest.

Seven top bands are invited to attend this contest each year and it is a great honour for our Band to be the NZ representative. More details will emerge on this tour as the time draws nearer.

Concerts 2009



Pre- Contest Concert

A concert demonstrating the music to be played
by our Band at the NZ National Contest in Napier during April.

Marlborough Civic Theatre on Sunday 5th April at 2pm

Tickets at TicketDirect \$15

Featuring	Test Piece	Paganini Variations
	Hymn	I Know Thou Art Mine
	Own Choice	Concertino <i>(this will be the Southern Hemisphere premier of this new composition)</i>

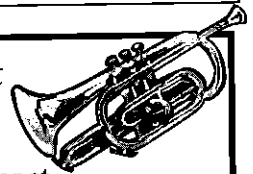
Soloists	Tyme Marsters	NZ Champion of Champions 2008
	Mike Ford	10 x NZ Tenor Horn Champion

September Concert

Marlborough Civic Theatre on 12th / 13th September.

More on this later but mark your calendars now as dates are definite.

First Class Brass Mini-Concert and Open Band Rehearsal



First Class Brass will stage their first mini concert of the year at
Band Rooms 6.45pm to 7.15pm Monday 6th April

Kevin has kindly extended an invitation to guests to stay for the first half of
senior band rehearsal from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.



Situations Vacant

CAN YOU HELP?

A very few very willing souls are snowed under and need help.

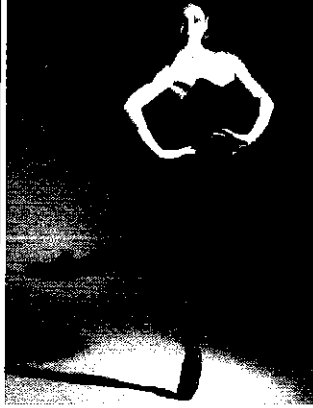
If you are available to take charge of, or assist with, any of the following positions please advise Chairman Brian Nicholas, Secretary Nicola Moynahan, or MD Kevin Moseley. Contact details on back page.

Instruments	Our second most valuable asset needs continual cataloguing and tracking
Music	Our third most valuable asset needs ongoing filing and photocopying.
Uniforms	Our fourth most valuable asset and one of our highest profile items. Help make the Band look as smart as possible when performing.
Funding	Our main stream of income need forms completed for various funding bodies.
Memorabilia	Often we are so busy doing what we do we forget to record it for historical purposes.
Sales	An area we would like to explore selling band mementos at events – shirts, CD's, caps etc.

Zen Philosophy:

"Some days you are the bug; some days you are the windscreen."





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A waiter in a noisy restaurant was stumped with a drink order. He approached the bartender. "Have you ever heard of a drink called 'Seven Young Blondes'?" he asked. The bartender admitted he'd never heard of it, and grabbed a drink guidebook to look it up. Unable to find the recipe, the bartender said that he'd be happy to make the drink if the patron he could list the ingredients for him.

"Sir," asked the waiter returning to the table,
"can you tell me what's in that drink?"

The diner looked puzzled "It's wine," he said,
pronouncing his words carefully, "Sauvignon blanc."



Advertising

Advertising space in this newsletter is available at \$15 per page, \$10 per half page and \$7.50 for quarter page ads.

We anticipate an initial circulation of over 100 copies to players, supporters, ex players, life members, and other interested people.

The newsletter will be distributed in both email and printed formats.

Website

Thanks to Webmaster Ernie Scherf we have an informative and user friendly website.

Check it out at www.mdbb.org.nz

Your comments are welcome (*especially good ones!!*)

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