

# KEREPEHI BRASS BAND NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

2024 is looking to be another awesome year for Kerepehi Brass Band! Over the last couple of years, the band has re-focused its energy on creating an organization that anyone can get involved with, no matter your age or ability. This has emerged in the form of two new bands. The Junior/Learners Band focuses on teaching and training new or young players, and the Senior Social Band focuses on the players who like a more relaxed band without the busy schedule and commitment that comes with the main Kerepehi Brass Band. It has been rewarding to see both of these groups come into their own and we are excited to see where they are heading.

Kerepehi Brass Band is continuing on its strong path, maintaining its high membership and seeing new members come through. Our Musical Directors, Andrew Christie and Alistair McMillan, have been putting in amazing work helping to improve the band's standard and we have an exciting concert coming up in May, where you'll be able to see the hard work we've been putting in.

We are excited to announce we will be hosting the Waikato Bay of Plenty Brass Band contest for the first time since 1996 in September! Planning is already underway for this not to miss event and more details will be made available in the coming months.

We are currently looking for funding to start replacing some of our 70 year old instruments. This doesn't come cheap, but it's necessary for the band to continue for another 75 years. If you, your business or organisation would like to help contribute, please get in touch. We're still only here because of this amazing community's support!

We're always on the lookout for new members – experienced players, retired players or people wanting to learn to join the band family. Whether to play or even volunteer to help out, we'll always have a spot for you! Just ask any of our members or get in contact. It's a lot of fun with awesome experiences along the way!

Many thanks,  
**Luke van Vliet,**  
**Kerepehi Brass Band – President**

## PAEROA HIGHLAND GAMES & TATTOO

February marked our debut performance at the Paeroa Highland Games! We started the morning by playing the national anthem at the official opening and then performed on the variety stage later in the day. Thank you to everyone who came to support us at our performances and also at our stall in the clan village!



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# CHRISTMAS 2023

We had a very busy Christmas season! We performed in 14 events over 23 days!

## SANTA PARADES -

- Paeroa
- Whitianga
- Thames
- Waihi



Whitianga Santa Parade



Paeroa Santa Parade

## CAROLLING IN -

- Paeroa
- Ngatea
- Thames
- Waihi
- Hamilton



Thames Santa Parade



Waihi Christmas at the Lake

## PLUS -

- Waihi Christmas at the Lake
- Ngatea Christmas Market
- Waerenga Church Carol Service
- Carols in the Gorge



## CAROLS IN THE GORGE

On 22 December, we were very excited to host our 8th annual Carols In The Gorge event! The Kerepehi Brass Band played alongside other talented band players from all over the Waikato, New Zealand and even international players as well. This event has become a wonderful Christmas tradition for so many people. We walked the tracks along the river taking in the beautiful scenery of the Karangahake Gorge, eventually making our way into the iconic train tunnel, where the band players performed many of our favourite Christmas Carols. The acoustics in the train tunnel make the songs sound amazing! We have clips of this event on our YouTube channel if you would like to see Carols In The Gorge for yourself!



# UPCOMING EVENTS...

## NGATEA CONCERT

We are planning on having a concert at Ngatea War Memorial Hall on Sunday 26 May at 2pm! Keep an eye out for more details coming soon.

## ANZAC DAY 2024

We are getting ready for a busy ANZAC Day.

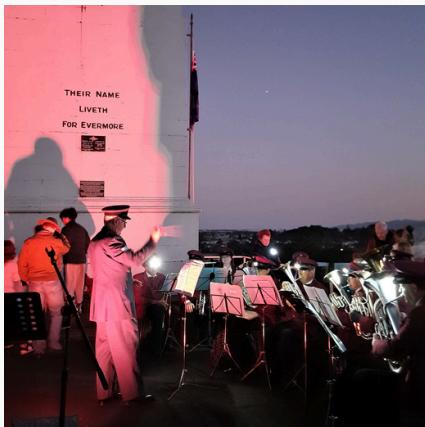
### PAEROA

- Paeroa Dawn Service - 6am - War Memorial Cenotaph on Primrose Hill
- Paeroa Parade - 9am - begins at the RSA and ends at the War Memorial Hall
- Paeroa Civic Service - 9.15am - Paeroa War Memorial Hall

### NGATEA

- Ngatea Parade - 11am - begins at the RSA and ends at the War Memorial Hall
- Ngatea Civic Service - 11.15am - Ngatea War Memorial Hall

We will also have buglers at other services throughout the Hauraki district on this day.



## The instruments you are able to learn with us \*

❖ Cornet	❖ Tenor Horn
❖ Euphonium	❖ Baritone
❖ Trombone	❖ Tuba
❖ Percussion	

\*May depend on age and skill level of player. This is at the discretion of the music teacher.

## MEET ALL OF OUR GROUPS!

Did you know we have three different groups to join?

### KEREPEHI BRASS BAND

Kerepehi Brass is our main band which I'm sure you will have seen at various events over the years. We currently have more than 30 members in Kerepehi Brass ranging in age from 10 years old through to those in their 80s!

Come and join us! We are looking for new members!

**Wednesdays at 7pm**



### LEARNER'S LESSONS

In our learner's lessons you will learn the basics of playing a brass instrument, and how to read music!

We want to help develop the next generation of brass band players, and will do all we can to give your child a great start to their band playing journey. Lessons are only \$5 per week, and instrument hire is available!

**Tuesdays at 4.15pm  
(excluding school holidays)**



### SENIOR SOCIAL BAND

Our Monday afternoon group is for you if you are keen to play again socially or to get some extra practice without the pressure of being in the main band. The cost is \$2 per week, and includes tea, coffee and often some baking after practice!

This group is not restricted to brass only, so if you've played brass, woodwind, or percussion previously come along!

**Mondays at 1.30pm**



**All of our lessons and rehearsals are held at our band hall - 14 Matai Street, Kerepehi**

# WBOPBBA REGIONAL COMPETITION – THAMES

## 28–29 SEPTEMBER 2024

We're thrilled to announce that we'll be hosting the 2024 Waikato Bay of Plenty Brass Band Association (WBOPBBA) Regional Competition this year! Brass bands from across the Waikato and Bay of Plenty regions will gather together in Thames to perform and compete. Last year, the event took place in Cambridge, marking Kerepehi Brass's return to competition after nearly two decades. Hosting this year's competition will undoubtedly be a significant undertaking, but we're eagerly anticipating the challenge. We extend a warm invitation to the public to join us, and we hope to see as many of our supporters there as possible! Stay tuned for more details to follow.



## SOME 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Steampunk – Thames



Bus Trip to Regionals – Cambridge



Filming on 'The Gone' – Te Aroha



Bavarian Nights – Paeroa & Thames



Kaiaua



Hosting WBOPBBA Youth Day

We released our very own CD to celebrate our 75th anniversary!

There are very limited numbers left. Please contact us if you would like to purchase one.

\$20 each

Don't miss out!

## TO DONATE

We would like to thank everyone in our community for their continued support! We are a registered charity (CC38086) and rely on donations to keep running. If you would like to make a donation to us, our bank account details are:

**Kerepehi Brass Band Inc**  
**03-1572-0020634-00**

*THANK YOU!*

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## THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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