

# KEREPEHI BRASS BAND NEWSLETTER

## CELEBRATING THE WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY FESTIVAL OF BRASS!

### 2024 WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY BRASS BAND REGIONAL CONTEST

Last month, Thames became the centre of brass band music in the Waikato Bay of Plenty, as it hosted our regional Festival of Brass for the very first time. Kerepehi Brass were the hosts, marking the first time since 1996 that we had organised this competition! Seven bands joined us from across the region, each bringing their talent and energy to the event. We would like to thank these bands for making the trip to Thames as we know some of you had to undertake extremely long journeys to attend this weekend! Thank you for coming along!

The 2024 Waikato Bay of Plenty Regional Contest Bands:

- Eastern Bay of Plenty Brass
- Gisborne Civic Brass
- Hamilton Auxiliary Brass
- Hamilton City Brass
- Kerepehi Brass
- Matamata Brass
- Tauranga City Brass
- Te Awamutu Brass



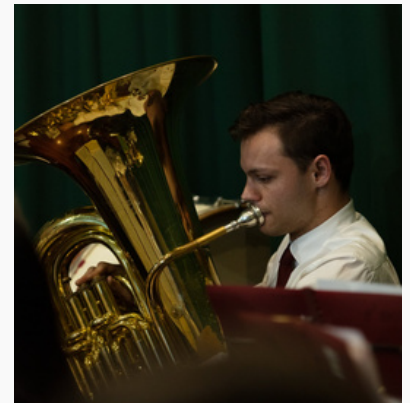
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a jam-packed few months it's been for the Kerepehi Band! The majority of our time has been dedicated to preparing for regionals, and the band has been working incredibly hard. It was amazing to see the hard work pay off with the band achieving second place in every category of their class, except for the entertainment/public appeal category, where we gained first place!



The success continued in the solo and party events with the Junior Ensemble, and Kiara Curtis-Apeu, both receiving first place in their respective categories! This was alongside numerous other entries from Kerepehi who all did their band proud.

Alongside regionals, the band also managed to find time to take part in the Battle of Britain commemorations in Thames again, and provide an entertaining concert to the residents of Ngatea.

It's been very encouraging to see the Senior Social band thriving, with growing numbers and more performances lined up. I would thoroughly encourage any of you who would like to do a bit of playing casually or enjoy a good cuppa, to go along and join this cheerful bunch on a Monday afternoon.

The bands focus now turns to Christmas with December fast approaching. We are excited to bring some new repertoire and tunes to you this year. Along with this, our first Christmas Concert has been scheduled to be at St George's Anglican Church on the 21st of December! Make sure you mark your calendars.

As always, we're looking for new players or learners to join our growing band. Make sure you get in touch if you feel like now is the time to start. Christmas is always a fun time!

Many thanks,

**Luke van Vliet**

Kerepehi Brass Band President

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## KEREPEHI BRASS BAND

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

**Kerepehi Brass Band**  
Wednesdays - 7pm

**Senior Social Band**  
Mondays - 1.30pm

**Learner's Group**  
Tuesdays - 4.15pm

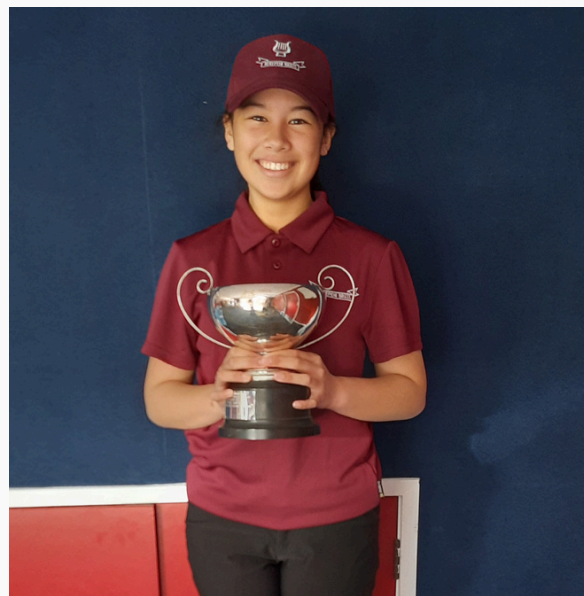


## DAY 1 - WBOPBBA REGIONALS - SATURDAY 28 SEPTEMBER SOLO, DUET AND ENSEMBLES - THAMES HIGH SCHOOL

On the first day of competition, Kerepehi Brass had senior and junior players performing in 6 different categories! We received some great results from our juniors!



**Ensembles D Grade Bands Winner**  
Kerepehi Brass Junior Band



**Slow Melody U13 Winner**  
Kiara Curtis-Apeu - Kerepehi Brass

### Waikato Bay of Plenty Brass Band Festival

Saturday 28 September 2024

#### Solo Duets and Ensembles

Novice (Under 2 Years Playing)	Ethan Jobe - Matamata Brass
Slow Melody U13	Kiara Curtis-Apeu - Kerepehi Brass
Variation U13	Ethan Jobe - Matamata Brass
Variation U16	Anessa Ginever - Hamilton City Brass
Slow Melody U16	Hoani Wilson - Matamata Brass
Slow Melody U19	Pire Poi Wilson - Matamata Brass
Variation U19	Pire Poi Wilson - Matamata Brass
Duet U19	Pire Poi & Hoani Wilson - Matamata Brass
Slow Melody Open	Clyde Dixon - Eastern Bay of Plenty
Variation Open	Fraser Bremner - Eastern Bay of Plenty
Slow Melody Championship	Walter Hughes - Hamilton City Brass
Variation Championship	Walter Hughes - Hamilton City Brass
Duet Open	Jeshua Oram and Andrew Leech - EBOP
Quartet Open	Hamilton Quartet #1 - Hamilton City Brass
Veterans Slow Melody (Over 55)	Andrew Leech - Eastern Bay of Plenty
Veterans Variation	Andrew Leech - Eastern Bay of Plenty
Ensembles	Te Awamutu Go Bus Brass
Ensembles D Grade Bands	Kerepehi Junior Band - Kerepehi Brass
Intermediate Social Class	Craig Holz - Te Awamutu Go Bus Brass
Open Percussion	Charlie Garcia Gil - Hamilton City Brass





## BEST OF BRASS CONCERT - ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, THAMES

On the Saturday evening, we hosted a new event for the WBOP regionals – a Best of Brass Concert, celebrating some of the best performances from earlier in the day. It was a fantastic event, held in the beautiful St George’s Church, and showcased some of the amazing talent of the brass band players in our region.

The Kerepehi Junior Band played their winning song, as did Kiara Curtis-Apeu who played her beautiful version of 'Oh My Beloved Father' by Puccini. If you would like to see these performances, they are on our YouTube channel. Thank you to Sam Bettany for recording them for us!



## MEDIA SPOTLIGHT!

Thank you to the Valley Profile, Coromandel FM and NZ Mouthpiece for their recent interviews with us!

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# Kerepepe Brass Rejoins BBANZ

Formed in 1946, the Kerepepe Brass Band was one of the first brass bands to perform with the youth of Tekepa with a positive and inspiring attitude, with the aim of keeping them out of trouble with its time and inspiring activities. This was reflected in the local towns, where becoming pretty focused on brass was the norm. The success of the band had spread from the community along the band's instruments and band hall (which is in use today) resulting into further the band's contractors to three schools through the ongoing support and contributions of our wonderful community and family.

As much bands in the 1980s, membership was high, and the band started The 1980s, six a demand that in the brass band world, and by 2014, with membership had dwindled to a sole five players, with a plan being drafted to decide how the band may

happening again, the local communities were once again seeing the local band out and about.

Being seen performing in public is one of the ways that will attract new members, which proved true in our case. Kerepepe Brass has experienced a slight resurgence as a band.

In recent years, the band has expanded to other music teachers, and we have identified a junior band and a senior band for school kids. We train by the philosophy that everyone is welcome. This positive attitude strengthens it as a band, all leading to a change in behaviour among all members in being part of the band.

Training new players is something all bands should endeavour to do, we have invested vast amounts of time in promoting brass music in our local primary schools, and now, a few years later, we have the students in our junior band thriving through to the main band. They are the future of our movement, after all.

Three years ago, the band attended a regional contest for the first time in 20

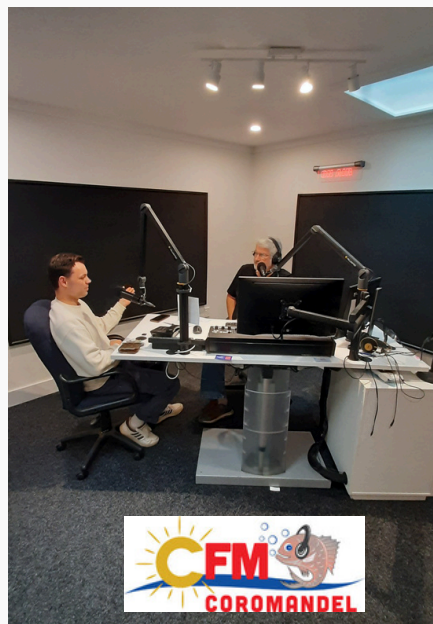
years. Building on that success, we put it back to rest the Waikato Bay of Plenty Regional, which will be held in Thames for the first time on 30 and 29 September.

Rejoicing the National Association again the next step for Kerepepe Brass is our dream band. I am continually proud of the band for looking the trend and experiencing growth when many small town brass bands struggle.

Special thanks to our sponsor to Kerepepe Brass, Garry Gault, who has been with our band since its founding in 1946. He has been the rock that allowed the band to continue through the tough times. At 92, he still comes to rehearsal most weeks with us to his fans.

Although we are quite a way from moving up the grades, as a county of brass bands, becoming players from all ages. Kerepepe is fortunate, through the work of its members and supporters, to have a genuinely local band with over 60 members who are being very creative. May the good times continue.

Sale van Vleet  
Kerepepe Brass Band - President/Chair



## Band set to toot the horn for brass festival

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## Kerepēhi band's new sound bold as brass

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## DAY 2 - WBOPBBA REGIONALS - SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER BAND EVENTS - THAMES CIVIC CENTRE

Sunday was the bands events day - where all 8 bands competed in 45 minute performances to see who would come out on top! We were able to live-stream the performances - big thanks to Sam Bettany for doing this for us. Check the bands' performances out on our YouTube channel!

We were very excited to win the entertainment category, and very proud to have come 2nd overall in the D Grade!



### Our Contest Songs:

- SONGS OF NORTH AND SOUTH  
– Andi Cook
- DEAR LORD AND FATHER FROM MANKIND (Hymn)  
– Charles Hubert Hastings Parry
- INDIAN SUMMER (Test piece)  
– Eric Ball
- HUMPTY DUMPTY (Solo)  
– Charley Straight, & arr. Brett Lowe
- JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE  
– Canadian Brass arrangement



Thank you to Richard Lummus for the amazing photos.





## D Grade Entertainment/Public Appeal Category

Kerepehi Brass

## 2nd Overall in the D Grade

Kerepehi Brass



## THANK YOU!

It was a huge job to host this event. There are so many people to thank. We would like to thank our adjudicators: Tyme Masters, Mark Close and Nichola Voice, the WBOPBBA executive committee, the supervisors, the WBOP brass bands, the Thames Community Board, Thames High School, Thames Civic Centre, Thames Citizen Band, St George's Church, Alex Quinn, Andrea Harrison, Kerepehi Brass members, all of our sponsors, volunteers, supporters, and everyone who helped us or came to the band events! We couldn't have done it without you!

## Waikato Bay of Plenty Brass Band Festival

Sunday 29 September 2024

### OPEN GRADE RESULTS

- 1 Hamilton City Brass
- 2 Eastern Bay of Plenty Brass
- 3 Matamata Brass



### C GRADE RESULTS

- 1 Matamata Brass
- 2 Te Awamutu Brass



### D GRADE RESULTS

- 1 Hamilton Auxiliary Brass
- 2 Kerepehi Brass
- 3 Gisborne Civic Brass



The 2025 WBOPBBA Regional Contest is going to be hosted by Hamilton.

20-21 September 2025

We will see you there!





## PRE-CONTEST CONCERT, NGATEA – SUN 22 SEPTEMBER

Thank you to everyone that came along to our pre-contest concert last month. It was a great chance for us to have a dress rehearsal for the regional contest, and gave all those who attended a sneak peek at our performance pieces!



## ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

On our website and YouTube channel, you will find a series of audio interviews of current and former band members. Maria Stables-Page, KBB baritone player, hosts these interviews, asking insightful questions about the players' stories and memories with the Kerepehi Brass Band. These interviews are both entertaining and informative!

So far we have interviews with:

- Barry Robinson
- Brett Lowe
- Brian Henwood
- Don Robinson
- Emily Logan
- Heather O'Hagan
- Joe & Sietske de Jong
- John Tregidga
- Max Vivian
- Peter & Leonie Robertson
- Raewyn Leonhart
- Rowan Garrett QSM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### BAVARIAN NIGHTS

#### **FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER - PAEROA RSA**

Time to grab your lederhosen and fill up those steins while listening to our Bavarian band - 'The Frothblowers'!



### STEAMPUNK, THAMES

#### **SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER**

- **STREET PARADE - 11AM**
- **FASHION SHOW, CIVIC CENTRE - 2PM**

We will be at two events this year. First we will be marching in the street parade, and in the afternoon, we will be playing at the civic centre.





# UPCOMING EVENTS – CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

## CAROLLING AROUND TOWN

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER – NGATEA 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER – PAEROA 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY 11 DECEMBER – THAMES 6.30PM

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER – TBC

## WAIHI CHRISTMAS AT THE LAKE

SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER – GILMORE LAKE RESERVE

## PAEROA SANTA PARADE

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER – 6PM

## THAMES SANTA PARADE

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER – 11AM

## WAIHI SANTA PARADE

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER – 2PM

## NGATEA SANTA PARADE

THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER – 5.45PM

## WAERENGA CHURCH CAROL SERVICE

FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER

## NGATEA CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER – HUGH HAYWARD DOMAIN

## TE KAUWHATA CHRISTMAS CAROLS

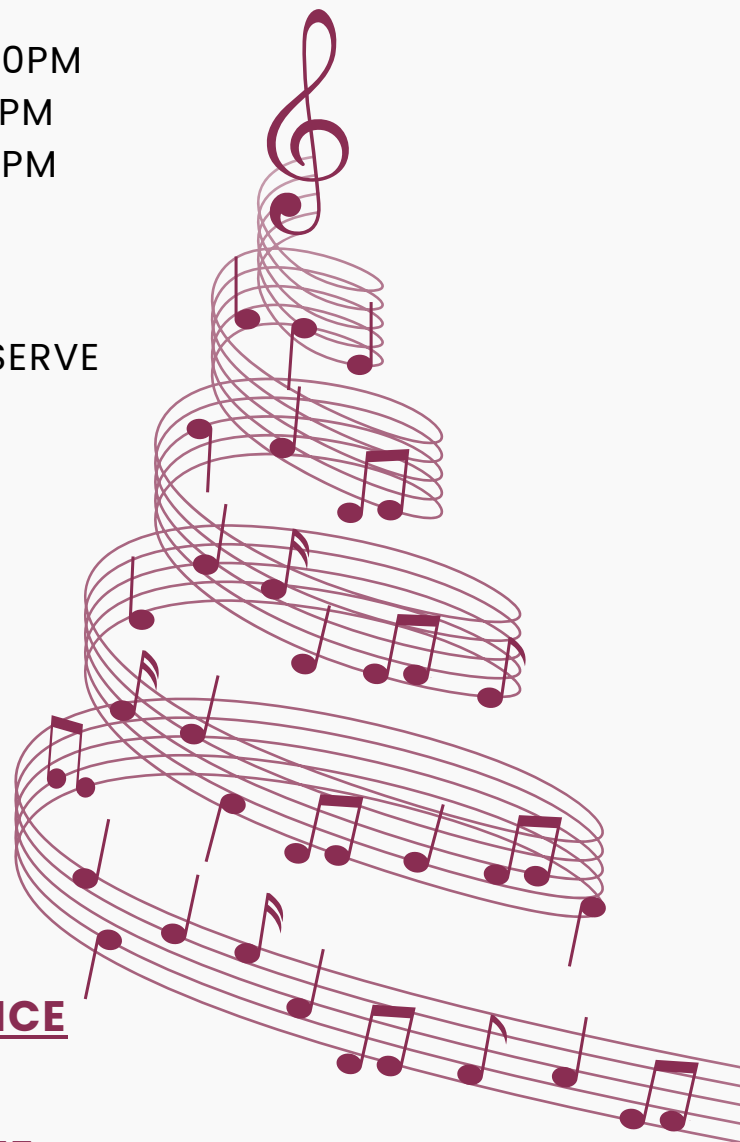
MONDAY 16 DECEMBER – VILLAGE GREEN, 6PM

## KEREPEHI BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER – ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, THAMES

## CAROLS IN THE GORGE

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER – KARANGAHAKE GORGE



**PLEASE NOTE – ALL EVENTS, DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR THE LATEST DETAILS.**



# OKTOBERFEST



## KAIAUA – SAT 6 OCTOBER

Our Bavarian Band – ‘The FrothBlowers’ – had their first Oktoberfest gig for 2024 at the Bay View Hotel in Kaiaua. They had a lot of fun playing and singing!



## THAMES – SAT 19 OCTOBER

The FrothBlowers then took the stage at the Thames Bowling Club, and it was a fantastic night filled with plenty of singing and dancing! If you missed it, don't worry—there's one more Bavarian night coming up at the Paeroa RSA on Friday, October 25th, at 7 pm. We'd love to see you there!





## SENIOR SOCIAL BAND

The KBB Senior Social Band played at the Ohinemuri Rest Home in Paeroa on 19 August, and entertained many of the residents with lots of singing and music! They played a wide range of songs, from *It's A Small World*, and *Muss Ich Den*, to *The Dambusters*, and *I Walk The Line*!

If you would like to join the KBB Senior Social Band, you can pop in during one of their practices at 1.30pm on Mondays, or contact us at [kerepehibrass@gmail.com](mailto:kerepehibrass@gmail.com) for any queries.





## OUR NEW JUNIOR BAND UNIFORM

Many thanks to Visque O'Hagan Vision Care for sponsoring our new Junior Band uniform! They look fantastic!

We have had many requests to purchase the caps. If you would like to order one, (\$25 each), please contact us at [kerepehibrass@gmail.com](mailto:kerepehibrass@gmail.com).



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## THANK YOU THRIFTERS

A big thank you to Thrifters in Ngatea for supporting us again this year. We were able to purchase some much needed percussion equipment with the grant we received.



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## HELP US PURCHASE A GLOCKENSPIEL!

We are raising funds to purchase a glockenspiel for our growing percussion section. If you'd like to learn more about how you can support us, please reach out to [kerepehibrass@gmail.com](mailto:kerepehibrass@gmail.com). We would be happy to promote you or your organisation on our website and in our newsletters as a thank you for your generosity!





# REHEARSALS FOR REGIONALS...





## BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATIONS

On 15 September, we attended the 84th Battle of Britain anniversary in Thames in honour of Sir Keith Park and the other New Zealanders that fought in the Battle of Britain. Sir Keith Park was born in Thames. He was a decorated First World War fighter pilot who carved out a prestigious career in the Royal Air Force (RAF). He played a pivotal role in the defence of London and south-east England during the Battle of Britain.



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## NEW ZEALAND BRASS BAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024

Luke attended the NZ Brass Band Nationals with Matamata Brass in July. They won their category, and are now the NZ C-Grade champions! Congrats Luke and Matamata Brass!



### NEW ZEALAND BRASS BAND CHAMPIONS 2024

**Champion of Champions:** Mike Ford, NBS Nelson City Brass

**Junior Champion of Champions:** Walter Hughes, Hamilton City Brass

**A Grade:** Wellington Brass

**B Grade:** Tupou College, Tonga

**C Grade:** Matamata Brass

**D Grade:** Maamaloa Brass

**Youth Grade:** Auckland Seventh-day Adventist High School





## KEREPEHI BRASS CAPS

We have had lots of requests to purchase our KBB caps. They are available to order at \$25 each.

Please email us at [kerepehibrass@gmail.co.nz](mailto:kerepehibrass@gmail.co.nz) if you would like to purchase a cap.

Rowan loves his one!

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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. They are \$20 each. Don't miss out!



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

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|--------------|--------------|
| ✧ 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.

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## 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 biscuits!

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

**Mondays at 1.30pm**

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## 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)**

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

## 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!*

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



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