

# KEREPEHI BRASS BAND NEWSLETTER

## HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME TO 2025

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to learn an instrument? If so, we've got you covered! Continue reading to find out about our Learner's Lessons program!

### When and Where

- **Day:** Tuesdays (excluding school holidays)
- **Time:** 4:15 PM
- **Where:** KBB Band Hall, 14 Matai Street, Kerepehi
- **Cost:** Just \$5 per week
- **Instruments:** Cornet, Tenor Horn, Flugel Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba\*
- **Instrument Hire:** Available

\*Subject to age and skill level, at the music teacher's discretion.



We're incredibly fortunate to have Hamilton-based music teacher Clive Burnell as our tutor. Our lessons are open to everyone, and we've welcomed students from Ngatea, Kerepehi, Netherton, Thames, Te Kauwhata, Waikino, and Paeroa. We're passionate about nurturing the next generation of band players and are committed to giving you or your child the best possible start on this exciting journey. If you have any questions, feel free to drop in or email us. Don't miss the chance to be part of something exciting—we hope to see you soon!

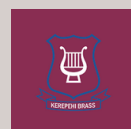


### WHY LEARN A BRASS INSTRUMENT WITH US?

- Develop musical skills
- Build confidence and leadership
- Foster cultural enrichment and exposure to diverse music styles
- Enhance cognitive abilities, discipline, and time management
- Support mental health and emotional well-being
- Promote teamwork, collaboration, and a sense of community
- Provide networking, performance, and career opportunities
- Encourage personal, social, and academic growth
- Can offer travel, new experiences and career opportunities

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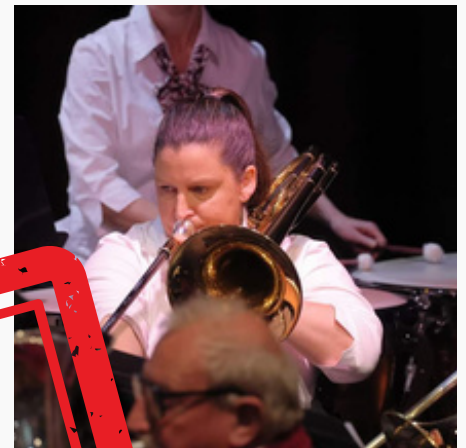


## WELCOME MESSAGE FROM FLEUR, KBB CO-VICE PRESIDENT & BAND SERGEANT

Welcome to our latest newsletter!

What a busy time December was for the Kerepehi Band!

After a well-deserved summer break, our band members are back and ready to dive into rehearsals next week as we kick off the year! We couldn't be more excited to get started, especially after the incredible Christmas performances and outings we had last year. From holding our first Christmas Concert in the Gorge for the 9th year, it was a season to remember, and we're so proud of what we achieved together.



Looking ahead, we have an exciting year lined up with lots of events and performances planned for 2025. We can't wait to share more music, fun, and memories with you all in the coming months. Stay tuned for more updates as we make this year even more amazing than the last!

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

**Fleur Weaver**

**KBB Co-Vice President & Band Sergeant, Bass Trombone**

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget we are on many different social media platforms – Facebook, Instagram, and we recently joined TikTok and X. Also, check out our YouTube channel for some of our recent performances. Give us a follow and a like! We love to see our followers enjoying our content!

We also have our website – **[www.kerepehibrass.co.nz](http://www.kerepehibrass.co.nz)** which is kept up-to-date with our upcoming events, recent news and so much more!

## EMAIL LIST

If you would like to join our emailing list, please email **[friendsofkerepehibrassband@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofkerepehibrassband@gmail.com)** with the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject box. We will send out occasional emails informing you of any upcoming events or exciting news.

## 2025 START DATES!

### KEREPEHI BRASS BAND

#### **WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY 2025 - 7PM**

Our rehearsals start again on 29 January. If you are keen to join us, pop in and say hello!

### SENIOR SOCIAL BAND

#### **MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2025 - 1.30PM**

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 only brass instruments, so if you've played brass, woodwind, or percussion previously, come along!

### LEARNER'S LESSONS

#### **TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2025 - 4.15PM**

Come along to our Learner's Lessons if you or your children are interested in learning a brass instrument!

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## 2025 OPEN DAY!

#### **TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2025 - 5.30PM**

Join us for an Open Day on Tuesday 11 February! If you're interested in joining one of our groups, or want to learn how to play a brass instrument, come by for a chat and a look around. All ages and skill levels are welcome! For more details, visit our Facebook page or check out [www.kerepehibrass.co.nz](http://www.kerepehibrass.co.nz)



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



## SOME OF OUR AMAZING LEARNER'S DURING THE PAST 3 YEARS!





## CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT

In November, our end-of-year celebrations took an exciting new direction with the introduction of our Awards Night! It was a fantastic opportunity to recognize and celebrate the incredible contributions of so many of our band members throughout the year. A huge thank you to all the families and organisations who generously sponsored our trophies!



KUI

KIARA

NELLEKE

### KEREPEHI BRASS BAND 2024 AWARD WINNERS

#### SHAW SISTERS' CUP

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR CORNET PLAYER

KUI CURTIS-APEU

#### JACK BROOKS AWARD

MOST VALUABLE JUNIOR

KIARA CURTIS-APEU

#### BROADBENT CUP

OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR JUNIOR

NELLEKE ZANDVOORT

#### DE JONG FAMILY CUP

OUTSTANDING COMEBACK PLAYER

RAEWYN LEONHART

#### RICHARDSONS REAL ESTATE AWARD

MOST VALUABLE SENIOR

BARRY ROBINSON

#### ROBINSON CUP

PLAYER'S PLAYER

SIETSKE DE JONG & FLEUR WEAVER



# CHRISTMAS DINNER AND AWARDS NIGHT CONT...



MARIA



DON &amp; ALISTAIR



FLEUR

## KEREPEHI BRASS BAND 2024 AWARD WINNERS

QUINN FAMILY CUP  
OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER  
NICKI LEVENTER

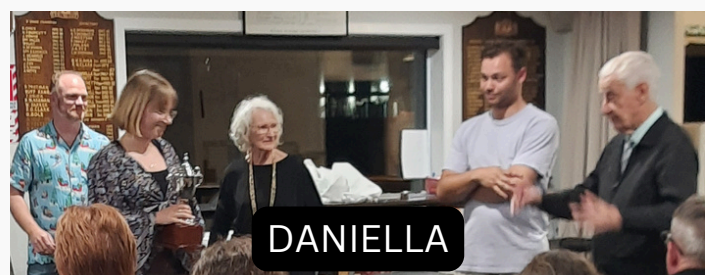
PATRONS CUP  
OUTSTANDING SOLOIST  
ALISTAIR MCMILLAN & DON ROBINSON

O'HAGAN FAMILY CUP  
SECTION OF THE YEAR  
HORNS

HENWOOD CUP  
EMBODIMENT OF THE KEREPEHI SPIRIT  
MARIA STABLES-PAGE

VIVIAN FAMILY CUP  
PLAYER OF THE YEAR  
DANIELLA VAN VLIET

ROWEN GARRETT CUP  
MOST IMPROVED PLAYER  
DAVID HENWOOD & EMILY LOGAN



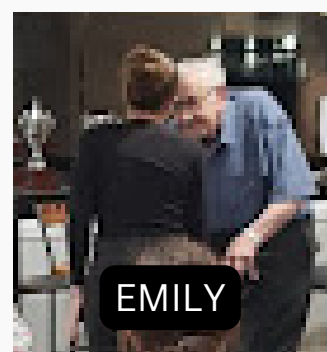
DANIELLA



HORN SECTION



BARRY



EMILY



# CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

In the four Wednesdays leading up to Christmas, we swapped our usual rehearsals at the band hall for some festive Christmas carolling out on the streets! This year, we visited Ngatea, Paeroa, and Thames, spreading holiday cheer and having a fantastic time. A big thank you to everyone for your generous support!





# CHRISTMAS PARADES

## MARCHING PRACTICE – 13 & 20 NOVEMBER 2024

In preparation for the upcoming Christmas parades, we held two marching practice sessions before our regular Wednesday night rehearsals. It's no small feat to play an instrument, read music, stay in step, and watch where you're going all at the same time! A massive thank you to Tony Hunter, who stepped up as our Drum Major for Christmas—he did a fantastic job!



## PAEROA SANTA PARADE – 6 DECEMBER 2024

After the parade, we played in the Paeroa Domain as the floats came in. And we got to meet Santa!





## THAMES SANTA PARADE – 7 DECEMBER 2024

What a scorcher! After a long and hot march, we wrapped up the day with a performance at Thames South School.



## NGATEA SANTA PARADE – 12 DECEMBER 2024

From the heat to the rain – I think we've had it all this Christmas season!





# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

## WAERENGA SCHOOL – 29 NOVEMBER 2024

Our Te Kauwhata and Waerenga based band members enjoyed performing Christmas carols at Waerenga School's Christmas in the Park. The event featured many amazing performances from the talented students, and the crowd was fantastic!



## WAIHI CHRISTMAS AT THE LAKE – 1 DECEMBER 2024

Rain was in the forecast for our performance at Waihi's Gilmour Lake, but we were fortunate—the wet weather held off!



## NGATEA CAROLS AROUND THE TREE – 15 DECEMBER 2024

After wrapping up filming with Seven Sharp, we headed straight to the Ngatea Carols Around the Tree. It was lovely to sit in the shade and play!



## WAERENGA CHURCH CAROL SERVICE – 16 DECEMBER 2024

We had a wonderful evening playing carols at the Waerenga Church Carol Service. The church is such a lovely venue to perform in!





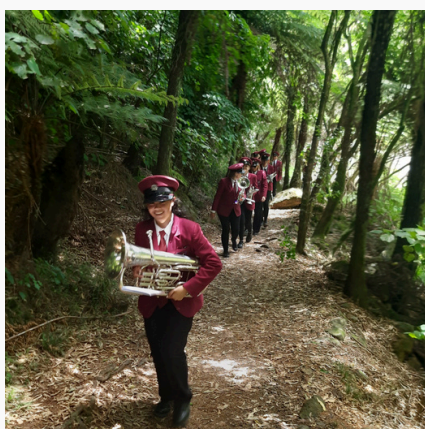
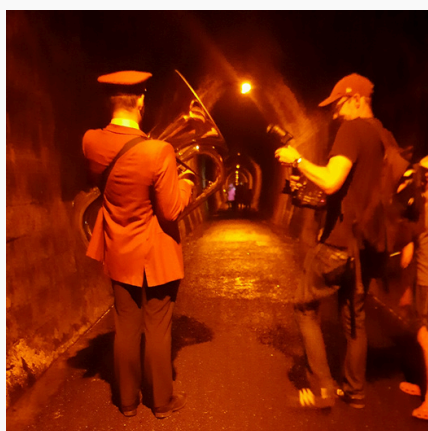
## SEVEN SHARP FILMING – SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER

We had an amazing (and very hot) day at the Karangahake Gorge with Michael Holland and the Seven Sharp crew! This was a story they'd been wanting to share for years, and 2024 was finally the year it came to life. They filmed us performing a mock "Carols in the Gorge" event to help promote the real one happening just a few days later. It was interesting to see how the filming process worked—many band members were interviewed, and they even used a drone to capture some incredible shots. If you missed it, the clip is available on our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel!





# SEVEN SHARP FILMING CONT...





## CHRISTMAS CONCERT – 21 DECEMBER 2024

On the final Saturday before Christmas, we hosted a beautiful evening of Christmas Carols at St George's Church in Thames. A special thank you to Rod Mead, the pipe organist, who joined us for the premiere performance of *The Last Chord*.

It was wonderful to see so many people in attendance, and the evening was such a success that we're considering making it an annual tradition! If you missed it, the concert is available on our YouTube channel. A big thank you to Sam Bettany for recording it for us!



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## BAND ROTUNDA REHEARSALS



This year, we're excited to take some of our rehearsals out of the band hall and into the community! We'll be making use of the beautiful band rotundas located throughout our district, including those in Thames, Te Aroha, and the two in Paeroa. Keep an eye on our usual channels for updates and confirmed dates—we can't wait to play in these lovely outdoor spaces!



## CAROLS IN THE GORGE

Carols in the Gorge 2024 was our largest event to date, drawing over 400 people! It was a fantastic night, and everyone had a memorable time. The stunning Karangahake Gorge provided the perfect setting for this special event. Playing Christmas carols along the bush tracks, and then in the train tunnel is truly an experience like no other!





## UPCOMING EVENTS 2025

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### KEREPEHI BRASS OPEN DAY

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### PAEROA BAND ROTUNDA PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY 22 FEBRUARY – 11AM

PAEROA DOMAIN

### CIVIL DEFENCE REAL LIFE SUPER HEROES DAY

SUNDAY 2 MARCH

PAEROA DOMAIN

### NGATEA PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY 22 MARCH – 11AM

NGATEA DOMAIN

### TE KAUWHATA PERFORMANCE

SATURDAY 12 APRIL – 11AM

TE KAUWHATA VILLAGE GREEN

### ANZAC DAY

FRIDAY 25 APRIL

DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

### BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATIONS

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

THAMES

### WAIKATO BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COMPETITION

SATURDAY 20 & SUNDAY 21 SEPTEMBER

HAMILTON

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



## 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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Paeroa**



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Trust**



**Lions Club  
of Paeroa**



**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

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