

# MATAMATA BRASS GAZETTE

The Official Newsletter of the Matamata Brass Band



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## What a Year!

One of our Best Years in the Band Family

Just like that we are almost finished for another year! This year we have had a strong focus on self-improvement. We are not aiming to win competitions, we are aiming to select something challenging and work hard to make it happen. With great confidence we can say we've achieved this.

This month has been full of raising Christmas spirit in the town. Almost every weeknight we've pounded the pavement in hopes of making others cheerful while also running our major fundraiser for the year. We've also been to schools and Christmas functions providing music to all.

Moving into the next few weeks we will continue to play around the town up until Christmas where the band will take a well deserved break.

Next year we start up again on the 21st of January 2019 for the next year of banding and we hope we will see you at our Adult Development Band (more info inside).

## Band in the Garden City

Written by Nicole Schweizer

Early in the morning on the 8th of October, Matthew Lansdaal, Josh Adamson and I travelled up to Auckland eagerly anticipating the New Zealand Secondary Schools Brass Band camp 2018 lead by Leigh Martin. Keith Hawe kindly gave up his time to drive us to the airport. The flight down to Christchurch went without a hitch. Upon arrival, we were greeted by a New Zealand Army Band member, Nick Johnson. Nick then transported us to our accommodation which was at St Margaret College. After setting up the percussion equipment (supplied by the New Zealand Army band), we had lunch which was followed by the first of many practices. From then on the week was a blur filled with practices and catching up with old friends and getting to know our new friends. During our free time, we were lucky enough to be able to go out and enjoy the beautiful city of Christchurch. A tenpin bowling evening as well as a quiz night with pizza were definitely highlights for many of us as they were great opportunities to socialise with the other band members.



On the Friday, we had our first concert which was held at St Mary's Church in Timaru. This was followed by our second and final concert on Saturday which was held in Christchurch at The Piano. The final concert was live-streamed through the BBANZ Facebook page which meant that our families were able to watch us perform. Due to an unfortunate accident, Leigh was unable to conduct the remainder of the camp which meant the two concerts were conducted by, Raynor Martin (Leigh's son), Tyme Marsters and Nick Johnson. On the Sunday morning, we departed our accommodation and checked in at Christchurch Airport. Unfortunately our flight was cancelled but thanks to a generous man and his family, who gave us their tickets, we were able to leave at 8.00pm that Sunday Night. Our flight home went very smoothly and once we arrived at the airport, we were greeted by Robb and Tinka Adamson who took us back home to Matamata. It was a great learning experience for the three of us and we really appreciated the support and encouragement we received from Memorie Brooky, the Matamata Brass Band committee and our families.

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Brass  
comprised of  
just under  
10% of the  
NSSBB**





# Waikato BOP Regional Competition

Southwell School, 29-30 September 2018

We had an amazing weekend competing in the Thomsons ITM Waikato BOP Brass Band Regional Competitions.

Matamata Brass were well represented in the solo/party events on Saturday and received some great results. Best of all we managed to place 2nd and keep the Pohlen Cup in our grasps by winning the D Grade Hymn!

Our aim for this competition was to better ourselves. We aimed to improve as both players and a band together. While we did not take our the contest, we're very proud of the growth seen in our family and we look forward to the next competition.

Following on from the regional competitions we are eyeing up the National Championships in Hamilton next year! We are dedicated and focused to improvement and we aim to do just that!

## Results

### Solo and Party Events

- Under 13 Slow Melody - 3rd Pire Poi Wilson
- Under 13 Variation - 1st Pire Poi Wilson
- Under 19 Slow Melody - 2nd Matthew Lansdaal & 3rd= Nicole Schweizer
- Under 19 Variation - 2nd Matthew Lansdaal & 3rd Joshua Adamson
- Junior Percussion - 2nd JJ Shelley & 3rd Eric Schweizer
- D Grade Ensemble - 1st Matamata Brass

### Band Results

- Hymn - 1st Place
- Own Choice - 2nd Place
- Soloist - 3rd Place
- Light Music - 2nd Place
- Public Appeal - 2nd Place
- Aggregate - 2nd Place



## Band Awards

### The Annual Prizegiving of 2018

Near the end of November, before our busy Christmas Season we had our Annual Prizegiving at the Matamata Squash Club. We started with a dinner of plentiful food provided by our Band Members. This was then followed by one of the best recaps of our year, a quiz! The quiz made the band fizzle in excitement as we remembered the things that made our year memorable.

Following this we had our awards which are as follows:

#### Informal Awards

Inaugural Ten Pin Bowling Competition - Back Row Cornets

Bung Moment of the Year Award - Nicole Schweizer for having to pay the most on instrument repairs

#### Development Band Award

Outstanding Leadership and Skill in Music Theory - Tauwhare Wilson

Great Role Model - Mareikura Wilson

Great Potential - Keremete Wilson

Outstanding Knowledge of Music - Aidan Jobe

#### Band Awards

Community Award - Joshua Adamson

Most Improved Junior - Nicole Schweizer

Most Improved Senior - Keith Hawe

Overall Most Improved - Pire Poi Wilson

Contribution to Band - Kaperiera Hughes

Most Outstanding Player - Grant Wilson

Section of the Year - Baritones and Euphoniums

Grant Wilson, Frances Kennedy, Nicole Schweizer, Keith Hawe



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instrument but  
thought it would be  
too hard?

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