

The Official Newsletter of the Woolston Brass Band Est. 1891. Patron Adrienne, Lady Stewart ONZM QSM LLD (Hon)

## New Music Director

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Music Director, **Tyme Marsters**. Tyme will take up his new position in 2015.

Interim Music Director, Phillip Johnston has led the band admirably since the resignation of former conductor Graham Hickman last July.

Tyme has emerged as a leading figure in New Zealand brass banding. He first started playing in his home town Westport at age ten and then moved to Christchurch in 1993 to join the New Zealand Army Band, simultaneously joining Woolston Brass where he remained for nine years.

Tyme has had many band and solo successes. Highlights include winning the *New Zealand Open Flugel Horn Championship* and the coveted *Champion of Champions* title in 2008. Tyme has also represented New Zealand in six National Bands in the past decade touring New Zealand, United States, Europe and their recent tour of China and Korea.

Tyme served in the New Zealand Army Band for 20 years. During this time he took part in many national and international tours with military and civilian groups. He retired from the NZ Army in January this year to become the owner, Director and Primary Tutor of Brass Factory Canterbury.

Tyme has a wide range of experience in many musical genres including brass band, big band, musical productions and orchestra. He has been the Music Director of Leopard Coachlines Canterbury Brass since 2009 and he has also featured as a guest conductor with numerous bands around New Zealand.

Tyme is looking forward to taking up his new role as Music Director of Woolston Brass next year;

"I am delighted and deeply honoured to be recently appointed Music Director for Woolston Brass" commented Tyme Marsters, "Being a former playing member of Woolston, I am aware of the great history, values and commitment the band has and I can't wait to be immersed in it again. I'm very excited about the future and I'm looking forward to reuniting our connections and beginning our new musical journey together."

On Tyme's appointment, Mark Van der klei, Woolston Brass' Chairman said "We are excited to appoint Tyme Marsters as Music Director and we look forward to welcoming him in the New Year. With his musical vision, talent and finesse, he is sure to drive the band forward. We are delighted that he has committed to the band's further development and we are looking forward to forging a dynamic and successful partnership".



*Zoe Johnston with her Granddad (Dave) who took up an impromptu invitation to help out the Junior Band at our recent Christmas Concert*



## I Love Christmas Concert

Woolston Brass and the Academy held their last concert 'I Love Christmas' on Sunday 14 December, 2.30pm at the Charles Luney Auditorium. This was a celebration of the Woolston family, firstly featuring the Woolston Junior Band in the foyer who provided the pre-concert entertainment. Woolston Concert Brass under the direction of **Nick Johnson** began the concert with the vibrant March of the *Peers from Iolanthe*, followed by *Gaudette*, *Someone to Watch Over Me*, *Life on Mars* and then finished up with an enjoyable medley of Christmas tunes entitled *A Christmas Suite*.

Woolston Brass led by **Phillip Johnston** then performed their programme starting the second half of the concert with Strauss' triumphant *Fanfare*. Highlights included cornet soloists **Kyle Lawson** (2014 Young Brass Musician of the Year) and **Anthony Smith** (2014 Best Soloist CPBBA), performing *Silent Night* and *My Love is like a Red, Red Rose*, respectively. The band impressed the audience with their technique performing Liszt's *Hungarian Rhapsody No.2* and Peter Graham's *Cossack Fire Dance*. Woolston Brass' programme finished with the majestic *Procession to the Minster* by Wagner. Thank you to our helpers for the day: **Steve Miles, James Sutherland, Tom Baker** and **David Fiu**.

Woolston Concert Brass then united with Woolston Brass on stage to perform together *A Christmas Festival*.

The concert had a beautiful back drop of an eight-foot Christmas tree decorated with blue lights, red flowers and gold detail (Woolston colours). Thank you to the



generous support of Sue Freeman and the I Love Christmas shop for providing an amazing feature that set the scene for the whole concert.

An end of year party was held after the concert in the Atrium for players, their families, Life Members and our Seat Patrons. This was a great way to end the year, celebrate a great concert and reflect on a successful year of music making and friendships made. Mark Van der klei thanked the players and their families, the supporters and volunteers, Seat Patrons.

A special thank you was presented to Phil Johnston for his able assistance and leadership over the last 5 months. Phil thanked the band for an enjoyable few months. He then went on to Mark and Caroline for their support, and also his two daughters Bailey and Zoe for their support also.

The Academy presented the following awards: Junior Band; Band Person of the Year – Jean-Luc Pitcaithly and Most Improved Player – Zoe Johnston, Felix Backhouse also got a special mention. Concert Brass; Band Person of the Year - Sylvia Hounsom-Vail and Most Improved Player – Toby Buckner.



*Jill Pears making her end of year presentations*



*Jean-Luc Pitcaithly (Junior Band) – Band Person of the Year*



*Felix Backhouse (Junior Band) – Special Mention*



*Zoe Johnston (Junior Band) – Most Improved Player*



*A very intense Junior Band percussion section.*

## End of Year Concert

The Woolston band family had its last concert for the year at the Charles Luney Auditorium. This was a great success. Everyone had great enthusiasm. The Junior Band started us off in the foyer with some Christmas Carols conducted by Jill Pears. The junior band played really well. Special mention to Pete for his great descant.

In the auditorium Concert Brass was up and they did really well. With some Christmas carols and other pieces. They did really well and had a great performance.

To finish Woolston band had nine songs. Although it was long they did awesome. I truly thought they did really well with conductor Phil Johnston for the last time. Woolston did great. For a finale the two bands joined together. They played a selection of Christmas songs conducted by Nick Johnson.

Overall the bands did great and I am sure they can't wait until next year as this was the last concert of 2014.

*– by Bailey Johnston*

I really enjoyed performing and being part of the Woolston band family. I'm looking forward to Tyme taking over the big band next year so he can come down and help us young kids on Tuesday nights sometimes.

*– by Zoe Johnston*

## Academy Lincoln Christmas Parade

Lincoln's annual Christmas parade and market was held on Saturday 13 December. Woolston Junior Band members performed Christmas Carols on the back of truck as part of the parade.





*Indispensable Jill Pears conducting our Junior Band in the Foyer of the Charles Luney Auditorium preceding the recent 'I Love Christmas' concert.*

## The Winner is... Sticky Ginger Beef!

Principal trombonist **Andrew Yorkstone** was approached and tasked the exciting opportunity of organising a small group to represent Woolston in the latest Hellers' television advertisement for NZ's next top sausage 'Sticky Ginger Beef'. A special request was made by Hellers to feature our stand-out marching uniform. **Sam Pinder, Andrew Yorkstone** and others are featured playing Hellers' theme song. If you haven't seen the entertaining clip on TV, check out our Facebook page for the link or search for 'Hellers Sticky Ginger Beef Sausage' on YouTube. We look forward to forging a relationship with Hellers in the future, I'm sure the band would enjoy some samples of Sticky Ginger Beef Sausage!

The award winning Heller family of tradition of butcheries began when Gorg Heller emigrated from Germany to New Zealand supplying gold miners with small goods in Arrowtown during the 1880's. Todd Heller continued the long line of butchers opening his first store in New Brighton, Christchurch in 1985. Today their new plant is based in Kaiapoi and supplies 350 tonnes of sausages in 80 different varieties a week along with bacon, ham and other service deli small goods.



## "Lady A" Takes Top Award for Arts Patronage

Our congratulations to our Patron, **Lady Adrienne Stewart ONZM QSM LLD (HON)** who recently won the ASB Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award in recognition of her significant role in mentoring, arts patronage and business management.





## Lone Star (Be Staunch, Walk Tall) and Woolston Brass (Tohea Kia Kaha – Be Strong and Persevere)

Thank you to the Lone Star for generously providing Woolston Brass a Christmas shout of drinks and food on the evening of Sunday 14 December after the final Christmas concert at the Lone Star, Manchester Street. We are huge fans of the Lone Star, just as the Lone Star have become huge fans of us! It was a fabulous way to relax after a big year and a great concert. As a token of our appreciation of the Lone Star's hospitality, **Sarah Hickman** performed a jazzy 'Silent Night' to the diners in the restaurant who erupted with applause. It was so well received that Sarah got a second request from one of the diners to play 'Happy Birthday' to the table. Thank you Lone Star!



*Sarah Hickman performing her impromptu, improvised 'Silent Night' to Lone Star diners*



## Zoe's Provincial

Woolston Junior band performed at the provincials in October. We didn't play a test piece as we are just a small young band. We played a hymn which was called the Lord's Prayer. For our entertainment programme we played a mixture of TV themed music which the judge really liked because we didn't come last we got 3rd=. I got to play the solo for the band because Felix had something else on.

My solo was called *Le Elephant* from *The Carnival of the Animals*. I didn't even get nervous!!

We were excited to win the trophy for best Compere.

– by Zoe Johnston



# CPBBA Provincial Contest

Saturday 18 October saw the 2014 Canterbury Provincial Brass Band Associations' contest held at Middleton Grange School. Our judge this year was the Queen's Service Medal winner **Kevin Moseley**; conductor of the Marlborough District Brass Band for the past 25 years, National bandsman and conductor of the National Youth Brass Band of New Zealand from 2007 to 2009.

Nine bands competed at this year's event, with our judge Kevin Moseley commenting on the high standard of playing throughout the day.

Woolston Concert Brass as the only C-grade band again impressed with the standard of their playing under **Nick Johnson**.

It was an "Epic" day for us. Adjudicator Kevin Moseley presided over a well-run event that saw us taking top honours against keen competition from our respected local rivals Canterbury Brass directed by Tyme Marsters.

We gained first place in all three events (Hymn, Test and Entertainment). Interim Music Director **Phillip Johnston** did an outstanding job given the very patchy rehearsal schedule we had leading up to the event.

Our programme comprised the hymn tune *Colne* (Thomas Rive), *An Epic Symphony* (Percy Fletcher), *Humming Chorus* (Puccini arr. Sandy Smith), *Carnival for Tuba* (Fred Muscroft – Eb Bass soloist Nigel Seaton) and *Marche Slave* (Tchaikovsky arr. David E. Twitchings).

The best soloist award went to 2014 National Band member and our very own **Anthony Smith**. Anthony played *My Love is Like a Red Red Rose* while performing with his hometown band Alpine Energy Timaru Brass.

Thank you very much to our helpers: **Nick Johnson**, **Graham Hickman**, **Steve Miles**, **James Sutherland**, **Scott Chappell** and our compere **Sarah Hickman**.





## Summer Starter

A Woolston Brass Quintet consisting of **Kyle Lawson, Kevin Hickman, Andrew Yorkstone, Joe Thomas and Phil Johnston** entertained and cheered on participants involved in The Press Summer Starter; Canterbury's Fun Run and Walk that was held on Sunday 30 November. A variety of other music groups from a CSO string trio to Polynesian Drummers were also posted along the route that started at New Brighton and finished at Redcliff's Park for the Finishers' Party. Woolston was based at the corner of Dyers Road and Metro place in Woolston. We were honoured to be part of this event that celebrated the East and the wellbeing of Christchurch.

## Wizard's 182nd Birthday

A Woolston Brass Quintet consisting of **Anthony Smith, Caroline Blackmore, Emma Counter, Anthony Bracegirdle and Sam Pinder** performed for the Wizard's Birthday Celebration held at The Tannery, Arts and Fashion Emporium on Saturday 6 December. It was a magical party filled with fairies, Wizards, cake and a special performance from the Morris dancers and also the Christchurch Wizard himself accompanied by other Wizards.

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## Familiar Faces Feature at NZAB Solos

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July the New Zealand Army Band held their annual unit solo competition and formal dinner. The results of the solo competition were as follows: Open Brass Aria Competition; **SSGT Nick Johnson** gained 1<sup>st</sup> place and **PTE Andrew Yorkstone** gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Premier Brass Aria Competition; **CPL Kevin Hickman** gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Open Brass Concerto Competition **CAPT Graham Hickman** gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Premier Brass Concerto Competition; **SSGT Phillip Johnston** gained 1<sup>st</sup> place, **CPL Kevin Hickman** gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place and **SGT Callum Hewson** gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Rhythm Technical Competition; **PTE Cameron Lee** gained 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Rhythm Open Competition; **PTE Cameron Lee** gained 1<sup>st</sup> place. After checking the aggregate score from the judges (**Mr Steven Miles** and **Mr Hanafi Machirus**), **CPL Kevin Hickman** was announced the overall winner of the brass section.

A formal dinner was hosted after the solo competition where awards were given to **CPL Kevin Hickman** for 'The Band Master's Bugle', **PTE Andrew Yorkstone** for the 'Triple M Cup' which is given to the Private soldier who displays the core values of the New Zealand Army and also the attributes of the 'Triple M' Music, Military and Man/Woman'.



*PTE Andrew Yorkstone is presented with the 'Triple M Cup' by Captain Graham Hickman*

## Oktoberfest Bavarian

**Sam Pinder, Andrew Yorkstone, Anthony Bracegirdle** and **Joe Thomas** provide their 'Oom Pah Pah' assistance in a Bavarian Band playing at the Twisted Hop to celebrate Oktoberfest on Friday 17 October. Entertainment was enjoyed by local punters and Woolston members after our provincial-eve rehearsal.



*SSGT Phillip Johnston gained 1<sup>st</sup> place in the NZAB's Premier Brass Concerto Competition*

## NSSBB

Congratulations to **Georgia Hoy** who was awarded Most Outstanding Player during the National Secondary Schools Brass Band that was held 8-14 October in Waikanae.

## 2015 National Youth Band

A total of 59 applicants were received for a seat in the 2015 National Youth Band. It took the selection panel Musical Director Peter Adams, National Band principal tenor horn Mike Ford and band manager Garry Brown over eight hours to watch all the videos and then several days to finalise the band. It was evident that much effort and care went into the applications. We are pleased to announce that **Georgia Hoy** (Baritone, Woolston Brass) and **Emma McMorran** (Tenor Horn, Woolston Concert Brass) were successful and selected for 2015 National Youth Band. They will be performing in Westport, Nelson and Blenheim on 29, 30 and 31 January, respectively.

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**, Earthquake Memorial Service, 12pm – 2pm, Archery Lawn, Botanic Gardens

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, SummerTimes Concert, 12.30pm – 2pm, Botanic Gardens, Central Lawn

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**, SummerTimes Concert (Woolston Academy), 12.30pm – 2pm, Cave Rock, Sumner

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**, Anzac Day WW1 Remembrance Concert (details coming soon)

Woolston Brass and the Academy would like to wish you a safe and relaxing festive season. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year and sharing with you more magical musical moments.

## CD Recordings

Our CD recordings: Millennium, ANZAC, Sacred and Rhythm 'n' Brass are available for purchase as physical CDs or mp3 downloads at iTunes and Amazon.com. These recordings make great presents, and your purchases will support the band.

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We are very grateful to following organisations for their support this year for various projects;

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We wish to thank the following organisations for their support recently received;

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