

8 November, 1989. Contin.

Associate Membership : Renn & Queenie Foster - supporting Band with items for Garage Sales. Helen Jones (Librarian). Mike Arthur.

Tuition fees for second term due.

Euphonium/Baritone. To check with Auckland Band Company for better instrument by Bandmaster.

Conference Airlines - letter of thanks for visit.

Uniform trousers ordered.

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5 December, 1989. Bandroom. 8:30 p.m. (Would be after Practice).

H. Selwood; L. & D. Holden, L. Johnson, W. Collis, G. Asser, E. Williams; E. Te Aho, secretary. Apologies : Y. Borchers, C. Hughes.

"Minutes of previous meeting to be read at next normal meeting."

Playouts :- Waionu Fair 13.1.90 - subject to Band being available.  
Thames Races 6.1.90.  
Society of Arts 27.1.90.  
Paeroa Methodist Church 18.2.90.

Accounts came to \$1,012.77. The big item was \$614 to Rototoms. Others more or less routine, with 9 items in all.

There were some arrangements for Christmas Party and Stocking Raffle.

Mention was made of 1990 Youth Musical Festival in Christchurch, with Youth Band Concert Band attending, August 25-September 2, 1990.

There were 5 tutorial students, 2 on clarinets, one playing in Carols.

In Auckland on offer for \$1250 was a second hand Single E flat Bass Orsi. Bandmaster to arrange to have sent down for trial period "with right to purchase if suitable."

Next meeting was February 7, 1890.

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As indicated by the various engagements outlined above, with such attendances as at Commonwealth Games opening, 3 January, 1990, that year was being a crowded and colourful one to crown the long career of the Thames Citizens Band. It had survived quite a few changes since Volunteer days almost at the beginning of the populous Thames Goldfield, and like the town, at times against the odds.

The 1990 Sesquicentenary was finding both town and Band in good heart and still evolving, with talk of the Band becoming a District Band, in line with the one time Borough of Thames now the centre of the much expanded Thames-Coromandel District.

Putting the Band's history in rather full detail above does indicate that many people down the years put a "full measure of devotion" into sometimes dull and routine tasks, which were nevertheless essential to keep an organisation in active being over a very long term of just over 120 years.