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**MORTLAKE,
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APRIL 18, 1948.**

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Bandmaster: S. Leaney.

Drum Major: H. Clayton.

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MORTLAKE CITIZENS' BAND

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THE proposal to re-form the Mortlake Citizens' Band was first made at a meeting of the Mortlake Progress Association in May 1945, when the secretary was instructed to ascertain what instruments of the old band were still available, and to enquire generally as to the prospects of establishing a Band.

The result was disappointing. Only four instruments were in playing order, new instruments were not available except at prohibitive prices, and there seemed no prospect of securing a bandmaster.

It was not until June 1946 that the way was made clear. The Warrnambool Band Committee having decided to purchase a number of new instruments offered to make the old instruments available at a very reasonable price, and their bandmaster, Mr Jack Mee, very generously offered his services as bandmaster until such time as Mortlake could secure a resident Conductor.

A provisional committee formed by the Progress Association, with Cr J. Cameron as chairman and Mr Geo. Edwards as secretary decided to recommend the acceptance of both offers, and at a public meeting held in July the Mortlake Citizens' Band was officially formed. Mr H. Sheppard was elected President.

In order to demonstrate the value of a band to the Citizens of Mortlake and to launch the appeal for funds the Warrnambool City Band gave a concert in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall. The appeal was responded to with enthusiasm and late in July the young bandmen had their first practice.

During the first twelve months the band piled up a debt of gratitude to Mr Mee and members of the Warrnambool City Band that can never be repaid.

In order to inspire confidence in the bandmen, who almost without exception had never touched a musical instrument before, and to keep faith with the public who had so generously subscribed the funds to purchase the instruments, Mr Mee decided to make it his aim to perform in public at the earliest possible date. With this end in view he brought a car load of selected members of the Warrnambool Band to each practice. It was to their example as much as his own inspiring leadership that the Band owed its early success.

Within a few weeks the boys, strengthened by half a dozen players from Warrnambool, astonished and delighted the public by performing at a public concert; a few more weeks brought their first Sunday afternoon recital at the Gardens; and their appearance at district race meetings and other public functions evoked praise from all quarters, and what was even more important a steady stream of subscriptions to the equipment fund

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A strong Ladies' Auxiliary, under the leadership of Mesdames Hutchings (president) and Wilson (secretary) has worked unremittingly to swell the funds, and it is chiefly due to their enthusiasm that it was possible last year to provide music stands, several additional instruments, and, finally, the attractive uniforms that the boys now so proudly wear.

The second period in the history of the band began last November when, through the assistance of Mr Mee, Mr Syd. Leaney was engaged as resident bandmaster.

Mortlake has every reason to congratulate itself on securing a man of Mr Leaney's character and ability. He has had a brilliant career as a bandsman and solo cornet player. He first served with the Shepparton Band and before the war was a member of the famous Malvern Tramways Band, conducted by Mr Harry Shugg. During the war he acted as bandmaster to the 2/24th Battalion A.I.F. Band, which earned high commendation in the Middle East and New Guinea.

Last year he won the ^{Soprano} cornet Championship of Victoria and also annexed the ex-servicemen's championship.

Mr Leaney's aim is to weld the Band into a first class musical instrument. His enthusiasm and will to work are unbounded and the young bandsmen already realise that under him they will receive a musical education and inspiration that will be a very valuable asset wherever their future career may lead them.

To-day, through the splendid generosity of the Bands of the Western District, the Mortlake Citizens' Band achieves a great milestone in its career. At this Combined Bands Festival it will be ceremoniously received into that great fellowship of bandsmen, the Western District Bands Group.

It is in a spirit of gratitude to all who have assisted in its formation and progress, to the members of the Committee, the Ladies' Auxiliary, to its first Bandmaster, Mr Jaek Mee, and the members of the Warrnambool City Band who gave it its first inspiration, to the Bands of the Western District Bands Group who have deemed it worthy to be received as one of them, and, finally to the public of the Mortlake District who have been so generous in their support, that this Souvenir Booklet is issued.

It is fitting that on this proud occasion the Band pledges itself to repay, in public service, the debt it owes for the great support it has received, and to merit a continuation of that support.

I arranged the Programme myself

— PROGRAMME —

- 12 noon—Lunch will be served in the Soldiers' Memorial Hall.
- 1 p.m.—Meeting of Bandmasters and Drum-majors (Hall Committee Room).
- 1.30 p.m.—Street march to Reserve in the following order: Mortlake, Port Fairy, Hamilton, Warrnambool, Terang, Camperdown and Colac. Judging to commence at starting point (State School).
- 2.15 p.m.—On arrival at Reserve, Bands will fall into line and march across Reserve to platform playing Colonel Bogey.
- 2.30 p.m.—Welcome to visiting Bandsmen by Shire President (Cr. James Cameron). Reply by Group President (Mr J. Murnane).
- 2.45 p.m.—Massed Bands: (A) Hymn, Nearer My God to Thee; (B) March, Waiora. During the playing of Waiora, the Colac Band will take their positions for Quickstep.
- 3 p.m.—Quickstep by Colac Band. Drum-major H. McGregor. During which Terang Band will take their position on No. 1 stand.
- 3.10 p.m.—Selection by Terang Band under Bandmaster M. Murnane. During which Hamilton Band will take their position for Exhibition Slow March.
- 3.20 p.m.—Exhibition Slow March by Hamilton Band. Drum-major D. Landers. During which Port Fairy Band will take their position on No. 2 stand.

- 3.30 p.m.—Selection by Port Fairy Band under Bandmaster T. Fitzsimmons. During which Mortlake Band will take their position on No. 1 stand.
- 3.40 p.m.—Selection by Mortlake Band under Bandmaster S. Leaney. During which Warrnambool Band will take their position for Quickstep.
- 3.50 p.m.—Quickstep by Warrnambool Band. Drum-major A. Knights. During which Camperdown Band will take their position on No. 2 stand.
- 4 p.m.—Selection by Camperdown Band under Bandmaster T. Turner. During which Hamilton Band will take their position on No. 1 stand.
- 4.10 p.m.—Selection by Hamilton Band under Bandmaster E. Luxford. During which Colac Band will take their position on No. 2 stand.
- 4.20 p.m.—Selection by Colac Band under Bandmaster H. Bartlett. During which Warrnambool Band will take their position on No. 1 stand.
- 4.30 p.m.—Selection by Warrnambool Band under Bandmaster J. Mee.
- 4.45 p.m.—Massed Bands: (A) Hymn, Abide With Me; (B) March, On the Quarterdeck.

Judges will announce the winner of Cup.

The National Anthem.

- 5 p.m.—Massed Bands March to Starting Point. March: Invercargill.
- 5.15 p.m.—Tea at Soldiers' Memorial Hall.

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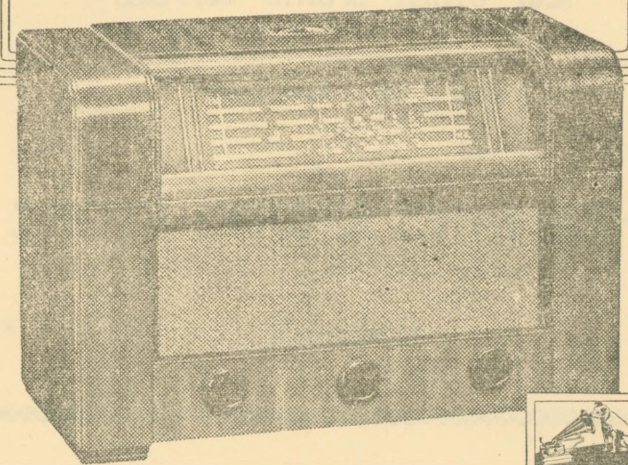
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