



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - February 2013

### February Meeting

on Monday 25th at 7.30pm

at Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The night will be a general Pipers' Night  
so bring along your pipes and have a tune

A Happy New Year to all our readers.

Your committee has been planning the program for this year and we will be retaining our "major" contests but we are also going to feature invited pipers on most other nights. Not all the pipers to play are finalised yet but watch the newsletter and website for notifications as final arrangements are made.

The outline of the program is on page 2 of the newsletter.

On the "featured pipers" nights, there is still an open invitation for anyone to come along and have a tune and we are asking you to tell us at the door that you intend to play. This will enable us to plan the structure of the night a bit better than we have in the past. This notification will also apply to those who wish to play at a Pipers' Night or after the contest is completed on a competition night.

Some changes in adjudication will also be tried during the year.

Looking forward to a good attendance at our first meeting - it may be a good chance to try out your solo tunes for Maclean or to play your new band sets in a contest environment.

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*Alex McConnell*  
Secretary

## 2013 SOCIETY CALENDAR

### MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 25 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS' NIGHT	JULY 22 <sup>ND</sup>	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL (2/4 FOR JUNIORS)
MARCH 25 <sup>TH</sup>	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED	AUGUST 26 <sup>TH</sup>	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED
APRIL 22 <sup>ND</sup>	PIPERS FROM WYNNUM RSL	SEPTEMBER 23 <sup>RD</sup>	(ANNUAL MEETING & AIR/JIG CONTEST)
MAY 27 <sup>TH</sup>	PATRON'S TROPHY (MSR FOR SENIORS)	OCTOBER 28 <sup>TH</sup>	FEATURED PIPERS TO BE ADVISED
JUNE 24 <sup>TH</sup>	PIPERS FROM QLD HIGHLANDERS	NOVEMBER 25 <sup>TH</sup>	JACK McCANDLISH TROPHY (6/8s)

After each competition, the floor is open for all. Please advise as you arrive that you intend to play so we can schedule performances.

The aim is to start meetings at 7.30pm (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start) to allow an early finish/more piping/more social time at the end of the meeting. Junior competitions are to start promptly and finish by 8.30pm.

### PIOBAIREACHD GROUP

3 <sup>rd</sup> February	5 <sup>th</sup> May	4 <sup>th</sup> August	3 <sup>rd</sup> November (Recital)
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	2 <sup>nd</sup> June	8 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> December
7 <sup>h</sup> April	7 <sup>h</sup> July	6 <sup>th</sup> October	

## NOVEMBER MEETING

Our final meeting of 2012 featured, as usual, the Jack McCandlish Trophy for 6/8 Marches.

There was an excellent attendance of about 50, including 18 competitors, 10 in the Junior event and 8 in the Senior event.

President Donald Galloway opened the meeting and introduced our judge for the evening Ross Campbell, who had won the contest the previous year.

The players, in order, were as below. Unfortunately we seem to have mislaid the names of their tunes but we're still looking and will publish them next month if we find them.

#### Junior

Chloe Whyte  
Jordan Simmers  
Mitchell Durham  
Rylie Douglas  
Nick Johns  
Tamar Stanfield-Roche  
Alex Fessey  
Raliegh Kent  
Kristian Stanfield-Roche  
Peter Hurwood

#### Senior

Lachlan McPhee

Malcolm McKellar  
Thomas Fox  
Andy Richards  
Lloyd-George Worth  
Malcolm Cox  
Tom McGirr  
Nick Tomkins

After deliberation by Ross Campbell, Margaret Paterson was called upon to present the prizes. The results were:

#### Senior

1st Tom McGirr  
2nd Andy Richards  
3rd Lloyd-George Worth

#### Junior

1st Rylie Douglas  
2nd Raliegh Kent  
3rd Mitchell Durham

In addition, she presented our inaugural "Piper of the Year" awards, based on points gained for both participation (playing in contests and otherwise) and contest results for the year. The winners were:

Senior: Tom McGirr

Junior: Lloyd-George Worth.

Lloyd George had "graduated" to senior

during the year but his efforts at the junior level were sufficient to earn him the prize overall.

The awards were money prizes kindly sponsored by Margaret Paterson.

After a very full night of piping, all that remained was to draw the raffle which was won by Sue Worth, and move to our usual sumptuous Christmas supper.



Our Winners: Mitchell Durham, Rylie Douglas, Raleigh Kent, Tom McGirr, Lloyd-George Worth and Andy Richards

## Piobaireachd Group

The first meeting of the group for 2013 was held on Sunday 3rd February with all in attendance eager to start the new year with obvious enthusiasm

.After a warm welcome and recording apologies from Andrew Galloway; Tam McGirr and Andrew McCabe; Ross Campbell opened the proceedings playing *The Bicker*

Next to play was Peter Hurwood whose tune was *The Lament for Captain MacDougall* followed by Gary Forno who played *MacIntosh's Banner*

As indicated at our last meeting Ross and all in attendance came prepared for some revision of Piobaireachd exercises, an addition to the programme and were guided by Ross through several on Deger pipes and practice chanters. The exercises were well received and will be continued periodically through the year.

Following a late morning Tea Andy Richards played *The Cave of Gold* and the morning's session was concluded with Ross playing *Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy*.

Next Meeting – Sunday 3rd. March

# What's on.....

<b>F E B</b>	<b>25 First Society Meeting of 2013 - Pipers' Night</b>
<b>M A R</b>	<p>2-3 NZ Ppe Band Championships</p> <p><b>3 Society Piobaireachd Group</b></p> <p>24 BBC Band Contest - Toowong at 1pm - Contact Steve Stanley 0400 953 126 sstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au</p> <p><b>25 Society Meeting</b></p> <p>29-30 Maclean Highland Gathering - <a href="http://www.macleanhIGHLANDgathering.com.au">www.macleanhIGHLANDgathering.com.au</a> - Entries close 28 February</p>
<b>A P R</b>	<p><b>7 Society Piobaireachd Group</b></p> <p>13 NSW Pipers Society Silver Chalice Piobaireachd and Ron Clemenet OAM MSR Competition. Enquiries to <a href="mailto:qhps@qhps.org">qhps@qhps.org</a> or <a href="mailto:adamwishartt@live.com.au">adamwishartt@live.com.au</a>. Details also available at our meeting.</p> <p>14 Ringwood (Vic) Highland Gathering <a href="http://www.pipebandsvic.com">www.pipebandsvic.com</a></p> <p><b>22 Society Meeting - Featured Pipers from Wynnum RSL Band</b></p> <p>26-28 South West Coast Piper Drummer Workshops, Warrnambool (Vic) <a href="http://www.wadpadi.org.au">www.wadpadi.org.au</a></p>
<b>M A Y</b>	<p>2-5 Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes</p> <p><b>5 Society Piobaireachd Group</b></p> <p>5 RU Brown Piobaireachd Society Gold Medal, Adelaide <a href="http://www.rubrown.org.au">www.rubrown.org.au</a></p> <p>18 Sunshine Coast Band Contest - Yandina</p> <p>25 British Pipe Band Championships - Bathgate</p> <p><b>27 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy</b></p>
	<p>Jun 8 Qld Pipe Band and Solo Championships - Limestone Park, Ipswich <a href="http://www.pipebandsqld.org">www.pipebandsqld.org</a></p> <p>Jun 29 European Pipe Band Championships - Forres</p> <p>Jul 21 Clans Congress band Contest - Logan</p> <p>Jul 27 Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton</p> <p>Aug 17-18 Worlds Pipe Band Championships - Glasgow</p> <p>Aug 21-22 Argyllshire Highland Games - Oban</p> <p>Aug 31 Cowal Pipe Band Championships - Dunoon</p> <p>Sep 5-6 Northern Meeting, Inverness</p>

**Following on the successful Scotland Homecoming year in 2009, there is to be another one in 2014 - worth remembering if you're planning a trip in the next few years.**

**VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE, INCLUDING WEB LINKS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**

For more details about above events where a contact isn't mentioned, ring or email the Secretary (07 3397 4512 or [qhps@qhps.org](mailto:qhps@qhps.org)) and we'll see what we can dig up for you. If we don't know about your event (social, musical, or whatever) we can't publicise it. So tell us and get free publicity

**OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES**

**The Smallpipers Group** - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details -  
mrmclaren@bigpond.com

**The NSW Pipers' Society** usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or adamwishart@live.com.au

**Victorian Pipers Association:** <http://www.vicpipers.org/>

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia:** [www.rubrown.org.au](http://www.rubrown.org.au)

**RADIO PROGRAMS**

**College of Piping Radio:** You can tune in on the Internet on [www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm](http://www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm)

**4EB - FM 98.1** – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm

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4. Click on the button on the website ([www.qhps.org](http://www.qhps.org)) to pay by Paypal or Credit Card



# CONTEST RESULTS

## Palmerston North Square Day Championship - 8 December

### Grade 1

#### Overall

Canterbury Caledonian

#### MSR

1st Canterbury Caledonian

2nd Manawatu Scottish

3rd Auckland & District

4th New Zealand Police

Judges: Iain Blakeley, Phil Mair (piping); Brendon Eade (ensemble), Glenn Rodgers (drumming)

#### Medley

1st Canterbury Caledonian

2nd Auckland & District

3rd Manawatu Scottish

4th New Zealand Police

Judges: Brian Switalla, Alastair Hanning (piping); Harold Gillespie (ensemble); Scott Birrell (drumming)

### Grade 2

Manawatu Scottish #2 (uncontested)

### Grade 3

#### MSR

1st Canterbury Caledonian RS

2nd Whangarei County PB

3rd City of Auckland

Judges: Iain Blakeley, Phil Mair (piping); Brendon Eade (ensemble), Glenn Rodgers (drumming)

### Grade 3

#### Medley

1st City of Hastings

2nd Canterbury Caledonian RS

3rd Whangarei County

Judges: Brian Switalla, Alastair Hanning (piping); Harold Gillespie (ensemble); Scott Birrell (drumming)

## Waipu Highland Games – 1 January

### Professional Solo Piping

#### Overall

1st Martin Frewen

2nd Stuart Easton

3rd William Rowe

4th Jamie Hawke

#### Piobaireachd

1st William Rowe

2nd Martin Frewen

3rd Stuart Easton

4th Jamie Hawke

#### MSR

1st Stuart Easton

2nd Martin Frewen

3rd Jamie Hawke

#### 2/4 March

1st William Rowe

2nd Martin Frewen

3rd Stuart Easton

4th Geoff Halberg

#### Strathspey & Reel

1st Martin Frewen

2nd Stuart Easton

3rd Malcolm Galloway

4th Liam Kernaghan

#### Hornpipe & Jig

1st Martin Frewen

2nd Stewart Easton

3rd Jamie Hawke

#### Helen McGregor Memorial Medley

1st Stuart Easton

2nd Jamie Hawke

3rd Liam Kernaghan

4th Scott Armstrong

Judges; Stuart Finlayson, John Hanning

## Irish Piobaireachd Society Indoor Competition - 25 January - Mitchelstown, Co. Cork

### Open Overall

Ashley McMichael

### Open Piobaireachd

1st Ashley McMichael

2nd Connor Sinclair

3rd Ronan Madden

4th Kenneth Stewart

5th Con Houlihan

### Former Winners

#### Piobaireachd

1st Margaret Dunn

2nd Andy Wilson

3rd Peter Donnan

#### MSR

1st Margaret Dunn

2nd Andy Wilson

3rd Alastair Dunn

Judge: Tom Speirs

### Turikina (NZ) Highland Games – 27 January

#### Open Overall

Iain Robertson

#### Open Piobaireachd

1st George Mason, *Lament for Donald Duaghal Mackay*

2nd Brendon Eade, *The Vaunting*

3rd Iain Robertson, *Lament for the Children*

Judge: Martin Frewen

#### Open March

1st Brendon Eade

2nd William Rowe

3rd Iain Robertson

Judge: Barry Brougham

#### Open Strathspey & Reel

1st Iain Robertson

2nd Stuart Easton

3rd William Rowe

Judge: Iain Hines

#### Open Hornpipe & Jig

1st Stuart Easton

2nd Stewart McKenzie

3rd Iain Robertson

Judge: Bain McGregor

### 'Wheel of Fortune' contest - Danderhall Community Hall, Edinburgh - 9 February

#### Selection

1st Stuart Liddell

2nd Callum Beaumont

3rd equal Gordon McCready and Brian Lamond

#### MSR

1st Gordon Walker

2nd Stuart Liddell

3rd Callum Beaumont

Judges: Barry Donaldson, Gordon Campbell and Robert Wallace.

Some of the sets chosen for the pipers are decided by a spin of a wheel and the audience get a vote in the outcome.

Organised by The City of Edinburgh Pipe Band

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## SNIPPETS

**APBA Summer School 2014** - It has been announced that the summer school on January 2014 will be held in Sydney - previous ones have been in Melbourne. This may make it more accessible for Queensland people, so keep a lookout for details when they come out and also for the Pipe Bands Queensland scholarship details.

**Tote Bags for Sale** - There are still bags left over from the 2010 Australian Pipe Band Championships at Caloundra. We will have some available for purchase at our meetings (\$2 each)

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### *The Piobaireachd Group* - December 2012 - late inclusion

The final meeting of the Piobaireachd Group for 2012 was held on Sunday 3rd December in the Rochedale State High School. The meeting commenced with some discussion regarding our programme for 2013 and the possibility of changing the format slightly to give some added incentive for pipers to come and participate more frequently

Apologies were forwarded from Andrew McCabe and Tam McGirr .

Ross Campbell then commenced the morning playing Corrienessan's Salute followed by Peter Hurwood playing The Company's Lament.

Gary Forno was the next to play his chosen tune being The Company's Lament also.

Morning tea then followed (with a slight Christmas feeling)

On resuming Bruce McLeod played Struan Robertson's Salute to be followed by Ian Yardley whose tune was The Lament for the Children.

The final tune for the day , and the year being The Battle of Waternish was played by Ross Campbell.