



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - November 2014

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### November Meeting

on Monday 24th at 7.30pm

at

**BULIMBA BOWLS CLUB, QUINN STREET BALMORAL**

**Admission \$5**

#### **Jack McCandlish Trophy 6/8 March Competition**

Junior: One 4-parted or two 2-parted tunes, Senior Two 4-parted tunes played consecutively. To be eligible for the Junior Contest, players must be graded C or D. All others will play in the senior division.

Prizes: Senior 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30, Junior 1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30

We will also have the presentation of our Piper of the Year awards (Junior & Senior) based on participation at Society meetings and results of our competitions.

#### **Don't forget to bring a plate for supper for our Christmas Party**

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Your new committee has been at work and has sketched out a program for next year's monthly meetings which you will find on Page 2 of this Newsletter. It is the Society's 50th anniversary year and we are hoping to make it a memorable one. Watch for further developments.

We're looking for input on some further decisions - go to Page 6 to see what we are thinking about

As we were about to go to press we received the sad news that Charlie McInnes of Grafton had passed away. His funeral is on Tuesday 18 November at Christ Church Cathedral in Grafton at 10am daylight saving time. Charlie has been an identity on the piping scene for as long as I can remember and we will publish a full appreciation in a later newsletter. Our condolences to his family, especially his son Alistair and granddaughter Caitin, both pipers well known to members of the Society.

Alex McConnell

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## Proposed 2015 Meeting Program

February: Quartet Competition – Invite teams from several bands as well as open entry – MSR and Medley less than 7 minutes.

March: Hornpipe and Jig Contest

April: Featured Pipers from a Band

May: Patron's Trophy – all Open and Intermediate pipers in Qld and Northern NSW to be invited

June: Reunion to celebrate 50 years of the Society – Founder members to be invited and an overseas piper will be invited to perform

July: Jimmy Durham Memorial – all eligible pipers in our region to be invited

August: Pairs of Pipers Contest

September: Recital with Scottish pipers in town for BBC workshop

October: Appleton-Seymour contest – 10 pipers to be invited

November: Jack McCandlish Trophy – 6/8s

## Piobaireachd Group

First Sunday of the month February to December (except for September which will be the second Sunday).

# OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting once again featured the Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial contest. About thirty were in attendance but unfortunately only four competitors (We had expected five).

President Donald Galloway introduced Ross Campbell as our judge for the evening and the contest began. The test piece is a hornpipe *Julie's Hornpipe* written by Donald Sargent (NZ) plus at least six parts of jig time at the competitor's choice. The trophies and substantial prize money are donated by Byron Seymour and we thank him once again for allowing us to host the contest this year.

The competitors and their jigs were as follows

Craig Gerbich - *Paddy's Leather Breeches* and *Allan MacPherson of Mossspark*

Nick Tomkins - *The Old Wife of the Mill Dust*

Jim Allan - *The Old Wife of the Mill Dust*

Lachlan McPhee - *The Cameronian Rant*

While the judge considered his verdict, Jim Allan gave us a set of 6/8 marches: *MacLeod of Mull*, *Alexander MacKenzie Clark* and *Bruce Gandy's farewell to the Iron Horse*.

The prizes were then presented with the assistance of Allan Morrice representing Byron Seymour. Byron had

unfortunately had to leave earlier due to a family emergency. They were

1st Lachlan McPhee

2nd Nick Tomkins

3rd Craig Gerbich

Nick Tomkins next gave us a selection of tunes including *Hills of Argyle*, *Dawning of the Day*, *Days of the Lough*, *Tending the Steer*, *James McLellan's Favourite*, *The Famous Barbarian*, *The B52*, *Ramnie Ceilidh*, *Sleepy Maggie* and *Lexie McAskill*

Lachlan McPhee then introduced Ben Morris, a piper from the BBC Pipe Band who played for us a selection including *Colin's Cattle*, *Braes of Breckeleet*, *Piper's Bonnet*, *The Rejected Suitor*, *Kenny Gillies*, *Unknown Reel*, *Kelsey's Wee Reel*, *Desert Storm* and *Ramnie Ceilidh*.

The night's piping was concluded with Lachlan playing *The Gravel Walk*.

Jim Johnstone drew the raffle and it was won by Allan Morrice.

Donald wound up the meeting with reminders about the Jack McCandlish Memorial contest and Christmas Party at the November meeting and also the Piobaireachd Group Recital Day the coming Sunday.

As usual, supper followed.



Allan Morrice, Lachlan McPhee,  
Nick Tomkins, Craig Gerbich

## QHPS Piobaireachd Group

The Piobaireachd Recital on Sunday 2 November was again an excellent display of the Great Music of the Highland Bagpipe, with a total of sixteen tunes heard.

We started at 9.45am and people came and went during the day, with a peak of around 20 in attendance. We had Brett Tidswell from Adelaide, the Principal of Piping for Pipe Bands Australia in attendance, his trip to Brisbane having been sponsored by the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland) Ltd.

Ross Campbell had prepared brief notes on the tunes which he and Maurie DeHayr read as we progressed through the day. The players and tunes on the day were as follows, after a few adjustments had to be made for people unable to attend:

- Bruce McLeod - *Struan Robertson's Salute*
- Andrew McCabe - *McIntosh's Lament*
- Ross Campbell - *The Battle of Waternish*
- Maurie DeHayr - *The Old Men of the Shells #1*
- Brett Tidswell - *Lament for the Viscount of Dundee*
- Abby Dalziel - *The McIntosh's Banner*
- Peter Hurwood - *Lament for Donald of Laggan*
- Sandy Dalziel - *Lament for Mary MacLeod*
- Ross Campbell - *Lament for Ronald MacDonald of Morar*
- Peter Murray - *Corrienessan's Salute*
- Brett Tidswell - *The Park Piobaireachd #2*

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Tam McGirr  
Ross Campbell  
Peter Hurwood  
Andrew McCabe  
Bruce McLeod  
Brian Wilson  
Sandy Dalziel  
Brett Tidswell  
Abby Dalziel  
Peter Murray  
Maurie DeHayr

Tam McGirr - *Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy*  
Sandy Dalziel - *The Massacre of Glencoe*  
Brian Wilson - *Lament for Alasdair Dearg MacDonnell of Glengarry*  
Tam McGirr - *The Unjust Incarceration*  
Ross Campbell - *The Pride of Barra (MacArthur/MacGregor)*

The tunes were interspersed with morning and afternoon tea and lunch and much conversation and we finished at about 4pm. All in all, a most congenial day with lots of great music.

Our final meeting for the year is on Sunday 7 December at 10am. Due to another booking, we will be in the Library Building, which is behind the Performing Arts Block as you look from the car park.

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#### **RADIO PROGRAMS**

**College of Piping Radio:** You can tune in on the Internet on <http://www.collegeofpiping.org/media/cop-radio/>

**4EB - FM 98.1** – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm. Listen any time on demand by going to <http://www.4eb.org.au/ondemand> and choose the Scottish Program  
Scottish Program on Global Digital Radio (4EB) each Sunday from 2pm to 3pm.

**Radio 99.7 FM (Redcliffe)** – Sundays 12noon to 3pm

**Burnett River Radio (91.5 FM)** - Thursdays 7pm to 9.30pm and every second Saturday from 9am to noon for the Sounds of Ireland (and Scotland),

**Triple T 103.9** Townsville Community Radio's Scottish Program each Sunday from 3pm to 5pm

#### **OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES**

**The Smallpipers Group** - 1st Tuesday of the month at Milton. Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details - [mrmclaren@bigpond.com](mailto:mrmclaren@bigpond.com) or 3820 2902

**The NSW Pipers' Society** usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Unit 2/10 Hampstead Road, Homebush West, 2140. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or [adamwishart@live.com.au](mailto:adamwishart@live.com.au)

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

**Canberra Pipers Society** - contact Sean Hodgman 02 6282 2795

**West Australian Piper's Society** - contact 08 9448 7446

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia:** [www.rubrown.org.au](http://www.rubrown.org.au) or Craig Masson  
08 8261 1119

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# What's on.....

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**24 Society Meeting - Jack McCandlish Memorial Contest** and Christmas Party  
(don't forget your plate of food!)

29 Redcliffe Scottish Pipe Band St Andrew's Day Ceilidh - Bramble Bay Bowls Club.  
Contact [redcliffescottish@hotmail.com](mailto:redcliffescottish@hotmail.com)

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## Dec 7 **Society Piobaireachd Group**

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**2** Jan 4-9 Pipe Bands Australia 2015 Summer School - full details are here:  
**0** [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org)

**1** Jan 24 Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Burns Supper, cnr Lion and Moffat Sts, Ipswich. \$35  
**5** (save \$5 if you pay before 31/12). Bookings essential 0414 776 361 or  
[secretary@ipswichthistle.com](mailto:secretary@ipswichthistle.com)

Jan 24 Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Burns Supper and Dance - Gaythorne RSL.  
\$35 Pre-paid bookings essential - 07 3369 2232

Feb 1 **First Society Piobaireachd Group Meeting for 2015**

Feb 23 **First Society Meeting for 2015**

***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

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## **PBA Queensland Bands and Solos Contest Schedule for 2015**

The current scheduled contests are:

29 March - BBC - Bands and Solos

16 May - Yandina - Bands and Mini-Bands

6 June - Ipswich - Bands and Solos - Qld Championships

19 July - Logan - Bands

Watch [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) for updates

and of course don't forget the Maclean Highland Gathering on 3-4 April -

watch [www.macleanhIGHLANDGATHERING.COM.AU](http://www.macleanhIGHLANDGATHERING.COM.AU) for details as they become available.

## **We need your input**

If you have some views on the points below, please email them to [qhps@qhps.org](mailto:qhps@qhps.org), post to PO Box 1252 COORPAROO DC QLD 4151 or ring up the Secretary on 07 3397 4512. The more input we get the better the decisions will be

### **What time of the Week would be best for Society Meetings?**

It's been suggested that Monday night may not be ideal for our meetings as people have just started their work or school week and it is rather disruptive. Friday night is probably out because it is often taken by other commitments. Is another time more suitable, please tell us.

### **What's in a Name?**

In our 50th year it's been suggested that we should look at the name of the Society to see if it is still as attractive to people who might be thinking of joining. The meaning of words changes over time and perhaps we need to look at words that describe the atmosphere we are trying to create at our meetings and events. Perhaps the existing name is fine. Tell us if you think that is the case as well - otherwise we'll only have changes to look at.

## **INVITATION to COMPOSE BAGPIPE TUNE in commemoration of CENTENARY OF ANZAC**

Pipe Bands Australia and the Royal New Zealand Pipe Band Association are promoting a competition amongst the pipers of our countries to compose a bagpipe tune to commemorate the centenary of ANZAC in 2015.

The Associations have jointly offered prize money for the competition and Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has enthusiastically offered support in providing exposure for the winning entry.

### **Criteria**

The tune may be an Air/Lament or Slow March at the discretion of the composer and be appropriate in both musicality and title to the intent of the occasion.

The composition must be original, specifically for this competition and must not have been previously published.

Preference will be given to a tune which lends itself to being fully orchestrated.

### **Prize Money**

There will be one prize of \$NZ 2000.00

**If you would like to enter please contact the QHPS Secretary and we will send you the full application form**

# CONTEST RESULTS

## Glenfiddich Championship - Blair Atholl – 25

### October

#### Overall

Stuart Liddell

#### Piobaireachd

1st Roddy MacLeod, *Isabel MacKay*  
2nd Bruce Gandy, Dartmouth, *The Big Spree*  
3rd Stuart Liddell, *Lament for Colin Roy MacKenzie*  
4th Willie McCallum, *The Rout of the Lowland Captain*  
5th Angus MacColl, *The Bells of Perth*  
Judges: Colin MacLellan, William Wotherspoon, Andrew Wright

#### MSR

1st Niall Stewart, *Mrs. Duncan MacFadyen, Hector MacLean, Kildonan*  
2nd Stuart Liddell, *Mrs. John MacColl, Catlodge, John Morrison of Assynt House*  
3rd Willie McCallum, *Inveran, Ewe wi' the Crookit Horn, The Man from Glengarry*  
4th Bruce Gandy, *The Crags of Stirling, The Islay Ball, Brown-Haired Maid*  
5th Douglas Murray, *MacLean of Pennycross, Highland Harry, Johnny MacDonald's*  
Judges: Malcolm McRae, Ronnie McShannon, John Wilson  
Other competitors: Jack Lee, Gordon McCready, Iain Speirs

#### Balvenie Medal for services to piping

Jackie Roberts  
for organizing the annual Piping Society of London competition over the last 10 years

## Silver Chanter solo piping competitions -

### Christchurch NZ – 25-26 October

#### Silver Chanter MSR

1st Alasdair MacKenzie  
2nd Angus Hawke  
3rd Willie Rowe  
4th Mike Redmond  
Judges: Iain Blakely, Euan MacCrimmon, Brian Switalla

#### Former Winners Clasp MSR

1st Alasdair MacKenzie  
2nd Jamie Hawke  
3rd Greg Wilson  
Judges: Nigel Foster, Euan MacCrimmon, Phil Mair

#### A-Grade

Piobaireachd

1st Greg Wilson  
2nd Stuart Easton  
3rd Liam Kernaghan  
4th Marion Horsburgh

#### March

1st Greg Wilson  
2nd Stuart Easton  
3rd Liam Kernaghan  
4th Jamie Hawke

#### Strathspey & Reel

1st Greg Wilson  
2nd Liam Kernaghan  
3rd Stuart Easton  
4th Jamie Hawke

#### Hornpipe & Jig

1st Greg Wilson  
2nd Stuart Easton  
3rd Liam Kernaghan  
4th Jamie Hawke  
Judges: Iain Blakely, Nigel Foster, Philip Mair and Brian Switalla

## Scottish Pipers Society of London Competitions - 1 November

#### Champion Piper

Callum Beaumont

#### Overall A-Grade

Sarah Muir

#### Piobaireachd

#### Bratach Gorm (Premier Grade)

1st Jack Lee, *Lament for the Laird of Anapool*  
2nd Faye Henderson  
3rd Roddy MacLeod  
4th Glenn Brown  
5th Callum Beaumont  
Judges: Colin MacLellan, Bob Worrall, Bill Wotherspoon

#### Gilles Cup (Premier, A-Grade)

1st Bruce Gandy  
2nd Iain Speirs  
3rd Roddy MacLeod  
4th Cameron Drummond  
5th Callum Beaumont  
Judges: Ian Duncan, Malcolm McRae, Stuart Shedden

#### R.G. Lawrie Snuff Mull (A-Grade)

1st Innes Smith  
2nd Jamie Forrester  
3rd Bill Geddes  
4th Jenny Hazzard

5th Peter McCallister

Judges: Roddy Livingstone, Tom Speirs

### **Light Music**

#### **London Medallion MSR (Premier Grade)**

1st Callum Beaumont

2nd Willie McCallum

3rd James Murray

4th Iain Speirs

5th Bruce Gandy

Judges: Jimmy Banks, Iain MacLellan, John Wilson

#### **J.B. Robertson Rose Bowl 2/4 March (Premier Grade)**

1st Douglas Murray

2nd Andrew Hayes

3rd Chris Armstrong

4th Willie McCallum

5th Bruce Gandy

Judges: Barry Donaldson, Andrew Frater

#### **Strachan Cup MSR (A-Grade)**

1st Steven Gray

2nd Sarah Muir

3rd Graham Drummond

4th Andrew Lee Surrey

5th Jenny Hazzard

Judges: Jimmy Banks, Ian MacLellan, John Wilson

#### **Mary Flora Beaton Cup Hornpipe & Jig (Premier-Grade)**

1st Chris Armstrong

2nd Andrew Hayes

3rd Willie McCallum

Judges: Barry Donaldson, Andrew Frater

#### **Donald Forbes Medal Hornpipe & Jig (A-Grade)**

1st Sara Muir

2nd Stephen Gray

3rd Andrew Lee

Judges: Roddy Livingstone, Tom Speirs

### **NSW Pipe Band Championships - 2 November**

#### **Grade 2**

1st Pipe Band Club

#### **Grade 3**

1st LCC Southern Cross

2nd Scots College No 1

3rd Sydney Thistle

4th NSW Police

5th United Mineworkers

#### **Grade 4**

1st Knox Grammar School

2nd City of Blacktown

3rd Burwod RSL

4th Manly Warringah

5th Scots College No 2