



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society celebrates 50 years

When: Saturday 27 June at 7pm

Where: Brisbane Boys College Theatrette at Moggil Road Toowong

Enter at the bottom gate on Moggill Rd next to the cricket fields and follow the field around to the right to park near the stands. You will be guided to the venue.

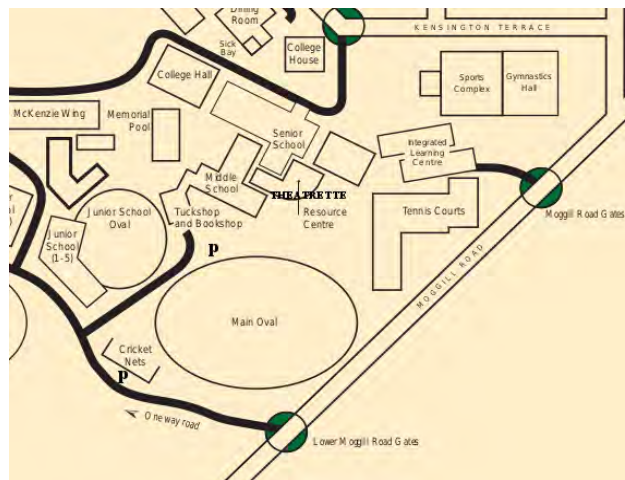
What: A recital with guest Craig Sked supported by Queensland pipers Andrew Roach and Chris Cloete, together with displays of memorabilia, the chance to meet some of the earliest members of the Society and, not least, refreshments on sale.

All are encouraged to wear tartan for this significant event

Admission \$10

Enquiries to Alex McConnell at qhps@qhps.org or 07 3397 4512

This takes the place of our normal June meeting



Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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June 2015

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50th Anniverary Celebration
Saturday 27th June, starting at 7.00pm
Theatrette, Brisbane Boys' College
Moggill Rd, Toowong

Admission \$10

Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Queensland Highland Pipers Society at the theatrette, hosted by Brisbane Boys' College. This will take place of our regular June meeting. There will be a recital by guest piper Craig Sked, supported by Queensland pipers Andrew Roach and Chris Cloete. There will be displays of memorabilia, the chance to meet some of the earliest members of the society and of course, refreshments. Bring your friends along to what will be an important event in our society's history, and don't forget to bring some tartan!



News

The annual subscription for members has been lowered from \$35 to \$30. Those who are yet to renew their membership can do so at the next meeting. If you are unaware of whether your membership is current or not, you can contact Alex directly at qhps@qhps.org.

People can pay their subscription via the website or by a direct debit. The account details are as follows:

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May Meeting

Our annual Patron's Trophy was this year held at the Wynnum RSL on a Saturday night with very good sponsorship from both the club and St. Kilda Retail. About 90 people, including the competitors, were in attendance in excellent surroundings with a bar adjacent.

Donald opened the evening with thanks to the Wynnum RSL and St. Kilda. He mentioned the test piece (MSR chosen from two submitted) and introduced the judges - Malcolm McRae, Andrew Roach and Matthew Rigby.

The first player was Alister Smith and his tunes were John MacDonald of Glencoe, Maggie Cameron and Lt Col D J S Murray.

Following in order of play were:

Tam McGirr - Pap of Glencoe, Caledonian Canal and Dolina MacKay

Yasu Hamilton - Argyllshire Gathering, Caledonian Society of London and Cockerel in the Creel

Jason Craig - Knightswood Ceilidh, PM Hector MacLean, Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran

Lachlan McPhee - Abercainey Highlanders, Lady Loudon, Major Manson

Chris McLeish - Jim McBay's Welcome, Susan MacLeod, Charlie's Welcome

Lea Ahokava - Braes of Badenoch, Susan MacLeod, Brown Haired Maid

Ross Campbell - Hugh Kennedy, Piper's Bonnet, Thompson's Dirk

Joe Joyce - John MacColl's March to Kilbowie Cottage, Dora MacLeod, John Morrison of Assynt House

Mark McKenzie - Mrs. John MacColl, Piper's Bonnet, Cabar Feidh

Andrew Taylor - Major Manson of Clachantrushal, Dora MacLeod, Alick C. MacGregor

Tom Campbell - Braes of Castle Grant, Sheperd's Crook, Mrs. MacPherson of Inveran

The results were:

1st Jason Graig

2nd Lea Ahokava

3rd Joe Joyce

Calendar

February 26

Quartet Contest

March 26

Hornpipe/Jig Contest

April 23

Recital - Stuart Easton

May 23

Patron's Trophy (Senior MSR)

June 20 (Saturday)

50th Anniversary

July 23

Jimmy Durham Memorial (Junior 2/4 March)

August 27

Pair of Pipers Contest

September 24

Recital with Scottish pipers

October 22

Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Contest

November 26

Jack McCandlish Trophy (6/8's)

Piobaireachd Group

February 1

March 1

April 12 **

May 3

June 13 **

July 5

August 2

September 13

October 4

November 1 (Recital or contest)

December 6

** To be confirmed

There was also a crowd favourite prize and it was won by Lea Ahokava.

Our thanks once again go to the generous sponsorship from Wynnum RSL and St. Kilda Retail. Video recordings were made of the contest and, depending on the quality, may be available to members.

QHPS Piobaireachd Group

Our June Piobaireachd Group meeting attracted eight keen souls with Ian Yardley as an apology.

Ross Campbell started off by playing Ewen of the Battles, a simple tune with only a Leumluath but quite a musically haunting piece. Unfortunately, he lost his place and decided to play Clan Chattan's Gathering instead. He described it as a typical gathering tune.

Andrew McCabe was the next piper and his tune was Black Donald's March. He read the story about the tune from Roy Gunn's book. He has just put in Selbie drone reeds in place of the Canning reeds he has been using so he had to spend a little time settling them down and they were still a little unsettled then he began the tune.

Dave Marriner was next with a very good pipe and Sir James MacDonald of the Isles Lament. His playing continues to improve in technique.

Next we looked at the set tune which was Battle of the Pass of Crieff. Ross had as usual distributed an annotated copy of the tune and a CD. Bruce Gandy plays it on the Piobaireachd Society website but Ross prefers the setting he distributed which is from R U Brown's teaching. We sang through the tune and discussed it, followed by morning tea.

After morning tea, Tam McGirr played the set tune for us. He was playing a set of Martin MacBeth pipes with Henderson Chanter and apologised in advance if he gets lost as the tune was fairly new to him. His pipes were favourably commented on.

Meg Drinan was next to play. This was the first time she had attended the group. Her tune was Lament for the Viscount of Dundee. A capable performance on a good pipe which drifted just a little in the middle of the tune but then seemed to improve again.

Maurie suggested we make the Piobaireachd Recital in December into a contest - he could work on a proposal to see if we can get some sponsorship towards this. There was some discussion and it was thought that the money might be better used to help with travel for pipers from the south. There was general support for a recital rather than a contest as it can be more inclusive. The matter is to be further discussed.

By now 1pm was approaching so we concluded for the day, having once again had quite a feast of music.

Coming Events:

- June **27 (Saturday) - QHPS 50th Anniversary Celebration** - recital with Craig Sked, Andrew Roach and Chris Cloete. 7pm at Brisbane Boys' College Theatrette. \$10 admission.
- July **5 - 10:00am - Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale State High School**
11 - Tartan Day, King George Square
19 - Scotland in the Park Band Contest – Greenbank Recreation Reserve
23 7:00pm - QHPS Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club

RADIO PROGRAMS

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 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

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

Canberra Pipers Society - contact Sean Hodgman 02 6282 2795

West Australian Piper's Society - contact Aiton Sheppard 08 9301 0926

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CONTEST RESULTS

Queensland Pipe Band Championships - 6 June 2015

Solos

A Piobaireachd

1st Ross Campbell
2nd Mark McKenzie
3rd Chris Cloete

A March, Strathspey and Reel

1st Charlie MacKenzie
2nd Mark McKenzie
3rd Ross Campbell

A Hornpipe and Jig

1st Chris Cloete
2nd Lea Ahokava
3rd Mark McKenzie

Champion A Grade Piper - Mark McKenzie

B Piobaireachd

1st Meg Drinan
2nd Abby Dalziel
3rd Dave Marriner

Veterans

1st Adam Johnston
2nd Bruce Fraser
3rd Tracey Morrison

Roddy MacSween Memorial

1st Katrina Stead
2nd Mitchell Durham
3rd Daryl Thompson

B March, Strathspey and Reel

1st Edward Scott
2nd Meg Drinan
3rd Bradley Scott
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B Hornpipe and Jig

1st Bradley Scott
2nd Edward Scott
3rd Meg Drinan

C March, Strathspey and Reel

1st Ben Morris
2nd Micah Munro
3rd Mitchell Durham

B Jig

1st James Senanayake
2nd Ben Morris
3rd Kristian Stanfield-Roche

D March Final

1st Jordan Simmers
2nd Abby Dalziel
3rd Tom Hulbert

D Air Final

1st Rebecca Capon
2nd Laurence Nicol
3rd Janet Watts

Learner Chanter

1st Daniel Shepherd
2nd Benjamin Cordell
3rd Rosalie Mauch

Bands

Grade 2

1st Pipe Band Club
2nd St. Andrews

Grade 4

1st Brisbane Boys' College
2nd Gold Coast Tweed
3rd Murrumba Pipes and Drums

CONTEST RESULTS

Juvenile

1st Brisbane Boys' College No. 1

2nd QLD Police Juvenile

3rd Scots PGC

<p>Tartan Day</p> <p>Saturday 11 July King George Square, Brisbane Contact : http://www.aussie-scots.org.au/</p> <p>Note this on the second Saturday in July this year, rather than the usual 1st Saturday</p>	<p>St Andrew's Pipe Band 70th Anniversary</p> <p>Saturday 18 July at 7.30pm Kedron Wavell Services Club Tickets \$50 from Nick Tomkins - tomkinsn@gmail.com</p>
<p>Scotland in the Park</p> <p>Sunday 19 July Greenbank Recreation Reserve Pipe Band Contest, Highland Dancing Displays, Clan Displays, Food, Entertainment</p> <p>Details at Coming Events at www.pipebandsqld.org</p>	<p>Annual Jimmy Durham Memorial Contest - 2/4 March for junior players (C&D Grade)</p> <p>at our July meeting on Thursday 23 July at 7pm at Bulimba Bowls Club</p> <p>Enquiries to qhps@qhps.org</p>
<p>Worlds Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow</p> <p>Friday 14 and Saturday 15 August Watch for details of video streaming</p>	<p>Scots PGC Warwick Mini-Band and Solo Contest</p> <p>Saturday 5 September Age-based solos, mini-bands, stalls etc Scottish social evening from 7pm</p> <p>Details at Coming Events at www.pipebandsqld.org</p>