

# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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Jimmy Durham Memorial 2/4 March Contest  
Thursday 23th June, starting at 7.00pm  
Bulimba Bowls Club, Quinn St, Balmoral

Admission \$10

The contest is for junior players and the test piece is a 2/4 March of 4 or more parts of the competitor's choice played once through.

The contest is only open to those who have not previously won the event.

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## 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.

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## June Meeting

Our 50 year celebration recital was held in the theatre at Brisbane Boys College, which proved most suitable for the event. Although the attendance was modest at around forty people, we were treated to an excellent night of piping. Patron Maurie DeHayr introduced the evening. We had received apologies from Sandy Campbell, Rob Roy MacGregor, Iain Bruce and Bob Payne. However we still had a number of people present who were involved in the earliest days of the Society including Peter Burrows, Alex McConnell and Donald Galloway.

Maurie thanked Brisbane Boys College for use of the venue and drew attention to the publications of the Society and memorabilia on display outside, including newsletters from every decade of the Society's existence and also some photographs.

Our first recitalist was Chris Cloete and while we waited for him Maurie told some stories of the Society's history. He mentioned our range of meeting places over the years, including the Police Citizens Youth Club at Lang Park, the Kindergarten Association, Souths Leagues Club, the Caledonian Club, Balmoral Bowls Club and now Bulimba Bowls Club.

Chris was playing a set of pipes made by his teacher, the noted South African piper Chris Terry. He played an interesting selection of tunes, some of his own composition. They included: 6/8's Carl Manson's welcome to Auckland (C Meinsmith), PM Stuart Finlayson's march to Mangapatere (C Meinsmith), Miss Margaret Gilchrist (C Cloete), PM John Alexander Fearn (C Cloete); Air By the river Arro; Strathspeys - Carraig Sruth (C Cloete), The Road to Inverness (C Cloete), Balmoral Castle; Reels - Cape Breton Fiddlers' Farewell to the Shetland Isles, Out of the Gate (C Cloete), The A.M. Escape (C Cloete)

Andrew Roach was next to play with the distinctive sounding set of Lawries that belonged to Ronnie Paterson. The sound of the drones was exactly as when Ronnie played them, indicating it wasn't just due to the reed setup. He played the 6/8's Braemar Gathering and John D Burgess; MSR - Young MacGregor, Inveraray Castle & Miss Proud; Slow March and Jigs - Wee Michael's March, Paddy's Leather Breeches and The Curlew; Hornpipes - The Mad Hornpipe and Touchin' Cloth.

## 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

While we waited for our guest from Canberra, Jason Craig, Maurie related some more reminiscences.

Jason played a varied selection of tunes. Including both this bracket and the bracket he played later in the evening, the tunes included: 6/8 - Lord MacPherson of Drumochter, 2/4s - John MacDonald's Welcome to South Uist, Glen Caladh Castle; MSR - Jimmy Young, Ewe wi' the Crookit Horn or Lady Loudon, Mrs MacPherson of Inveran; 4/4s - Gardens of Skye, Flett from Flotta; 6/8s - Leaving Port Askaig, The Ross Battery; Piobaireachd - MacLeod of Colbeck's Lament; Medley - The Festival March, Donald Willie and His Dog, Barbara's Jig, PM Hector MacLean, Bessie McIntyre, Kalabakan, Dr McPhail's Reel.

At this stage we had an Interval which was filled with animated conversation out in the foyer, lubricated by drinks on sale from the bar run by the BBC Pipe Band supporters group. Maurie with difficulty dragged people back from their conversation to hear the rest of the piping.

Chris Cloete played again. His tunes included the 3/4 McGregor of Rora, the Air Under the Apple Tree, Hornpipes - Rowd's Hornpipe, The Brandy Smuggler (C Cloete), Tommy Hunt / Rory Gallagher, Jigs Rory Gallagher, Highland Scotty Lowe, The Scarecrow's Dance (C Cloete), The Storming of Thurso (C Cloete).

Andrew Roach was next after Maurie had related some more stories about our long association with the Davies Park venue (Souths Leagues club).

This time Andrew was playing an 1868 set of MacDougals. The tunes included Hornpipes - Helen Black of Inveran, Rhonda Blair; MSR - Jim McWilliams, Bobs of Fettercairn, McAllister's Dirk; Hornpipe & Jigs - Caber Feidh, The Famous Baravan, Donald MacKillop; Strathspeys/Reels - Rose Amongst the Heather, The Strathspey King, Strathspey King reel time, Humours of Tully, Major David Manson; A Breton slow air; Clumsy Lover waltz time, then the original!

Finally Jason Craig played once more. His pipe was noticeably quieter than the other two performers but with great clarity and drones really "singing" especially in this second bracket. Refer to the list above for his tunes – he's not sure which ones he played in which bracket. Maurie got all the performers to return to the stage for applause.

President Donald Galloway thanked Maurie for his role in conducting the evening. Finally Roger McPhee and Stevie Stanley were invited on stage to be thanked for supplying the venue and the refreshments.

Overall a night which reflected the dedication to the music of the Great Highland Bagpipe for which the Society is justly well known.

## QHPS Piobaireachd Group

The Piobaireachd Group had another successful meeting on Sunday the 5th July. It was not very well attended, but we had some good tunes and some helpful discussions. The tunes were: 'The Big Spree', 'The MacFarlanes' Gathering', 'The Clan MacNab's Salute' and the Urlars of 'Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay' and 'Struan Robertson's Salute'.

Ross Campbell gave a presentation on 'The Battle of Waternish' and played the tune after morning tea. Everyone went home with comprehensive handouts to enable them to learn the tune at home at their leisure. Ross had recently returned from the VPA's solo piping competition at Camperdown in Victoria and reported that piobaireachd is attracting a lot of interest and participation in Victoria, with about eighteen entries! It would be nice to see that sort of interest being taken in Queensland.

If you need assistance in getting started into the playing of piobaireachd, we can help you. Our next meeting at Rochedale High School will be at 10am on Sunday the 2nd of August. If you are interested in availing yourself of Ross' prepared lessons on the specific embellishments required, come along and bring with you a USB memory stick.

## Coming Events:

### August

Sunday 2 10:00am - 1:00pm Society Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale State High School

Friday - Saturday 14-15 Worlds Pipe Band Championships – Glasgow Green

Wednesday – Thursday 26-27 Argyllshire Gathering Piping Championships – Oban, Scotland

Thursday 27 07:00pm - 10:00pm Society Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club – Pair of Pipers Contest

### September

Thursday-Friday 3- 4 Northern Meeting Piping Championships – Inverness, Scotland

Saturday 5 Scots PGC Mini Band and Solo Contest

Sunday 13 10:00am - 01:00pm Society Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale State High School

Thursday 24 07:00pm - 10:00pm Society Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club – Recital

### October

Sunday 4 10:00am - 01:00pm Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale State High School

Thursday 22 07:00pm - 10:00pm Society Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club - Julie Appleton-Seymour Contest –Note – Date and Location may change

Saturday 24 Glenfiddich Piping Championship – Blair Castle, Scotland

### November

Sunday 1 9:00am - 3:00pm Piobaireachd Group Recital at Rochedale State High School

Thursday 26 07:00pm - 10:00pm Society Meeting at Bulimba Bowls Club – Jack McCandlish Trophy Contest (6/8s)

More information on these events on the Calendars at [www.qhps.org](http://www.qhps.org) and [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) or by email to [qhps@qhps.org](mailto:qhps@qhps.org)

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Scottish Program on Global Digital Radio (4EB) each Sunday from 2pm to 3pm.

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## 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 Aiton Sheppard 08 9301 0926

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