

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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QUARTET COMPETITION

on Saturday 20th February at 7.00pm

BRISBANE BOYS COLLEGE THEATRE

Moggill Road, Toowong

Admission for non-members \$10, members \$5
Entry for competitors \$5 per person

Following the very successful Quartet Competition held as our first meeting last year, we are going one better this year and holding it at the BBC Theatre which we used last year for a recital. Enter by the gates from Moggill Road and you will be directed where to park and how to get to the theatre.

We have another great program for this year (see page 2 for an outline of it). Most of the events are on the 4th Monday of the month but a few are on Saturday nights like this one in February, so be sure to mark your diaries accordingly.

Society Communications

We are trying to change over as far as possible to electronic communication with members and supporters, so please send us an email address if you have one.

Our website has been hacked early this year so a new one is being built (still at www.qhps.org). This will give you access to our calendar, including all recent changes, forms to contact us, including individual committee members as well as our newsletter archive and other information about the Society.

We have also put our membership records onto a secure "cloud" platform on the internet and will soon be able to offer the ability for members to update their own personal details. Some of our emails will come from this system so don't be surprised if they come from "qhps.tidyhq.com" instead of "qhps.org" - it's not a scam!

As well as this, if you are on Facebook, please Like our page at [facebook.com/QldHPS](https://www.facebook.com/QldHPS)



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November Meeting

The last meeting of 2015 was, as usual, the occasion for the Jack McCandlish memorial 6/8 competition. Including a strong Warwick contingent, about 25 were in attendance and nearly half of them were there to compete.

Andrew Roach was unable to be there so Donald Galloway took charge for the evening. Apart from Andrew, we had apologies from Bruce McLeod and Rob MacGregor. Our judges for the evening were Tom McGirr and Hazel Osborne

The junior section had 3 competitors and was conducted first. The players and their tunes in order of appearance were:

Abby Dalziel - *Donald MacLean of Lewis*
 Jordan Simmers - *Kirkhill*
 Kristian Stanfield-Roche - *Fairview Cottage*

With only a short break we went on to hear the senior competitors. Again in order of appearance:
 Christopher McLeish - *Rab's Wedding and Mardick*
 Andrew Hall - *McNeill of Ugadale and Donald MacLean of Lewis*

Charlie Elliott - *Donald MacLean of Lewis and McNeill of Ugadale*

Nick Tomkins - *MacLeod of Mull and Duncan McGillivray, Chief Steward*

Lloyd-George Worth - *Fairview Cottage and Mrs Lily Christie*

Jim Allan - *Mrs Lily Christie and Bruce Gandy's Farewell to the Iron Horse*

Amos Fox - *Rab's Wedding and Mrs Lily Christie*

Maurie DeHayr - *El Alamein and Farewell to the Creeks*

Malcolm Cox -

While the judges deliberated Amos Fox played some tunes. The results were then announced:

Junior

- 1 Kristian Stanfield Roche
- 2 Abby Dalziel
- 3 Jordan Simmers

Calendar

February 20 (Sat)
 Quartet Contest
 BBC Theatre
 March 21 (Mon)
 Recital featuring Callum Beaumont
 April 18 (Mon)
 Pipers Night - Prize for audience favourite performance
 May 21 (Sat)
 Patron's Trophy (Senior MSR)
 Wynnum RSL
 June 25 (Sat)
 Recital
 Venue to be advised
 July 25 (Mon)
 Jimmy Durham Memorial (Junior 2/4 March)
 August 22 (Mon)
 Piobaireachd Night
 September 26 (Mon)
 Annual Meeting and Pair of Pipers Contest
 October 22 (Sat)
 Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Contest
 Emmanuel College Hall, U Qld
 November 28 (Mon)
 Jack McCandlish Trophy (6/8's)

Meetings at Bulimba Bowls Club except as specified.

Piobaireachd Group
 February 7
 March 6
 April 3
 May 8
 June 5 **
 July 3
 August 7
 September 11
 October 2
 November 6 (Recital)
 December 4

** To be confirmed

Senior

- 1 Jim Allan
- 2 Amos Fox
- 3 (equal) Andrew Hall and Christopher McLeish

Jack McCandlish's daughter, Sandra Supranowicz, who normally presents the trophies, was unable to attend but her husband Vik stepped into the breach and also shared a number of his personal memories of Jack.



The Winners: L-R - Kristian Stanfield-Roche, Abby Dalziel, Jordan Simmers, Andrew Hall, Chris McLeish, Amos Fox, Jim Allan



The Judges and Vik Supranowicz

QHPS Piobaireachd Group

The final meeting of the Piobaireachd Group for 2015 had 8 attendees. Apologies were received from Ross Campbell and Ian Yardley.

Our first player was Peter Hurwood with *Catherine's Lament*. A consistent performance on a good pipe.

Maurie DeHayr led a discussion about next year - he mentioned we may have to raise the door price to ensure we pay our way as the rent is going to increase. The precise figures will be worked out over the break. Also, there is a night of Piobaireachd planned in the "main" Society program for the year. Finally a couple of meetings may be moved from the first Sunday - May because of the RU Brown in Adelaide, June because of the Ipswich contest and the usual move of September to avoid Fathers' Day.

The next player was Meg Drinan with *The End of the Great Bridge* - Bob Nicol setting. A very nice performance on a good pipe despite a couple of little chokes.

Bruce McLeod then played *MacFarlane's Gathering*. His playing of Piobaireachd continues to improve and this was a very musical performance.

Kathy Herzig then played *Lament for Kinlochmoidart No 1*. She had a little trouble

with pipes at the start but after being set with some assistance from Meg and Maurie they held well. Chanter a little unbalanced. A good musical performance throughout. After our morning tea break David Marriner played *Caber Feidh Gu Brath* by Donald MacLeod. He helpfully supplied copies of the music for us to follow. His pipe and playing were going well

Maurie DeHayr the played *All the Old Men Paid Rent but Rory*. His pipe was going well despite a disclaimer in advance. He stopped a bit of way through the crunluath. Finally Maurie gave short talk on Ian MacKay's book (republished 1997).

Other Coming Events (see P2 for Society Program)

Saturday 19 March 2016 - Sunday 20 March 2016	Brisbane Boys College Solo and Band Contest sstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au
Friday 25 March 2016 - Saturday 26 March 2016	Maclean Highland Gathering 2016 mail@macleanhighlandgathering.com
Saturday 16 April	Redlands Sporting Club Band Contest - Wellington Point, secretary@pipebandsqld.org
Saturday 30 April 2016 - Sunday 01 May 2016	Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes www.australiancelticfestival.com
Saturday 14 May 2016	Sunshine Coast Band Contest - Yandina
Saturday 04 June 2016	Ipswich Gathering of the Clans Band and Solo Contest - Qld Championships secretary@ipswichthistle.com
Sunday 26 June 2016	Kirking of the Tartan - St Pauls Church Spring Hill
Sunday 10 July 2016	Scotland in the Park Band Contest - Greenbank, secretary@pipebandsqld.org
Saturday 16 July 2016	Tartan Day - King George Square
Saturday 03 September 2016	Scots PGC Mini Band and Solo Contest - Warwick
Sunday 01 October 2016 - Sunday 02 October 2016	Australian Pipe Band Championships - Knox Grammar School, Sydney

More information on these events on the Calendars at www.qhps.org and www.pipebandsqld.org or by email to qhps@qhps.org or ring us at 07 3397 4512

CONTEST RESULTS

London Championship, Kensington

Conference Centre - Oct 31

Bratach Gorm

1 R MacLeod, 'A Son's Salute to His Parents'

2 G Walker

3 C Beaumont

4 W McCallum

Judges: J Taylor, N Mulvie, W Wotherspoon. Six played.

William Gillies Piobaireachd

1 C Armstrong, Lord Lovat's Lament

2 R MacLeod, Isabel MacKay

3 C Drummond

4 W McCallum

5 J Forrester

Judges R Livingstone, J Wilson, A Wright

A Piobaireachd

1 C Drummond

2 A Henderson

3 D Midgley

4 I Smith

5 P McCalister

Judges: H Jamieson, R MacShannon

Former Winners MSR

1 C Beaumont

2 W McCallum

3 C Drummond

4 R MacLeod

5 G Brown

Judges: J Banks, W Cowan, R Worrall

JB Robertson March

1 A Henderson

2 G Walker

3 C Beaumont

4 C Drummond

5 C Armstrong

Strachan Memorial MSR

1 S Leask

2 J Hazzard

3 B McClamrock

4 R Miller

5 A McMichael

Judges: J Banks, W Cowan, R Worrall

Beaton Jig

1 C Beaumont

2 A Henderson

3 C Drummond

Judges: E Anderson, A Frater, I McLellan

Captain John Maclellan Memorial

Competition - Inchdrewer House,

Edinburgh - Nov 14

P/A Piobaireachd

1 Innes Smith, Nameless Hiharin Dro o Dro

2 Jonathan Greenlees, Old Men of the Shells

3 Cameron Drummond, MacDougall's Gathering

4 Jenny Hazzard, Lament for the Viscount of Dundee

5 Ed McIlwaine, MacLeod of MacLeod's Lament

Judges: T Speirs, R Wallace

P/A MSR

1 Cameron Drummond

2 Steven Leask

3 Jonathan Greenlees

4 Graham Drummond

5 Craig Sutherland

Judges: I McLellan, S Samson

Open H&J

1 Steven Gray

2 Cameron Drummond

3 Graham Drummond

4 Steven Leask

5 Sarah Muir

Judges: I McLellan, S Samson, T Speirs, R Wallace

Palmerston North, New Zealand Square Day - December 12

Grade 1-2 Overall

- 1st Canterbury Caledonian
- 2nd New Zealand Police
- 3rd Auckland & District
- 4th Manawatu Scottish
- 5th Northern Caledonian (Gr2)

Medley

- 1st Canterbury Caledonian
 - 2nd New Zealand Police
 - 3rd Manawatu Scottish
 - 4th Auckland & District
 - 5th Northern Caledonian (Gr2)
- Judges: Grant Shearer, Nigel Foster (piping); Scott Nicholson (ensemble); Wayne Hobbs (drumming)

MSR

- 1st Canterbury Caledonian
- 2nd Auckland & District
- 3rd New Zealand Police
- 4th Manawatu Scottish
- 5th Northern Caledonian

Grade 3 Overall (four competed)

- 1st Red Hackle
- 2nd Manawatu Scottish (Gr3)
- 3rd City of Hastings

Grade 4 Overall (nine competed)

- 1st Scottish Society of New Zealand
- 2nd City of Tauranga
- 3rd Scots College

Midwest Highland Arts Fund Winter Storm Competitions - Kansas City, Missouri - January 15

Professional Solo Piping

Piobaireachd

- Gold Medal
 - 1st James P. Troy
 - 2nd Glenn Brown
 - 3rd Alex Gandy
- Judges: Colin MacLellan, Roddy MacLeod

Silver Medal

- 1st Andrew Lewis
- 2nd John Lee
- 3rd Dan Lyden

- 4th James Dyson
 - 5th Teddy Krogh
- Judges: Callum Beaumont, Brian Donaldson

MSR

- 1st Alex Gandy
 - 2nd Andrew Hayes
 - 3rd Andrew Lee Port
- Judges: Fred Morrison, Terry Tully

National Piping Centre's Competition League for Amateur Pipers (CLASP) - Scots Guards Club, Haymarket, Edinburgh - January 16.

- Grade 1 Overall Winner - Gregor McCulloch
- Grade 2 Overall Winner - Gill Cairns
- Grade 3 Overall Winner - Andrew Richardson

Grade 1 - Piobaireachd

- 1 Stewart Gaudin
- 2 Gordon Hislop
- 3 Ian Graham

Grade 1 - 2/4 March

- 1 Gregor McCulloch
- 2 Ian Graham
- 3 Stewart Gaudin

Grade 1 - Strathspey and Reel

- 1 Gregor McCulloch
- 2 Ian Graham
- 3 Stewart Gaudin

Grade 1 - Jig

- 1 Gregor McCulloch
- 2 Gordon Hislop
- 3 Stewart Gaudin

NEWS

Brian Niven honoured with OAM in the Australia Day Honours

Brian was the pipe-sergeant of the 1998 World Championship-winning Victoria Police Pipe Band and his citation is "for service to the pipe band movement, and to the community." He has also been President of the Victorian Pipe Bands Association since 1993, was Vice-President, Piping, Pipe Bands Victoria from 2011 to 2013, and is one of the approved "international" adjudicators with the RSPBA.

Greater Springfield Pipe Band arrives

After a lot of planning and hard work behind the scenes, this new band based in the Springfield area is now "on the books". Pipe Major is Society member Tom Campbell. We look forward to seeing them on the contest field

Interested in the more "edgy" music being composed for the bagpipe?

A new venture to be found on the Internet at unreel.fm aims to produce "a monthly mixtape of innovative bagpipe music and commentary delivered to your inbox once a month. 100% free. Jason Briscoe, the web developer, graphic designer and piper with the Grade 1 ScottishPower Pipe Band, along with web developer Maël Sicard-Cras, a piper with ScottishPower, and graphic designer and Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia drummer Glen Meneghin have recognized a worldwide appetite for "progressive" style pipe music - material not typically heard in traditional piping and pipe band contests"

International Bagpipe Conference - National Piping Centre , Glasgow - February 26-28

This is sponsored by the International Bagpipe Organization, "a platform where bagpipe studies and music can be shared on an international level. Academic and non-academic studies of bagpipes have been carried out in many different parts of the world . The IBO, with the organization of a biannual International Bagpipe Conference, wishes to bring the study of bagpipes to the world."

Highland Bagpipes will be represented by Andy Clark, Jack Taylor, president of the Piobaireachd Society who will present a talk called "Piobaireachd. An Oral Tradition Preserved," and Simon McKerrell, head of music at Newcastle University who will present a session called "What Is the Value of Piping?" Other bagpipes being discussed include The Key Bagpipe from Southern Italy, The Maltese Zaqq and the Monoxyle Drones Musette.

Pipe Bands Australia has a new President

Following the retirement of Greg Gordon OAM after 19 years, Chris Earl from Victoria has been elected, Chris said "the aim of Pipe Bands Australia was to continue journey of evolution in the 21st century by direction agreed through collaboration with member branches and bands, putting in place stronger strategic partnerships with kindred Scottish organisations within Australia that advance opportunities for performance and signature events, and by continuing to grow international relationships that secure our ongoing standing in a world-wide movement." Chris is from Bendigo and President and Drum Major of Golden City Pipe Band and Vice-Principal of Dress and Drill in Victoria

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

RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia: www.rubrown.org.au or Craig Masson 08 8261 1119

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