

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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RECITAL BY CALLUM BEAUMONT

**Monday 21st March at 7.00pm
BULIMBA BOWLS CLUB
Quinn St, Balmoral QLD 4171**



Winner of the Gold Medals at Oban and Inverness plus two clasps at Inverness, along with many other solo honours (see more complete details page 6). Member of Shotts and Dykehead and Simon Fraser University when they won the World Championships.

Brought to Australia jointly by our Society and the Maclean Highland Gathering

Come along and hear one of the most outstanding young pipers of our times. A sample of his playing is here

<https://youtu.be/4nW35red2Ls>

Admission for non-members \$10, members \$5



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Society Website www.qhps.org

The website was hacked early this year and has now been mostly rebuilt. There is now a link to our membership system so new members can join up easily online and we will also be providing an easy way to pay subscriptions.

Our Newsletter Archive has also been rebuilt and you can see all newsletters from 2002 to 2014. A great research tool as it includes many contest results from around the world as well as the doings of the Society. Some earlier newsletters will be included progressively

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February Meeting

2016 was kicked off, as last year, with a Quartet competition from invited bands. This year we had the use of the Brisbane Boys College Pipe Band band room which proved to be very suitable. Despite concerns that the acoustics of a low ceilinged concrete basement might not be conducive, it actually turned out very well, with the pipe band supporters group running a bar in one corner, the quartets playing in another corner and the rest of us having the choice of sitting at a table or relaxing around the room on chairs or sofas. See the pictures opposite.

About 50 people were in attendance and Andrew Roach kept the evening running, announcing each quartet with a bit of a summary as to their bands's history and plans for the future.

At points during the evening, Andrew thanked BBC for the use of their facilities, urged people to patronise their bar and stall and also reminded all present of the upcoming contest at BBC on 19 and 20 March

We had a total of 5 teams, including two from one band - in order of play they were:

BBC Old Collegians Team 1
 Brisbane Boys College
 Wynnum RSL
 BBC Old Collegians Team 2
 Queensland Highlanders

The judging was done by anonymous judges seeded in the audience and while Andrew Roach sorted out their results to come up with the winner, we had a number of short performances by individual pipers:

Tom Hulbert from BBC - a 2/4 march (*Donald Maclean's Farewell to Oban*), followed by an air and some strathspeys and reels

Andrew Taylor from BBC Old Collegians - the 2/4 march *Caber Feidh*

Fearghas Russell from BBC - included *Marie's Wedding* and *Amazing Grace*

Ben Wallace from BBC - *The Young MacGregor*, *Maggie Cameron*, *Rejected Suitor*

Lachlan Munro from BBC - *Train Journey North* and another hornpipe

Chris McLeish from Wynnum RSL - a selection of hornpipes and reels with some spectacular fingering

The winner now being decided, Andrew Roach announced it was the team from Queensland Highlanders and presented them with the prize of a bottle of whisky each.

Calendar

February 20 (Sat)
 Quartet Contest
 BBC Band Room
 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



Queensland Highlanders
- the winners in action



Andrew Roach



Some of the
audience



Bar and stall



The BBC Team

QHPS Piobaireachd Group

The first meeting of 2016 began with a welcome and a short talk of coming events.

The players were

Cathy Herzig - *Lament for MacDonald of Kinlochmoidart No 1* nicely played

Bruce MacLeod - *The Company's Lament* - a really good effort

David Marriner - Donald Macleod tune *Cabar Feidh Gu Bruth* (Deer's Horn For Ever) written when the Seaforth's were to be assimilated with the others regiments.

Ross Campbell - *Battle of Waternish*

Before morning tea we went through the set tune, *The Battle of Strome*

After morning tea there was further discussion of *The Battle of Strome* which was then played by Ross

Maurie DeHayr - *Colin MacRae of Invereenat's Lament*

Overall it was all a very enjoyable day.

The next meeting is 6th March

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 www.pipebandsqld.org
Friday 25 March 2016 - Saturday 26 March 2016	Maclean Highland Gathering 2016 mail@macleanhighlandgathering.com /www.macleanhighlandgathering.com.au
Saturday 16 April	Redlands Sporting Club Band Contest - Wellington Point, secretary@pipebandsqld.org www.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 www.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 www.aussie-scots.org
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

Pipe-Majors' Wheel of Fortune - Danderhall- 13 February

1. Douglas Murray
- 2 Callum Beaumont
3. Alasdair Henderson

Doug Murrays tunes

MSR: *Highland Wedding, Susan MacLeod and John Morrison, Assynt House*

Medley: *Irish air Eileen Mary Connolly, reels Sleepy Maggie and The Humours of Tulla, hornpipe Crossing the Minch, Mojo's Jig and The Fiddlers' Rally.*

Ian McLellan judged the MSR and the audience the Medley

Metro Cup Invitational - Newark, New Jersey - 20 February

Overall - Callum Beaumont

Piobaireachd

- 1 Callum Beaumont, *Lament for the Earl of Antrim*
- 2 Willie McCallum, *MacNeill of Barra's March*
- 3 Gordon Walker, *Scarce of Fishing*
- 4 Bruce Gandy, *The Earl of Seaforth's Salute*
- 5 James P. Troy, *Lament for the Laird of Anapool*

Medley (5-7 minutes)

- 1 Gordon Walker
- 2 Callum Beaumont
- 3 Willie McCallum
- 4th Alasdair Henderson
- 5th Glenn Brown

Other competitors: Brian Donaldson, Alex Gandy, Nick Hudson, Andrew Lee, Stuart Liddell, John Patrick

Judges: Jim Bell, Andrew Berthoff, Jim McGillivray.

Wellington & Hawkes Bay Championships - Fielding NZ - 20 February

Grade 1

Medley

- 1 New Zealand Police
- 2 Manawatu Scottish

MSR

- 1 New Zealand Police
- 2 Manawatu Scottish

Grade 3

Medley

- 1 Wellington Red Hackle
- 2 City of Hastings

MSR

- 1 Wellington Red Hackle
- 2 City of Hastings

Grade 4

Medley

- 1 Manawatu, 2 Kapiti Coast, 3 Wellington Red Hackle

MSR

- 1 Wellington Red Hackle, 2 Kapiti Coast, 3 Manawatu

Uist and Barra - Annual Piping Competition - College of Piping, Glasgow - 12 March

Ceol Mor

- 1 Callum Beaumont, *Phantom Piper*
- 2 William McCallum, *Rout of the Lowland Captain*
- 3 Stuart Liddell, *Colin Roy MacKenzie's Lament*
- 4 Alasdair Henderson, *Battle of Waternish*
- 5 Roderick MacLeod, *Old Men of the Shells*

MSR

- 1 Finlay Johnston
- 2 Callum Beaumont
- 3 William McCallum
- 4 Stuart Liddell
- 5 Alasdair Henderson

H&J

- 1 Alasdair Henderson
- 2 Roderick MacLeod
- 3 Glenn Brown
- 4 Gordon McCready
- 5 Callum Beaumont

Judges: I Duncan, S Shedden, A Wright

Callum Beaumont

Building on a long career in both solo and band environments Callum has come to the fore as one of the worlds most prominent and sought after pipers. The winner of some of the most famous competitions in world piping he includes being the youngest ever winner of the Clasp at the Northern Meetings and three World Pipe Band Championships amongst his many achievements. Callum currently resides in Linlithgow, Scotland and commutes to Clackmannanshire where he tutors students at the prestigious private Dollar Academy.

He was introduced to bagpipes by Bert Smith at the age of 7 and progressed through the junior ranks, winning all of the major junior prizes. These included multiple gold medals at Cowal Highland Gathering, Scottish Junior Championship titles and a debut win of the MacGregor Memorial, 14 years of age. Progressing to the senior grades, aged just 15 he finished second in the Piobaireachd section of the Duncan Johnstone Competition, his inaugural senior event. Additionally throughout his senior years has been tutored by Tom Speirs and currently Willie MacCalllum.

At 12 years of age he joined the Grade 1 Lothian & Borders Police, moving on to Shotts & Dykehead, Simon Fraser University and Inveraray & District. Winning three World Championship titles he took a prominent role in each of these bands.

He has now won many of the most prestigious titles in world piping, including being the youngest winner of The Clasp, two Gold Medals and The Silver Chanter..

Northern Meetings, Inverness - Clasp (2)
(2012,2015), Highland Society of London Gold Medal
(2013);

Argyllshire Gathering, Oban - Highland Society of
London Gold Medal (2011), Silver Medal (2006),
MacGregor Memorial (2003), Open Jigs (2011);

Donald MacLeod Memorial, Stornoway -
Piobaireachd (2013), Overall Winner (2013);
Dunvegan, Skye - Silver Chanter (2013), Dunvegan
Medal (2014), Clasp to the Dunvegan Medal (2014),
Overall Winner (2014);

Metro Cup, Newark, New Jersey USA- Piobaireachd
(2016), Medley (2014), Overall Winner (2)
(2014,2016);

Masters, National Piping Centre- Piobaireachd
(2013)

Braemar Gold Medal (2014), Overall Winner (2014);
Cowal Highland Gathering- Open Piobaireachd
(2005);

RU Brown, Australia- Clasp (2) (2013, 2014), Gold
Medal (2012), Open MSR (2) (2012,2013)

London- Former Winners MSR (2) (2014,2015),
Overall Winner (2014), A grade MSR (2009)

Springbank Invitational, Campbeltown- Hornpipe
and Jig (2) (2013,2015)

Inveraray Highland Games- Open March
(2013,2015)



Pipe Band Achivements

Shotts and Dykehead (2004-2005)

British Pipe Band Championship (2004,
2005)

World Pipe Band Championship (2005)

Cowal Championship (2005)

Champion of Champions (2005)

Simon Fraser University (2006-2009)

World Pipe Band Championship (2008,
2009)

Dollar Academy Novice Juvenile (2015-)

British Pipe Band Championship (2015)

European Pipe Band Championship
(2015)

Scottish Pipe Band Championship (2015)

Champion of Champions (2015)

NEWS

Australian Pipe Band Championships 2018. Pipe Bands Queensland has announced that it has committed to hosting the 2018 Australian Championships on the Gold Coast on the weekend of 29-30 September 2018. The Gold Coast was selected on the basis of the significant infrastructure, tourism and cultural opportunities the city offers. In particular, the Gold Coast is currently undergoing multi-billion dollar infrastructure investment in preparation for the Commonwealth Games in early 2018. More details will be available in the coming months. Refer www.pipebandsqld.org for the latest details.

John MacDougall, who was a successful solo piper from 1960s to the 1980s, **died on February 18th** in his eightieth year. He was a great exponent of the "Balmoral" school of piobaireachd and received tuition from the "two Bobs". His successes included: five-time winner of the Former Winners MSR (1969, 1972, 1974, 1977, 1978), twice winner of the Senior Piobaireachd (1978, 1981) and winner of Medal (1969) at Oban; winner of the piobaireachd at the Glenfiddich in 1976; the Clasp (1978), Silver Star MSR (1966) and Gold Medal (1960) at the Northern Meeting; the Open Piobaireachd at London (1976); and the Silver Chanter twice (1968, 1980). Two of his most successful pupils were the Highland Society of London gold medallist Niall Mathieson and John Don MacKenzie. In the 1960s he was recruited by Pipe-Major Donald Shaw Ramsay to be a member of the Invergordon Distillery Pipe Band, the first band of all-star pipers and drummers, which also included John D. Burgess, Alex Duthart, Bert Barr and Kit Reynolds.

Spring Gatherin' in Belfast - it will be held this year (its second) on April 8-9 at the Ramada Plaza Shaw's Bridge hotel. It is a concert-laden piping and drumming festival, competition and workshop which was not particularly welcomed by the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association at its debut in 2015. This year it will also include three flute bands and a fife and drum band as well as pipe bands. Might be something to add to your program if you're planning on touring the UK. It is modelled on the annual Winter Storm competitions, recitals and workshops in Kansas City.

Captain John A. MacLellan MBE Complete Collection of Ceol Mor edited by his son Colin MacLellan is due for release soon. It includes all 11 of the piobaireachds that John MacLellan composed and a double CD of each of the tunes. It will also include written notes on each tune. Also included is Colin MacLellan's own "Salute to John A. MacDonald, Canada's First Prime Minister." John MacLellan's best-known composition is "The Phantom Piper of Corrieyairack," The retail price will be £20, and will be available directly from Colin's PipeReeds.com reedmaking business, as well as other suppliers.

The Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association will have a proposal before its annual meeting on March 12th to allow for a "**Consultative Pilot Scheme**" that would see judges at two major championships to have the option "to confer during the contest where it is deemed appropriate and conducive to the adjudication process, e.g. dealing with performance anomalies, unexpected incident, clarify any pertinent instrument or performer issues or a build-up of multiple performances evident of a similar standard in the lower half of the assessment spectrum." This would be a major break from the long standing tradition worldwide that judges must not discuss the performances during a competition. It will be interesting to see how the consultation works if it is approved.

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 - mrmlaren@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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