

Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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August 2016

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August Meeting

Monday 22 August
7.00pm

Bulimba Bowls Club, Quinn Street, Balmoral

Admission: \$10 non members, \$5 members

All are invited to come along and have a tune and in particular if you have a Piobaireachd you think the meeting may like to hear - perhaps one you are playing at Ipswich on Saturday.

The night will not be exclusively Piobaireachd so feel free to play whatever you wish



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PLEASE NOTE: Our September meeting has been moved one week forward to **Monday 19 September** to enable us to hear the international visitors in town for the workshop at BBC - full details to come - we may need to change from our usual venue.

Vale John MacMurchie. Our sister Society in WA has lost their long standing member and piper of international note. Our condolences go out to them - their newsletter sums him up well:

'For over sixty years, John MacMurchie has been a towering figure in the Western Australian piping community. John lived and breathed piping. He demanded a high standard of playing and taught or mentored hundreds of pipers over the years, encouraging them to play to their best ability. He was also the man to go to for practical help. He replaced bags, mended or replaced broken drones, and could be relied on to set up your pipes so that they would tune perfectly. He, and his late wife Alma, were also good friends to many pipers, young and old. He will be sadly missed.'

Alex McConnell

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July Meeting

We had a good turnout of eight competitors for our premier event of the year for junior players - the Jimmy Durham Memorial. With the spectators, there were over 35 people in attendance.

President Andrew Roach opened proceedings and introduced the judges - Chris Cloete and Tom McGirr. He mentioned that last year's winner, Jordan Simmers was in attendance and would also be giving us a few tunes later. A winner from much longer ago was also there - Andrew Hall, who won the trophy in 1978.

Andrew also took the opportunity to mention the workshop with international tutors to take place at Brisbane Boys College on 19 and 20 September and mentioned the tutors who will be attending.

So it was down to the competition. The players in order of appearance, and their tunes, were as follows:

Fearghas Russell - *Duncan McInnes*
Henry Hulbert - *John McColl's March to Kilbowie Cottage*
Aidan Scott - *Donald Maclean's Farewell to Oban*
Tom Hulbert - *The Clan McColl*
Nicholas McGahan - *Brown Haired Maiden*
Luke McGahan - *Brown Haired Maiden*
Abbas Manchadi - *Glengarry Gathering*
Patrick Roach - *79th's Farewell to Gibraltar*

While the Judges deliberated, Andrew Roach mentioned that the day of the meeting was the 20th anniversary of the passing of Ronnie Paterson, a long time member and office bearer of the Society, a member of a number of Brisbane's leading bands and husband of current Society member Margaret Paterson. He read from the account of Ron's life given at his funeral. Margaret had thoughtfully provided a bottle of whisky for members to take a nip of at supper time in memory of Ron. Ron's other claim to fame of course is to have been one of the "Ronnies" in Ron Fleming's great tune *Two Ronnie's Maggies*. Andrew gave some anecdotes from Ron's life and some of this is reproduced on page 9 of this newsletter.

Jordan Simmers then played a bracket of tunes including Major David Manson of Clachantrushal, a mystery strathspey, Alick C MacGregor, an air and a jig. His playing showed he had been a worthy winner last year and is going on to mature his playing.

The prizes were then presented by Jordan and they were as follows:

1st Fearghas Russell
2nd Nicholas McGahan
3rd Tom Hulbert
4th Abbas Manchadi
5th Luke McGahan

A great night of piping from our younger members was then wrapped up with a great supper.

Calendar

August 22 (Mon)
Piobaireachd Night

September 19 (Mon)
Recital with Scottish visitors

October 29 (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 at Rochedale High School

September 11
October 2
November 6 (Recital)
December 4



Fearghas Russell (right) receiving the trophy from Jordan Simmers



Our competitors



QHPS Piobaireachd Group

Rochedale State High School, Priestdale Road

The August meeting of the group was held in the Rochedale State High School on Sunday the 7th at 10.a.m the opening tune being **The Lament for Donald of Laggan** played by Peter Hurwood.

David Mariner followed Peter, his tune on this occasion being **The Salute to Donald**, his latest to study.

Ross Campbell then played **The Clan Campbell's Gathering**, a tune rarely heard and followed it with discussion of the set tune **The Lament for Mary MacLeod** and some of the differing aspects of playing it by other players (here we had better singing than usual).

After a break for morning tea Iain Bruce played **I am Proud to Play a Pipe**, an unusual tune found in the Campbell Canntaireachd and older Collections.

Colin MacRae of Invereenat's Lament was then played by Maurie DeHayr to be followed by Ross Campbell playing the set tune **The lament for Mary MacLeod** thus completing the morning,s meeting.

NOTE Owing to the first Sunday in September being :Fathers Day" the next meeting will be held on **Sunday 11th September** at the Rochedale State high School.

Other Coming Events (see P2 for Society Program)

Saturday 20th August Queensland Pipe Band and Solo Championships - Limestone Park, Ipswich
www.ipswichthistle.com

Saturday 03 September 2016 Scots PGC Mini Band and Solo Contest - Warwick. www.pipebandsqld.org

Saturday 01 October 2016 - Sunday 02 October 2016 Australian Pipe Band Championships - Knox Grammar School, Sydney

CONTEST RESULTS

Kincardine Scottish Festival - Kincardine, Ontario - 2 July

Bands

Grade 1 (MSR)

1st 78th Fraser Highlanders
2nd Toronto Police
3rd Peel Regional Police
Best Bass: 78th Fraser Highlanders
Judges: Iain Simpson, Ken Eller (piping); Dan Bist (drumming); Bob Worrall (ensemble)

Inveraray Highland Games - 19 July

Overall

Stuart Liddell

Premier/A-Grade

Piobaireachd

1st Finlay Johnston
2nd Roddy MacLeod
3rd Cameron Drummond
4th Callum Beaumont
5th Angus D. MacColl
6th Faye Henderson
Judges: Malcolm McRae, John Wilson

March

1st Stuart Liddell
2nd Roddy MacLeod
3rd Alasdair Henderson
4th Callum Beaumont
5th Allan Russell
6th Graham Drummond, Steven Gray
Judges: Jimmy Banks, Walter Cowan

Strathspey & Reel

1st Stuart Liddell
2nd Angus D. MacColl
3rd Allan Russell
4th Finlay Johnston
5th Graham Drummond
6th Jonathan Greenlees, Glasgow
Judges: Andrew Frater, Iain MacLellan

B-Grade

Piobaireachd

1st Connor Sinclair
2nd Graham Mulholland
3rd Ashley McMichael
4th Andrew Hall
5th Jamie Elder
6th Ross McCrindle
Judges: Ian Duncan, Ronnie McShannon

March

1st Callum Watson
2nd Callum Moffat
3rd Glen Ross
4th Connor Sinclair
5th Euan Dewar
6th Andrew Hall
Judges: Jimmy Banks, Walter Cowan

Strathspey & Reel

1st Glenn Ross
2nd Connor Sinclair
3rd Callum Watson
4th Graham Mulholland
5th Callum Moffat
6th Faye Henderson
Judges: Andrew Frater, Iain MacLellan

Ulster Pipe Band Championships - Belfast - 23 July

Grade 1

Overall

Field Marshal Montgomery

Medley

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
2nd St. Laurence O'Toole
Judges: Harry Stevenson, Gordon Lawrie (piping); Ian

Lawson (drumming); John Moles (ensemble)

MSR

1st St. Laurence O'Toole (ens.pref.)
2nd Field Marshal Montgomery
Judges: Winston Pollock, Alvis Kerr (piping); Stuart Coils (drumming); Gordon Craig (ensemble)

Grade 2 (Medley)

1st Police Service of Northern Ireland
2nd Thiepval Memorial
3rd Closkelt
Judges: Winston Pollock, Alvis Kerr (piping); Stuart Coils (drumming); Gordon Craig (ensemble)

Lochearnhead Highland Games - 23 July

Piobaireachd

1st Derek Midgley, *Lament for MacLeod of Colbeck*
2nd Craig Martin, *The Massacre of Glencoe*
3rd Eddie Gaul, *Lament for the Viscount of Dundee*
4th Peter McCallister, *Mary's Praise*
Judges: Alan Forbes, Andrew Wright

March

1st Graham Mulholland
2nd Callum Beaumont
3rd Bill Geddes
4th Peter McCallister
Judges: Malcolm McRae, Dr. John Ross

Strathspey & Reel

1st Callum Beaumont
2nd Bill Geddes
3rd Jenny Hazzard
4th Graham Mulholland
Judges: John Fraser, Andrew Frater

Arisaig Games - 27 July

Overall

Andrew Hall

Piobaireachd

1st Angus J. MacColl
2nd Ben Duncan
3rd Andrew Hall
4th Jonathan Simpson
5th Bruce MacDonald
Judge: Archie MacLean

March

1st Andrew Hall
2nd Ben Duncan
3rd Bruce MacDonald
4th Jonathan Simpson
Judge: Iain MacFadyen

Strathspey & Reel

1st Andrew Hall
2nd Sandy Cameron
3rd Jonathan Simpson
4th Angus J. MacColl
Judge: Iain MacFadyen

Jig

1st Angus MacColl
2nd Jonathan Simpson
3rd Sandy Cameron
4th Andrew Gray
Judge: Iain MacFadyen

Scottish Pipe Band Championships - Dumbarton - 30 July

Grade 1 (MSR)

1st Inveraray & District
2nd St. Laurence O'Toole
3rd Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia
4th Field Marshal Montgomery
5th ScottishPower
6th Police Scotland Fife
Judges: Anthony Sloane, John Connor (piping); Greg Dinsdale (drumming); Joe Noble (ensemble)

Grade 2 (Medley)

1st Police Service of Northern Ireland
2nd Lomond & Clyde
3rd Johnstone
4th Glasgow Skye Association
5th Buchan Peterson
6th MacKenzie Caledonian
Judges: Tom Brown, John Wilson (piping); Gordon Craig (drumming); Jennifer Hutcheon (ensemble)

North American Pipe Band Championship - Maxville, Ontario - 30 July

Grade 1

Overall

1st 78th Fraser Highlanders
2nd 78th Highlanders (Halifax Citadel)
3rd Ottawa Police Service
4th Peel Regional Police
5th Toronto Police
Drumming: 78th Fraser Highlanders

Medley

1st 78th Fraser Highlanders
2nd 78th Highlanders (Halifax Citadel)
3rd Toronto Police
4th Ottawa Police Service
5th Peel Regional Police
Best Bass: 78th Fraser Highlanders
Judges: James W. Troy, Hal Senyk (piping); Tom Kee (drumming); Bob Worrall (ensemble)

MSR

1st 78th Highlanders (Halifax Citadel)
2nd 78th Fraser Highlanders
3rd Peel Regional Police
4th Ottawa Police Service
5th Toronto Police
Best Bass: 78th Highlanders (Halifax Citadel)
Judges: Bob MacCrimmon, James MacHattie (piping); Michael Hunter (drumming); Glenna Mackay-Johnstone (ensemble)

Skye Gathering - Portree - 2,3 August

Overall

Cameron Drummond

Dunvegan Medal

1st Derek Midgley, *The Battle of Waternish*
2nd Sandy Cameron, *MacLeod of Raasay's Salute*
3rd Bridghe Campbell, *The Groat*

4th Jamie Elder, *A Flame of Wrath for Patrick Coagach*
5th Nick Hudson, *Lament for MacLeod of Colbeck*

Clasp to the Dunvegan Medal

1st Cameron Drummond, *Rory MacCloude's Lament*
2nd Ann Gray, *I Got a Kiss of the King's Hand*
3rd Euan MacCrimmon, *Mrs. MacLeod of Talisker's Salute*
Judges: Alan Forbes, Malcolm McRae, Iain Morrison
Judges: Alan Forbes, Dugald MacNeill, Malcolm McRae

6/8 Marches

1st Stuart Liddell
2nd Gordon Walker
3rd Alasdair Henderson
4th Cameron Drummond
5th Greig Canning
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Archie MacLean, Iain Morrison

Jig

1st Stuart Liddell
2nd Gordon Walker
3rd Alasdair Henderson
4th Cameron Drummond
5th Ann Gray
Judges: Iain MacFadyen, Archie MacLean, Iain Morrison

March

1st Stuart Liddell
2nd Cameron Drummond
3rd John Angus Smith, London
4th Jamie Elder
5th Euan MacCrimmon, Inverness, Scotland
6th Sandy Cameron

Strathspey & Reel

1st Stuart Liddell
2nd Alastair Henderson, Dunoon, Scotland
3rd Cameron Drummond
4th Derek Midgley, Mill Town, New Jersey
5th Jamie Forrester
6th Mike Fitzhenry, London
The qualifying rounds for the March and Strathspey & Reel were judged by Archie

MacLean and Iain Morrison (heats 1) and Iain MacFadyen and Malcolm McRae (heats 2), and each final was judged by Archie MacLean, Dugald MacNeill and Iain Morrison.

Killin Games - 3 August

Overall

Ben Duncan

Senior

Piobaireachd

1st Ross McCrindle
2nd Donald MacPhee
3rd Ben Duncan
4th Bill Geddes
Judges: Ronnie Clark, Neill Mulvie, Andrew Wright

March

1st Ben Duncan
2nd Graham Drummond
3rd Ross McCrindle
4th Craig Martin
Judges: George Lumsden, Logan Tannock

Strathspey & Reel

1st Graham Drummond
2nd Graham Mullholland
3rd Ben Duncan
4th Bill Geddes
Judges: George Lumsden, Logan Tannock

Dornoch, Scotland – Dornoch Highland Gathering 5 August

Overall

Derek Midgley

Piobaireachd

1st Jamie Forrester, *The Battle of Waternish*
2nd Derek Midgley, *Isabel MacKay*
3rd Anna Kummerl w, *A Flame of Wrath for Patrick Coagach*
Judges: Jimmy Jackson John Don MacKenzie

March

1st Derek Midgley
2nd Matt Pantaleoni

3rd Jamie Forrester
4th Cameron MacDougall

Strathspey & Reel

1st Derek Midgley
2nd Anna Kummerl w
3rd Jamie Forrester
4th Gordon Barclay

Jig

1st Jamie Forrester
2nd Derek Midgley
3rd Matt Pantaleoni
4th Cameron MacDougall
Light music judges: Archie MacLean, Ronnie MacLean

Newtonmore Highland Games - 6 August

Overall

Ben Duncan

Piobaireachd

1st Charlie MacDonald
2nd Derek Midgley
3rd Ben Duncan
4th Nick Hudson
Judge: John Don MacKenzie

March

1st Ben Duncan
2nd Graham Mullholland
3rd Charlie MacDonald
4th James MacPhee
Judges: G. Clark, Jimmy Jackson

Strathspey & Reel

1st Ben Duncan
2nd Graham Mullholland
3rd Derek Midgley
4th Matt Pantaleoni
Judges: G. Clark, Jimmy Jackson

Jig

1st Graham Mullholland
2nd Ben Duncan
3rd Emily MacLellan, Toronto
4th Matt Pantaleoni
Judges: G. Clark, Jimmy Jackson

North Berwick Games - 6 August

Grade 1

Medley

1st Inveraray & District
2nd Fife Police Scotland
3rd Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
4th Johnstone (Gr2)
5th 78th Fraser Highlanders
6th Manawatu Scottish
Judges: Terry Lee, Bob Worrall (piping); Alex Dudgeon (drumming); Robert Mathieson (ensemble)

MSR

1st Inveraray & District
2nd Fife Police Scotland
3rd Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
4th 78th Fraser Highlanders
5th Manawatu Scottish
6th Johnstone (Gr2)
Judges: Allan Ronaldson, John Wilson (piping); Lee Innes (drumming); Jim Campbell (ensemble)

Grade 2

1st St. Thomas Alumni
2nd Johnstone
3rd George Heriot's School (Juvenile)
4th George Watson's College (Juvenile)
5th Greater Midwest
6th West Lothian Schools (Juvenile)
Judges: Allan Ronaldson, John Wilson (piping); Lee Innes (drumming); Jim Campbell (ensemble)

Lisburn & Castlereagh City Championships - Moira Demense, Northern Ireland - 6 August

Grade 1 (medley)

1st New Zealand Police
2nd Bleary & District
3rd Police Service of Northern Ireland (Gr2)

4th Ravara (3,5,4,3)
5th Closkelt (Gr2)
Judges: Ian Wood, Ken Eller (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Nat Russell (ensemble)

Grade 2 (MSR)

1st Police Service of Northern Ireland
2nd Closkelt
3rd Aughintober (Gr3A)
4th Thiepval Memorial
5th Colmcille (Gr3A)
6th New Ross & District (Gr3A)
Judges: Ian Wood, Ken Eller (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Nat Russell (ensemble)

Bridge of Allan - 7 August

Grade 1 (medley)

1st Shotts & Dykehead Caledonia
2nd ScottishPower
3rd Manawatu Scottish
4th MacKenzie Caledonian (Gr2)
5th St. Thomas Alumni (Gr2)
6th City of Discovery (Gr2)
Judges: George Wilson, Brian Switalla (piping); David Brown (drumming); Gordon Craig (ensemble)

Grade 2 (MSR)

1st St. Thomas Alumni
2nd George Watson's College (Juvenile)
3rd MacKenzie Caledonian
4th Portland Metro
5th City of Discovery
6th Oban
Judges: Jim Semple, Tom Brown (piping); Allan Craig (drumming); Paul Turner (ensemble)

MacCrimmon Trophy - Lorient, Brittany - 7 August

Overall

1st Fred Morrison
2nd Robert Watt
3rd Stuart Easton

4th Quentin Meunier
5th Cedric Lebozec
Judges: Steff Kermabon, Pierre Gallais (Breton); Brian MacMahon, Eamonn Curran (Irish); Bruce Hitchings, Andrew Frater (Scottish)
Also competing: Gwenael La Corronc (Brittany); Christopher McLeish (Australia); Callum Moffat (Scotland); William Rowe (New Zealand); David Shedden (Scotland); and Andrew Wilson (Ireland).

Masters Solo Piping Competition - National Piping Centre, Glasgow - 8 August

Overall

Angus MacColl

Piobaireachd

1st Finlay Johnston, *MacLeod of Colbeck's Lament*
2nd Angus MacColl, *Lament for the Earl of Antrim*
3rd Faye Henderson, *The Earl of Ross's March*
4th Callum Beaumont, *Scarce of Fishing*
Judges: Malcolm McRae, Jack Taylor, Bob Worrall
Other competitors: Glenn Brown, Brian Donaldson, Bruce Gandy, Andrew Hayes, Jack Lee, Roddy MacLeod, Willie McCallum, Donald MacPhee, James Murray and Gordon Walker.

MSR

1st Gordon Walker
2nd Angus MacColl
3rd Alasdair Henderson
4th Craig Sutherland
Judges: Ian Duncan
Other competitors: Glenn Brown, Brian Donaldson, Cameron Drummond, Alex Gandy, Bruce Gandy, Andrew Hayes, Peter Hunt, Finlay Johnston, Jack Lee, Roddy MacLeod, Willie McCallum,

Gordon McCready, Donald MacPhee and James Murray.

International Quartets - Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - 9 August

Inveraray & District
Other competitors: 78th Highlanders (Halifax Citadel) (Canada); Bagad Cap Caval (Brittany); Dowco Triumph Street (Canada); Johnstone (Scotland); New Zealand Police; Police Scotland Fife (Scotland); and Spirit of Scotland (Scotland).

First Pipe-Major Alasdair Gillies Memorial Recital Challenge - Glasgow Royal Concert Hall - 11 August

Winner

Stuart Liddell
Other competitors: Callum Beaumont, Alasdair Henderson, Angus MacColl
Players perform over approximately 30 minutes, and must include a competition-style march, strathspey & reel and the ground of a piobaireachd. This is essentially the same contest as the Lord Todd Bar competition of former years.

World Pipe Band Championship Glasgow Green - 12,13 August

Inveraray was later announced the winner of the RSPBA's Champion of Champions band and drumming prizes for most aggregate points at the association's five major championships.

Grade 1 Overall

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
2nd Inveraray & District
3rd St Laurence O'Toole
4th Shotts & Dykehead
5th ScottishPower
6th Police Scotland Fife
7th Simon Fraser University
8th Spirit of Scotland
9th Greater Glasgow Police
10th 78th Fraser Highlanders
11th Manawatu Scottish
12th New Zealand Police
Drumming: St. Laurence O'Toole

Medley

1st Field Marshal Montgomery
2nd Inveraray & District
3rd St. Laurence O'Toole
4th ScottishPower
5th Shotts & Dykehead
Caledonia
6th Police Scotland Fife
Judges: Harry Stevenson, Alan Ronaldson (piping); Gordon Craig (drumming); Jennifer Hutcheon (ensemble)

MSR

1st Inveraray & District
2nd Field Marshal Montgomery
3rd St. Laurence O'Toole
4th Shotts & Dykehead
Caledonia
5th ScottishPower
6th Police Scotland Fife
Judges: Ronnie McShannon, Jim Wark (piping); Sandy Steele (drumming); John MacInnes (ensemble)

Grade 2

1st Johnstone
2nd Police Service Northern Ireland
3rd Lomond & Clyde

4th Bagad Brieg
5th Glasgow Skye
6th Buchan Peterson
Judges: Dixie Ingram, Colin Moffett (piping); Gordon Parkes (drumming); Peter Snaddon (ensemble)

Grade 3A

1st Worcester Kilties
2nd Aughintober
3rd Kintyre Schools
4th Portlethen & District
5th Cameron Highlanders of San Diego
6th Vale of Atholl
Judges: John Wilson, Jim Semple (piping); Willie Black (drumming); John Moles (ensemble)

Grade 3B

1st Perth Metro
2nd Wallacestone & District
3rd St. Joseph's
4th Prestonpans Royal British Legion
5th Bothwell Castle
6th 2622 (Highland) Squadron R.A.F.
Judges: Robert Pollock, Tom Brown (piping); Lee Innes (drumming); Ciaran Mordaunt (ensemble)

Juvenile

1st George Watson's College
2nd Dollar Academy
3rd George Heriot's School
4th Peoples Ford Boghall & Bathgate Caledonia
5th West Lothian Schools
6th Preston Lodge High School
Judges: Harry Stevenson, Alan Ronaldson (piping); Gordon Craig (drumming); Jennifer Hutcheon (ensemble)

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Ronnie Paterson - a memory 20 years on

Ronnie in his own words

"I started learning to play the bagpipes when I left school at 14 years. I went to live and work on a farm in Laurieston. An Uncle of mine formed a pipe band so all the young fellows joined, so we learnt a bit there.

Then when I was sixteen I moved back home and joined the local Kirkcudbright Pipe Band which was a competing band so we learned a lot more. The Pipe Major, Bill Imley, was a piper in the Army during the war. There were four of us who started playing pipes together and kept going; we were all serving our time as joiners. We kept playing in the local band but we also joined the Territorial Army Pipe Band, 5th Battalion, The Kings Own Scottish Borderers. Nearly every weekend we were playing all round the Borders (Beating Retreat).

Then when I finished my apprenticeship in 1951, I was called up for National Service. I signed on for an extra year making it a three year stint and joined the 1st Battalion of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers Pipe Band. That was the beginning of some great times. The Battalion had just come back from Korea and was posted to Northern Ireland and we went with them. The Pipe Major was the late Donald McKinnon and he taught us a lot about piping. Ray Summors also joined the K.O.S.B's so that is where I met Ray.

The next three years were great for anybody in bands. We played in 'Tattoos' at White City, the City of Hastings and Edinburgh. We played in the Coronation parade of Queen Elizabeth II in London and all the celebrations in Edinburgh.

Then I was discharged from the Army and returned to the Territorial Army (reserve) band for a further four years. One weekend Ray and Joyce Summers visited me to tell me they were off to Australia and asked if I wanted to come. Ray and Joyce came out in 1957 and I emigrated to Australia the next year, leaving the shores of Scotland to the sound of bagpipes.

On arrival at South Brisbane on the train some person said they heard bagpipe playing, so I looked out of the window and there was Ray, John Leask and I think Sandy Campbell. This period was the beginning of some great friendships in the Red Hackle Pipe Band and travelling all over the country side for the Australian Pipe Band Championships. Around 1976 the Red Hackle Band folded up.

Rob McGregor was the Pipe Major of St Andrews Pipe Band and he asked me to have a tune with them, so I was there until I gave competitive piping away. I had some good trips with the band enjoying the company of the band members, including the late Donald Mackie and Harry Treeby.

Along with Maurie De Hayr and Ron Fleming, I enjoyed helping out and playing with Ian McNeil's City of Brisbane Caledonian Pipe Band. In the meantime I got more involved with playing for the Highland Dancing competitions and displays.

My good friend Ron Fleming was encouraged to form a new band for some old Red Hackle mates and others. I joined The Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums and over the past few years have continued to have a tune with them when ever possible and enjoy the social aspects of the band."



Ron was a Judge with the Queensland Pipe Band Association, an Official Piper and member of The Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Queensland), a member of this Society and a long-serving Vice President of ours. His pipes are still heard at our meetings as they are now played by president Andrew Roach. Margaret is of course also a long standing member of the Society and a great appreciator of the music of the pipe.



Enjoy a weekend in Warwick
Scottish Social Evening from 7:00pm

Mini-Band/Pipe Band Solo Piping and Drumming Competition

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OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES

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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

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