

# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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February 2017

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## February Meeting

Monday 27th at 7.00pm sharp

**Brisbane Boys College Band Room  
Entrance off Moggill Road, Towong**

Casual atmosphere, that is no kilts, but plenty of music.

We have 6 mystery judges planted in the audience that will mark the bands on 1-2-3 basis.

The winning quartet will receive a bottle of whisky each donated by our kind sponsor.

The BBC band will be providing a bar and snacks (scotch pies etc), so please bring along fellow band members that aren't playing for a beer and a pie, a quick chat, and some good music and supper at the end of the night.

**\$5 admission for members, \$10 non members.**

**Join on the night for \$30 and get member price all year.**

A Happy New Year to all.

As you will see from the Calendar on page 2 we have another great year planned, starting with a bang with the Quartet Contest that went very well last year.

You will see that we have moved our base of operations mainly to the BBC Band Room. Our thanks are extended to the school, the BBC Pipe Band supporter group and especially Stevie Stanley for this opportunity.

Another change for this year is that we are cancelling our Post Office Box, since we now get so little "snail mail". The postal address in future will be the Secretary's home address, which for the current Secretary is 13 Avesnes Street, Holland Park, Qld, 4121. So if you do need to post us things (especially cheques and articles for the newsletter!), please use the new address or your mail will be returned.

Alex McConnell  
Secretary



### 2017 Committee

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## November Meeting

Our final meeting of 2016 in November was again a big event, with a total of 20 competitors between both divisions for the Jack McCandlish Memorial Trophy, our 6/8 contest for the year.

Our judges for the evening were Darin Cook and Andrew Roach, so Andrew handed over the announcing duties during to contest to committee member Jim Allan, who also did sterling work behind the scenes marshalling competitors.

The junior division was run first and the competitors and their tunes were:

Jordan Simmers - *Kirkhill*  
 Henry Hulbert - *P/Sgt John Barclay*  
 Flynn Donaldson - *Piobaireachd of Donald Dhu*  
 Chris McCosker - *Hyndred Pipers and Bonnie Dundee*  
 Matthew Nuttley - *P/M Sam Scott*  
 Abby Dalziel - *John D Burgess*  
 Abbas Manchadi - *Cock of the North, Steamboat*  
 Jasper Pflaum - *Donald Maclean of Lewis*  
 Tom Hulbert - *The Pig's Head in the Pale*  
 Aidan Scott - *Mrs Lily Christie*  
 Fearghas Russell - *P/M Sam Scott*

The senior division ran as follows:

Jack Dempsey - *Ishabel T MacGregor, Dovecote Park*  
 Chris McLeish - *Rab's Wedding, Mardick*  
 Ben Morris - *P/M Donald Maclean of Lewis, Mrs Lily Christie*  
 Nick Tomkins - *The Highland Brigade Depot, Murdo MacKenzie of Torridon*  
 Wayne Kennedy - *Mrs Lily Christie, P/M Sam Scott*  
 Tom McGirr - *Duncan McGillivray Cheif Steward, Macleod of Mull*  
 Ross Campbell - *Alex Haddow's Welcome to Stronachullin, MacLeod of Mull*  
 Alistair Smith - *Bengullion, Frank Thomson*  
 Andrew Taylor - *Rab's Wedding, Donald Maclean of Lewis*

Certainly a great display including many of the best tunes of the 6/8 idiom!

The judges had quite a task but the final results were as follows:

### Junior

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

### Senior

1st Tom McGirr  
 2nd Chris McLeish  
 3rd Ross Campbell

## Calendar

Feb 27 - Quartet Contest  
 Mar 27 - Pipers night for Maclean practice  
 Apr 21 (Fri) - International Guest Recital - Regatta Hotel  
 May 27 (Sat) - Patron's Trophy - Senior MSR - Wynnim RSL  
 Jun 26 - Pipers Night - Strathspeys and Reels  
 Jul 24 - Jimmy Durham Trophy - U18 2/4 March  
 Aug 28 - Piobaireachd night - focus on junior players  
 Sep 16 (Sat) - International Guest Recital - Regatta Hotel  
 Oct 28 (Sat) - Julie Appleton-Seymour Contest - Emmanuel College UQ  
 Nov 27 - Jack McCandlish Trophy - 6/8s

All meetings on Monday nights at BBC Band Room, Moggil Road, Toowong except as specified.

## **Piobaireachd Group at Rochedale High School**

Feb 5  
 Mar 5  
 Apr 2  
 May 7  
 Jun 4  
 Jul 2  
 Aug 6  
 Sep 10  
 Oct 1  
 Nov 5 (Recital day)  
 Dec 3

Meetings normally in the Performing Arts Building but in Term 1 we are using the Resources Centre

Andrew Roach thanked the twenty competitors and all the committee members who had assisted on the evening and through the year. He wished everyone the best for the festive season and said we would have another great program for next

year, outlining some of the proposals. There followed our usual hearty Christmas supper - thanks to all who contributed plates of food.



## QHPS Piobaireachd Group

Rochedale State High School, Priestdale Road

*The December meeting of the group was held in the Rochedale State High School on Sunday the 4th at 10.a.m the opening tune being **The Salute to Donald** played by David Mariner.*

*Ross Campbell then brought the group discussing **Melbank's Salute** and brought forward a different means of reading and expressing the tune which he said he would bring to the meeting in 2017.*

*The **Company's Lament** was then played by Bruce MacLeod played sweetly on a nice sounding pipe.*

*A break for morning tea was followed by Peter Hurwood playing **The Lament for Donald of Laggan**.*

*Ross then gave us a fine tune (I missed Name) as a warm up to him playing **The Lament for the Old Sword** for us to follow on the script he had worked us through earlier.*

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*The first meeting of the group for 2017 was held on Sunday the 5th February in the RESOURCES Centre, Rochedale State High School, our home for the first term as the School is needing our regular venues for rehearsals throughout the first term.*

*The Resources centre is a large centre with space for several classes to be held simultaneously, however we found an area with good air control and good comfort*

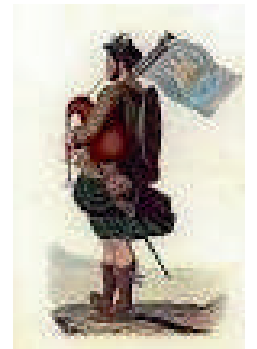
*Thus the meeting in itself commenced a little late – with Ross discussing different ideas of learning and playing **The Lament for Alasdair Dearg MacDonell of Glengarry**.*

*Andrew McCabe then played a very interesting **The MacGregor's Salute** with some excellent with the little finger movements.*

*After morning Tea - which nearly emptied my cold water container - we returned to hear David Mariner play an excellent **Melbank's salute***

*Tom McGirr was selected to play the **Lament for the Old Sword** whilst Ross led the singing from his chart which led to more discussion leaving us with just time for Bruce MacLeod to play **The MacFarlanes' Gathering**.*

*Next meeting (in resources centre ) will be on Sunday 5th March – see you there*



# CONTEST RESULTS

## Palmerston North Square Day – 12 December

### Grade 1

#### MSR

1st Canterbury Caledonian  
 2nd Manawatu Scottish  
 3rd New Zealand Police (ens.pref.)  
 4th Auckland Police  
 Judges: Bain MacGregor, Lance Turnbull (piping);  
 Scott Nicholson (ensemble); Scott Mitchell  
 (drumming)

#### Medley

1st Canterbury Caledonian  
 2nd Manawatu Scottish  
 3rd New Zealand Police  
 4th Auckland & District  
 Judges: Scott Shannon, Iain Ferguson (piping); Craig  
 Meinsmith (ensemble); Greg Bassani (drumming)

### Grade 2

#### MSR

1st Wellington Red Hackle  
 2nd Celtic  
 Judges: Bain MacGregor, Lance Turnbull (piping);  
 Scott Nicholson (ensemble); Scott Mitchell  
 (drumming)

#### Medley

1st Wellington Red Hackle (ens.pref.)  
 2nd Celtic  
 Judges: Scott Shannon, Iain Ferguson (piping); Craig  
 Meinsmith (ensemble); Greg Bassani (drumming)

### Grade 3

#### MSR

1st Scottish Society of New Zealand  
 2nd City of Hastings  
 3rd City of Tauranga  
 4th City of Auckland  
 5th Auckland Police  
 6th City of Wellington  
 Judges: Bain MacGregor, Lance Turnbull (piping);  
 Scott Nicholson (ensemble); Scott Mitchell  
 (drumming)

#### Medley

1st Scottish Society of New Zealand  
 2nd City of Hastings  
 3rd City of Tauranga  
 4th City of Auckland  
 5th Auckland Police  
 6th City of Wellington

Judges: Scott Shannon, Iain Ferguson (piping); Craig  
 Meinsmith (ensemble); Greg Bassani (drumming)

### Grade 4

#### MSR

1st Hamilton Caledonian  
 2nd Scots College (ens.pref.)  
 3rd Manawatu Scottish  
 4th Wellington Red Hackle  
 5th Kapiti Coast  
 Judges: Bain MacGregor, Lance Turnbull (piping);  
 Scott Nicholson (ensemble); Scott Mitchell  
 (drumming)

#### Medley

1st Hamilton Caledonian  
 2nd Manawatu Scottish  
 3rd Scots College  
 4th Wellington Red Hackle  
 5th Kapiti Coast  
 Judges: Scott Shannon, Iain Ferguson (piping); Craig  
 Meinsmith (ensemble); Greg Bassani (drumming)

## Northcote Invitational - Auckland – 30 December

### Overall

Stuart Easton

### Double MSR

1st Stuart Easton  
 2nd Iain Robertson  
 3rd Blair Hodgson  
 4th Callum Gilchrist

### Medley

1st Stuart Easton  
 2nd Iain Robertson  
 3rd Callum Gilchrist  
 4th Blair Hodgson  
 Judge: Brendon Eade (last year's winner)

## Midwest Highland Arts Fund Winter Storm - 13 January

### Solo Piping

#### Professional

Piobaireachd  
 Gold Medal  
 1st Andrew Lee  
 2nd Andrew Carlisle  
 3rd Derek Midgley  
 Judges: Callum Beaumont, Brian Donaldson

**Silver Medal**

1st Andrew Douglas  
 2nd Daniel Cole  
 3rd Alastair Murray  
 4th Alexander Schiele  
 5th Zephan Knichel  
 Judges: Ian K. MacDonald, Fred Morrison

**MSR**

1st Alex Gandy  
 2nd Alastair Lee  
 3rd Andrew Carlisle  
 4th Andrew Lee  
 5th James P. Troy  
 Judges: Colin MacLellan, Richard Parkes

**Pipe-Majors Wheel of Fortune solo piping  
 and humour competition - Danderhall,  
 Scotland - 11 February**

**Overall**

1st Ben Duncan  
 2nd Sarah Muir  
 3rd equal Lachie Dick and Jenny Hazzard  
 Others competing: Gordon Bruce and Jonathon Simpson  
 Contestants play three sets of tunes: an MSR of their choice, a light music medley of their choice, and then a selection of tunes determined by spinning the Golden Chanter on the Wheel of Fortune. They then have to tell a joke that is judged by the audience. The MSR was won by Ben Duncan and Jenny Hazzard won the Joke event  
 Judges: Ian Duncan, Allan Forbes and Alan MacDonald

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**RADIO PROGRAMS**

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 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](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 0417 097 687 or email [shepap@bigpond.com](mailto:shepap@bigpond.com)

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society** of South Australia: [www.rubrown.org.au](http://www.rubrown.org.au) or  
 Craig Masson 08 8261 1119

## What's On (apart from the Society Program on page 2)

Mar 10,11	NZ Pipe Band Championships	Nelson - <a href="http://www.nzpipebands.org.nz/contests/">www.nzpipebands.org.nz/contests/</a>
Mar 26	BBC Contest (Bands)	Toowong - <a href="http://www.pipebandsqld.org">www.pipebandsqld.org</a> - contact Stevie Stanley <a href="mailto:sstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au">sstanley@bbc.qld.edu.au</a>
Apr 14,15	Maclean Contest (Bands & Solos)	Maclean, NSW - <a href="http://www.macleanhighlandgathering.com.au">www.macleanhighlandgathering.com.au</a>
May 6	Redlands Contest (Bands)	Wellington Point - <a href="http://www.pipebandsqld.org">www.pipebandsqld.org</a>
May 20	Sunshine Coast Contest (Bands)	Yandina - <a href="http://www.pipebandsqld.org">www.pipebandsqld.org</a>
Jun 6	Ipswich Contest (Bands)	Limestone Park, Ipswich - <a href="http://www.pipebandsqld.org">www.pipebandsqld.org</a>
Jul 15	Tartan Day	King George Square, Brisbane
Sep 2	Scots PGC Contest (Bands & Solos)	Scots PGC Warwick - <a href="http://www.pipebandsqld.org">www.pipebandsqld.org</a>
Sep 16	BBC (Solos)	Toowong - <a href="http://www.pipebandsqld.org">www.pipebandsqld.org</a>

For latest details at any time go to [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) and click on Coming Events or call the QHPS Secretary on 07 3397 4512

## African Blackwood Alert

African Blackwood has been added to the list of endangered species under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

As a result, a CITES permit may now be required to import and export any bagpipes, bagpipe components or practice chanters made from African Blackwood. Previously, this only applied to bagpipes containing ivory.

It appears the addition of African Blackwood came into effect from 2 January 2017.

While the Australian Government database of CITES species does not currently list African Blackwood, players planning to take their pipes overseas are advised to consult the Department of Environment website <http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/wildlife-trade/cites/how-cites-works> and email [wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au](mailto:wildlifetrade@environment.gov.au) to inquire on the need to obtain a permit.

We will pass further information on as it becomes available.