

# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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March 2018

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## March Meeting

on Monday 26th

7.00 PM

at The Walrus Bar, Regatta Hotel, Toowong  
(enter from the carpark)

### Maclean run-through

Turn up with your tunes for the Maclean Solos  
and play them to a sympathetic audience.

**Admission: \$5**

A great start for the year last month with our now usual Quartets contest but we are about to move into a very busy period with the Australian Pipe Band Championships on Saturday 7 April. As part of the events at that time, our April meeting will be the Piping Recital Challenge on Friday 6 April (see page 7 of this newsletter).

The Pipe Band Championships should be a great event, running from before 9am to about 4.30pm at Brisbane Boys College, so encourage all your friends to come along and see the Bands and Dancers who are also having a competition that day.

In the midst of all of this, the Maclean Highland Gathering is going ahead despite the damage to the showground caused by the recent storm and we wish them all the best for what looks like a great gathering as usual.

*Alex McConnell, Secretary*



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## February Meeting

Over 50 people attended our first meeting of the year in our new venue of the Walrus Bar at the Regatta Hotel at Toowong., including eight teams of four pipers each entered in the Quarter competition.

Andrew Roach started the evening off with a welcome.

Tuning facilities were arranged in the boardroom upstairs and a playing order set:

- BBC Team 2
- Scots PGC Team 1
- BBC Old Collegians Team 1
- BBC Team 1
- Scots PGC Team 2
- BBC Old Collegians Team 2
- St Andrew's
- Emmanuel College Highlanders

Anonymous judges were scattered around the room.

Bands had to play a selection of tunes of up to seven minutes and most played either a March, Strathspey and Reel or a Medley. A medley is more challenging for a quartet, especially if it includes extensive harmonies and that affected some of the performances, but nevertheless there was plenty of good, skillful and musical playing.

After the results from the anonymous judges were collated, Emmanuel College Highlanders (pictured below) were declared the winners.

Andrew Roach announced that our event for April would be the Piping Recital Challenge on the evening before the Australian Pipe Band Championships in the Walrus Bar.



## Calendar

**Feb 26** - Quartet contest

**Mar 26** - Maclean run-through

**Apr 6** (Friday) - Piping Recital Challenge

**May 26** (Saturday) - Patron's Trophy Contest (venue TBA)

**Jun 25** - Open Pipers Night

**Jul 23** - Jimmy Durham Memorial

**Aug 27** - Open Pipers Night

**Sep 24** - International Piping Recital

**Oct 27** (Sat) - Julie Appleton-Seymour Memorial Contest - Emmanuel College UQ

**Nov 26** - Jack McCandlish Memorial Contest

All meetings on Monday nights at Walrus Bar, Regatta Hotel, Toowong except as specified.

## Piobaireachd Group

**Mar 4** - Ipswich Thistle Band Room, Lion Street, Ipswich

**Mar 25** - Ipswich Thistle Band Room, Lion Street, Ipswich

**May 6**

**Jun 3**

**Jul 1**

**Aug 5**

**Sep 9**

**Oct 7**

**Nov 4** - Recital Day

**Dec 2**

## ***Do you have pipes you want to sell?***

We regularly get requests from people looking for a good instrument, especially an older one.

If you have one that is surplus to requirements, just email us on [qhps@qhps.org](mailto:qhps@qhps.org) or ring 07 3397 4512 with the details and we will see if we can put you in contact with a potential buyer.

We can also advertise them in the newsletter (free for members).

## Piobaireachd Group

As notified, the March meeting of the group was held in the Ipswich Band's Hall on Sunday the 4th with a reasonable attendance of interested Society members and pipers anxious to view the additions and examine the piping experience of playing there. Unfortunately several of our regular players were unable to attend and as thus their opinion will be received next meeting.

Ross Campbell opened the day's playing with ***The Gathering of Clan Chattan***, his pipe sounding well on the wooden floor.

David Marriner was next to play. Having tuned his pipe, we heard a well balanced performance of ***The Lament for Mary MacLeod***, followed by Nick Tomkins playing ***The Parading of the MacDonalds***.

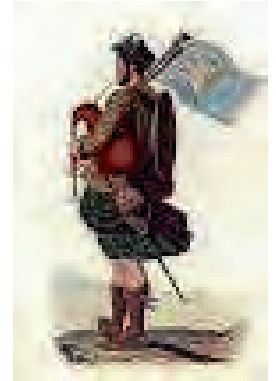
Jim Cordell had brought along his son Ben who gave us an impressive effort with the tune he has just been given, ***The Little Spree*** - just what we want - young players!!

Next was Ross running us through the set tune ***The Bicker*** after which we broke for morning tea.

After morning tea Ross played ***The Bicker*** to complete the study of the tune.

Next to play was Jim Cordell playing ***Catherine's Lament***, followed by Mark McKenzie who gave us two tunes: ***The MacLeods Salute*** and ***The Massacre of Glencoe***.

Listening to a recording of Donald MacLeod singing one of his compositions ***MacMurich's Salute*** completed the day for us.



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

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

30-31 Mar	Maclean Highland Gathering <a href="http://macleanhighlandgathering.com.au">macleanhighlandgathering.com.au</a>	
7 Apr	Australian Pipe Band Championships <a href="http://www.australianpipebandchamps.com">www.australianpipebandchamps.com</a>	Brisbane Boys College
28 Apr	Redlands Pipe Band Contest	Wellington Point
3-6 May	Australian Celtic Festival <a href="http://www.australiancelticfestival.com">www.australiancelticfestival.com</a>	Glen Innes
12 May	Scots PGC Warwick Band and Solo Contest	
19 May	Sunshine Coast Band Contest	Yandina
9 Jun	Queensland Pipe Band Championships	Ipswich
22 Sep	BBC Solos and Mini Bands	

# CONTEST RESULTS

## Winter Storm Solos - Kansas City, Missouri – 13 January

Professional

Piobaireachd

United States Gold Medal

- 1st Alastair Lee, *The Vaunting*
- 2nd Andrew Donlon, *The End of the Great Bridge*
- 3rd Derek Midgley, *The Battle of Waternish*
- Judges: Callum Beaumont, Colin MacLellan

United States Silver Medal

- 1st Zephan Knichele
- 2nd Andy Wilson
- 3rd, Kevin McLean
- 4th Alastair Murray
- 5th John Lee
- Judges: Alan Bevan, Ann Gray

MSRHJ

- 1st Sarah Muir
- 2nd Andrew Carlisle
- 3rd Matt MacIsaac
- 4th Derek Midgley
- 5th James Troy
- Judges: Callum Beaumont, Stuart Liddell, Colin MacLellan

## Turakina NZ Highland Games -28 January

Overall

- 1st New Zealand Police
- 2nd Manawatu Scottish

Medley

- 1st New Zealand Police
- 2nd Manawatu Scottish
- Judges: Brendan Eade, Graeme Bryce (piping); Alastair MacKenzie (ensemble); Louis Norton (drumming)

MSR

- 1st New Zealand Police
- 2nd Manawatu Scottish
- Judges: Tom Glover, Bain Macgregor (piping); Liam Kernaghan (ensemble); Glen Rogers (drumming)

## Wellington Hawkes Bay Centre Championships - Raumatī, New Zealand – 17 February

Grade 1

Overall

- 1st New Zealand Police
- 2nd Manawatu Scottish

Medley

- 1st Manawatu Scottish
- 2nd New Zealand Police

MSR

- 1st New Zealand Police
- 2nd Manawatu Scottish
- Judges for all events: Alistair Hanning, Andrew Sander (piping); Liam Kernaghan (ensemble); Jamie McEwan (drumming)

## Metro Cup Solo Championship - Newark, New Jersey – 17 February

Overall

- Callum Beaumont

Piobaireachd

- 1st Ian K. MacDonald, *Mary's Praise*
- 2nd Callum Beaumont
- 3rd Bruce Gandy
- 4th Glenn Brown
- 5th Cameron Drummond
- Judges: Michael Rogers, Jim Stack

Medley

- 1st Andrew Carlisle
- 2nd Callum Beaumont
- 3rd Alex Gandy
- 4th Alasdair Henderson
- 5th Cameron Drummond
- Judges: Michael Grey, Scot Walker

## Ballarat Highland Gathering - 25 February

Grade 2

- 1st Moorabbin City

Grade 3

- 1st Scotch College No 1
- 2nd City of Melbourne No 1
- 3rd Victoria Scottish
- Drum Corps: Victoria Scottish

Grade 4

- 1st Haileybury College No 1
- 2nd Warrnambool No 1
- 3rd Old Scotch
- 4th Scotch College No 2
- 5th Golden City
- Drum Corps: Haileybury College No 1

Grade 4 Marches

- 1st Scotch College No 2
- 2nd Geelong RSL
- 3rd Maryborough & Dist, PLC (Tie)
- 5th Ballarat Grammar

## Juvenile

- 1st Scotch College No 1
- 2nd Haileybury College No 1
- 3rd Haileybury College No 2
- 4th Ballarat Grammar
- 5th PLC
- Drum Corps: Scotch College No 1

## Bendigo Highland Gathering - 3 March

### Grade 2

- 1st Moorabbin
- 2nd Hawthorn City
- Drum Corps: Hawthorn City

### Grade 3

- 1st City of Melbourne No 1
- 2nd Victoria Scottish
- Drum Corps: Victoria Scottish

### Grade 4

- 1st Haileybury College No 1
- 2nd Old Scotch
- 3rd City of Melbourne No 2
- 4th Watsonia RSL
- 5th Golden City
- Drum Corps: No 1

### Grade 4 Marches

- 1st City of Melbourne No 2
- 2nd Haileybury College No 2
- 3rd Maryborough & Dist

## Juvenile

- 1st Haileybury College No 1
- 2nd Haileybury College No 2

## Archie Kenneth Quaich Piobaireachd -Royal Scottish Pipers Society, Edinburgh - 3 March

- 1st Robert Wilson, *MacCrimmon's Sweetheart*
- 2nd Gregor McCulloch, *Lament for Mary MacLeod*
- 3rd Stuart Gaudin, *The Groat*
- 4th Helen Thompson, *Tulloch Ard*
- Judges: Alan Forbes, Peter McCalister
- The event was disrupted by snow with the original judges and nearly half the competitors entered being unable to attend.

## New Zealand Pipe Band Championships - Rotorua, – 10 March

### Grade 1

#### Overall

- 1st New Zealand Police
- 2nd Canterbury Caledonian Society
- 3rd Manawatu Scottish
- 4th Auckland & District
- 5th ILT City of Invercargill Highland

#### Medley

- 1st New Zealand Police

- 2nd Manawatu Scottish
- 3rd Canterbury Caledonian Society
- 4th Auckland & District
- 5th ILT City of Invercargill Highland
- Judges: N. Foster, Brian Switalla (piping); Terry Lee (ensemble); Paul Turner (drumming)

## MSR

- 1st New Zealand Police
- 2nd Canterbury Caledonian Society
- 3rd Auckland & District
- 4th ILT City of Invercargill Highland
- 5th Manawatu Scottish
- Judges: Martin Frewen, Donald MacPhee (piping); C. Stevens (ensemble); R. Levy (drumming)

## Grade 2 Overall

- 1st St Andrew's College
- 2nd Wellington Red Hackle
- 3rd Celtic (Nelson)
- 4th South Canterbury
- 5th Canterbury Caledonian (Gr2)

## Grade 3 Overall

- 1st Hamilton Caledonian Society
- 2nd Scottish Society of New Zealand
- 3rd Auckland Police
- 4th City of Tauranga
- 5th City of Hastings

## Grade 4A Overall

- 1st ILT City of Invercargill Highland (Gr4)
- 2nd Scots College
- 3rd St Andrew's College B
- 4th Hokonui Celtic
- 5th Celtic Development

## Grade 4B Overall

- 1st Wellington Red Hackle (Gr4)
- 2nd Papakura
- 3rd South Canterbury Development
- 4th City of Rotorua
- 5th Kapiti Coast

## Juvenile

- 1st St. Andrews College
- 2nd ILT City of Invercargill Highland
- 3rd Scots College
- 4th Celtic (Nelson)
- 5th St. Andrews College B
- Judges: Martin Frewen, Donald MacPhee (piping); C. Stevens (ensemble); R. Levy (drumming)

## Duncan Johnstone Memorial Competition for solo pipers graded B or C - National Piping Centre, Glasgow - 10 March

### B-Grade

#### Overall

- Steven Leask

#### Piobaireachd

- 1st Steven Leask
- 2nd Kris Coyle

3rd Steven Gray  
 4th Willie Rowe  
 5th Ben Mulhearn  
 Judges: Anne Johnston, Patricia Henderson

**B MSR**

1st Ross Miller  
 2nd Calum Brown  
 3rd Finlay Cameron  
 4th John Dew  
 5th Gavin Ferguson  
 Judges: Glenn Brown, Murray Henderson

**Open Jig**

1st Ciaren Ross  
 2nd Steven Leask  
 3rd Dan Nevans  
 4th Connor Jardine  
 5th Mael Sicard-Cras  
 Judges: Glenn Brown, Jonathan Greenlees

**C-Grade**

**Piobaireachd**

1st Andrew Ferguson  
 2nd Bradley Parker  
 3rd Dan Nevans  
 4th Gwanael Dage  
 5th Scott MacKay  
 Judges: Anne Johnston, Patricia Henderson

**MSR**

1st Bradley Parker  
 2nd Finlay Frame  
 3rd Douglas Mair  
 4th Andrew Bell  
 5th Scott MacKay  
 Judges: Finlay Johnston, Stuart Samson

Victorian Pipe Band Championships - Geelong  
 - 18 March

**Grade 2**

1st Pipeband Club  
 2nd Moorabbin  
 3rd Hawthorn City  
 4th St Andrews  
 Drum Corps: Hawthorn City

**Grade 3**

1st Scotch College No 1  
 2nd City of Melbourne No 1  
 3rd Greater Springfield  
 4th Victoria Scottish  
 Drum Corps: Scotch College No 1

**Grade 4**

1st Old Scotch  
 2nd Haileybury College No 1  
 3rd Golden City  
 4th Watsonia RSL  
 5th Maryborough & Dist  
 Drum Corps: Haileybury No 1, Old Scotch (Tie)  
 Grade 4 Marches  
 1st Scotch College No 2  
 2nd Maryborough & Dist  
 3rd Haileybury No 2

**Juvenile**

1st Scotch College No 1  
 2nd Haileybury No 1  
 3rd Ballarat Grammar  
 Drum Corps: Scotch College No 1

**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 0417 097 687 or email 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

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**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),

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**Piping Recital Challenge**

**The Walrus Bar - Regatta Hotel, Toowong  
Friday 6 April 2018 - 7pm start**



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# AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

## SATURDAY 7 APRIL 2018

Held every two years, the Australian Pipe Band Championship is the premier Australian Competition for bagpipe and drum bands. More than 30 bands made up of over 1,200 drummers and pipers are expected to participate, come along and be part of this great spectacular of tartan.

In 2018 the Championships will be held at Brisbane Boys College incorporating Highland Dancing Competitions, Highland Medieval Games, Scottish Stalls and more.



**Brisbane Boys  
College**  
Moggill Road,  
Toowong

**Highland Dancing  
Medieval Games  
Scottish Stalls  
and more**

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website at:

<https://australianpipebandchamps.com>

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**Onsite parking for  
cars available.**

**9:00 am Start**

**4:30 pm Mass Bands**

**4:45 pm Prize giving**