



April 2011

Hi Everyone

Well there have been some 'downs' at the moment, especially with the Canterbury Earthquake. But the members and friends of the Pipe Band community have helped their best to rally support to help with the reconstruction with the successful 100 Pipers Concert.

Regards
Chris Golder
Editor



Pipe Major's Resignation

The current Pipe Major of the band, Peter Menzies, has advised the members that he resigns his position due to increased commitments placed upon him with his work.

Appointment of a replacement will take place at the AGM of the band which is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 24th May.

We take this opportunity to thank Peter for his enormous contribution to the band and wish him well for his future endeavors.

Ian Telfar



Upcoming events

- City of Wellington Pipe Band OPEN DAY - Sunday 15th May - 12:00 - 3:00pm (+ sausage sizzle)
This event is to be run as an open invitation to the public to come along to the band room to not only hear the band play but also to serve as a meet and greet members of the band. As well as current band members all of the current learners are invited to participate as well. This will also serve as a drive for new junior members to get involved with the pipe band movement.

- 2011 AGM for COWPB - Tuesday 24th May - 7:30pm at the band hall

- Jumble Sale - Saturday 21st May - from 10:00am at the band hall

We are also planning on having a Ceilidh later on this year.

New members

Heather Mosher, ex pat Canadian / Kiwi, a piper who is residing in Wellington while completing her studies at teachers training college.

Campbell Orchard, a side drummer who joins us from being drum sergeant with Scots College pipe band.

He has just started his first year of university studies at Victoria University.



100 Pipers Concert

No sooner had the 2011 Pipe Band Nationals been cancelled and there were phone calls flying and meetings being arranged to organise an event in its place. The outcome was the "100 Pipers" concert. With only a week to organise the concert, the result was an event to behold. The fact that it was organised in five days really does make it all the more remarkable and speaks volumes about the sort of people we are fortunate to have within, both the local and extended, pipe band community.

Under the guidance of, City of Wellington Pipe Major, Peter Menzies, and Glenn Miller, Drum Sergeant of guest band Auckland and Districts, a small team, with a lot of support, managed to pull together six pipe bands, some highland dancers and ultimately sell a total of 437 tickets. The event raised a total amount of \$9,213 which, with donations included and taking account of expenses, translated to a profit of \$5,664.39. This has already been donated to the Red Cross Christchurch Appeal Account. The concert comprised performances from local bands, Scots College, Red Hackle, City of Wellington and Paraparaumu with guest performances from Grade 1 bands Manawatu Scottish and Auckland and Districts, and dancers from Thistle Brae. I think I speak for all members of the local bands in saying that playing along side, and being able to hear live, the two most prolific New Zealand grade one bands of the 21st century was an absolutely amazing experience.

In sum, the event was a huge success. From members of the Scots band to now be able to say that they have played at the Michael Fowler Centre, to the money raised for Christchurch it truly was a wonderful occasion.

I shall conclude by offering, on behalf of those who organised the event, our utmost thanks to: Wellington Venues for allowing the concert to take place in the Michael Fowler Centre; Crystal Clear Productions who recorded the event and are at present working on the DVD which is available for purchase through Ian Telfar, President of the City of Wellington Pipe Band Committee; and lastly to all those you supported the event.

Marcus Boshier



Summer School Report -Pipe Band

In January 2011 Dad, Kyle and I travelled from Wellington to Picton on the Ferry (not fun- I don't travel well on boats). Then a very long drive from there to Christchurch, to attend the RNZPBA Summer School.

When we arrived at Summer School, much to my disappointment, I was roomed with Dad. Who snored every night, causing me to get very little sleep!

On the Sunday night the tutors performed for all of the pupils. This was a great chance to see all of the tutors in action. Watching pipers and drummers of that calibre, such as Reid Maxwell, James Laughlin, Jack Lee, Martin Frewen and so many more, made the spirit and passion of the week so much stronger.

Over the course of the week the Tenor/Bass section had morning sessions consisting of rudiments, an old video (showing the different ages of tenor drumming) and some history of the instruments. The afternoon sessions were to work on our flourishing skills, one on one, or in groups. Our tutors were Tyler Fry, Nicola Purvis (A&D, SFU), Andrea Frewen (A&D), Stu McHale and Steelo. It was great to be able to learn so much from people with that amount of experience. Tyler had some interesting flourishes and so much energy it's infectious! I learnt so many different combinations for flourishes that I wouldn't have thought to put together.

When we played at massed bands on Monday afternoon the TV3 news crew came to film all of the summer school pupils "doing their thing." This was done to publicise that the 'New Zealand Foundation Youth Pipe Band' has been reformed. It was aired on TV3 about a week later.

Throughout the week we were all split into groups to perform at the student recital on the Thursday night. The Tenor/Bass group that I was placed with were all the members from the Youth Band. It was a great chance to get to know them and work with them before playing with them as part of a band.

Overall I had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed myself. It was a great experience that I will never forget. Robyn Forbes is truly amazing, all the running round organising everyone was great and she did such a good job. I made heaps of new friends, which will last a lifetime. I can't wait to go back again next year!

Megan Luckin

CONTACT DETAILS REQUIRED

We are " **DESPERATELY SEEKING** " the contact details of all of the past members of the City of Wellington Pipe Band.

The committee is in the process of putting together a complete list of past members and their current contact and address details.

As not all past members will be on email we would appreciate it if past members make contact with us via postal mail, telephone or email.

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You may have noticed that we have a few more stories from different writers in this edition, I would like to thank Marcus and Megan for there input in making an entertaining and informative newsletter.

Hoping for more regards

Chris Golder

Editor

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