

The City of Wellington Pipe Band News

August 2010

I thought it was about time to have another Newsletter as it's been a while since we last had one! The 70th Anniversary was a huge hit with over a hundred people turning up from all over the country and overseas (see some of the photos in this newsletter). We have recently had the AGM which has brought new members to the Committee and we have received some new equipment for the Band.

Regards
Chris Golder
Editor



A photo of six gentlemen who have served the Band well over many years.

SAUL Tuners

Some time ago, we received a kind donation from Wally that enabled us to purchase a SAUL Bagpipe Tuner. This unit has proved very accurate, enabling us to tune both the drones as well as each note on the chanter accurately. Two pipers felt they were such a useful tool that they purchased their own. Recently, eleven sets of the cables that are needed to connect the stocks to the tuner have been donated to the Band by Nancy. The City of Wellington Pipe Band is possibly the only Band in New Zealand to have all sets of pipes fitted with these tools.

Election of Officers

The AGM held on the 29th June 2010 elected in the below City of Wellington Pipe Band Officers.

Patron: Sir Ian McKay
President: Ian Telfar
Vice President (Finance): John Nicolson
Vice President (Education): Robert Sinclair
Manager: Bruce Blacklock
Pipe Major: Peter Menzies
Drum Major: Adam Gibson
Pipe Sergeant: Bruce Blacklock
Pipe Corporal: Marcus Boshier
Drum Sergeant: Steve Luckin



Pipe Majors Report

Following the 70th Anniversary, members have continued on with music selection and preparation for the 2011 contest in Timaru. The feeling in the unit is wonderful with Band functions being attended by all members available. I am led to believe that this was the kind of environment that existed in the days when the band was more successful. Practices recently are less stressful and the team spirit within the playing band is really good.

The Band now has a Strategic Plan, an Annual Plan (covering the next three years) and a set of Job Descriptions for each position on the Committee as well as for the Band officers. For too long bands throughout New Zealand have 'made it up as they went along' or 'left it to someone else'. There has been a move from Pipe Bands (certainly within the Wellington Hawkes Bay Centre) to adopt these principles. The City of Wellington and the Scotts College Pipe Band have lead the way with the improvement of management services. It is my belief that the current, successful Bands in New Zealand, have been doing this for many years.



This Photo is of Band Members who played with us between 1990 & 2000. There are six members currently participating still in the Band.

Fund Raising

The Band has been offered a good fund raising opportunity assisting to stock take at a central city shop. The arrangements are as follows:

- Friday 24th and Saturday 25th September,
- Hours 6pm to midnight (may go through to 1am if running late),
- Helpers must be adults (over 18 years),
- We are looking for 15 people for each night,
- There will be a need for training prior to the 24th.

I am aiming to earn \$2,500 – 2,700.00 from this event, so need good support for this one please!

Contact me on 021-461-439; or at home on 389-6486.

Peter Menzies

Ceilidh

There will be a City of Wellington Pipe Band Ceilidh on the 30th October 2010 at the Pipe Band Hall, so anyone who would like a good time should come along.

Garage Sale

There is to be a Garage Sale on the 6th November at the Band Hall to help raise money for the band. We will have a pick up or drop off date in October for anyone who would like to donate any items for the sale, more details will follow.

Grading Review

Notification has been received from the RNZPBA advising that the City of Wellington Pipe Band is to remain in Grade 3. This follows a review that was carried out by the Grading Committee earlier this year.

Editorial Content

In order for this Newsletter to continue being readable, there must be material submitted regularly. Over the past few months little or no material has been received. For the future of the Newsletter, please send information to the Secretary before the 20th of each month so we can provide more content for you.

Well that's the end of another Newsletter I will add more photos from the 70th in next months.

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