



August 2012

Summer School Report – Pipe Band

In January 2012 I travelled from Wellington to Christchurch to attend the RNZPBA Summer School.

When I arrived at Summer School (at 8am) there was hardly anyone there! I was roomed with a piper from the Youth band, which gave us the chance to get to know each other better.

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 caliber, such as Reid Maxwell, Tyler Fry, Jack Lee, Martin Frewen, Glenn Miller, Nicola Purvis 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 for the advanced group (me) and flourishing skills for the intermediate and beginner groups. 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.

The afternoon sessions were for the youth band to practice for our tour and Australia trip. We had an open practice on the Wednesday night to showcase our ability. The purpose was to have the international tutors (Jack, Reid and Tyler) help us improve and keep us on top of our game. This helped me so much.

The youth band and each student team performed at the recital on the Thursday night, the group I was put with (all of the advanced groups; piping, tenor/bass and side) worked really well together.

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 organizing 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

BOOSTED

New Fund Raising Stream:

With the aid of the Arts Foundation of New Zealand, the Band has decided to become involved in a new fund raising scheme known as 'Boosted'. This program was brought back to New Zealand by the Chief Executive of the Arts Foundation, Simon Bowden and he has invited the Band to participate.

In America it is sometimes referred to as 'Crowd Funding' and is very widely used over there.

What is Boosted:

It is a method whereby Incorporated organisations can register a fund raising project within Boosted (say to purchase two pipe chanters). We would advertise the project in the Band Newsletter, including a project reference and a pin number. Supporters can go on line and donate any amount they wish, i.e.: \$5.00, \$10.00 or even \$100.00 towards the project. When the pre-set sum has been reached, the whole amount will be forwarded to the Band to make their purchase with. The Band do not administer Boosted, the Arts Foundation do it for us. This meets the requirements of the IRD.

What is in it for Supporters:

Supporters of the Band are not pressurised to make donations. They donate what they can afford when they can afford it. When the pre-set amount has been achieved, the Arts Foundation will send donors' a tax receipt for their donation and they can use it to claim a tax rebate back at the end of the year.

What is in it for the Band:

The Band can prepare smaller items they need to purchase, and purchase them over a period of time with the assistance of their supporters.

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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Upcoming Events

27th Oct (Sat) - City of Wellington Pipe Band Ceilidh

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