

The City of Wellington Pipe Band News

December 2009

Well, another year has gone by and the festive season is being festive again! This month's newsletter has images from the recent past and hope for the future, enjoy!

Jingled Belled Regards
Chris Golder
Secretary

Pipe Major's Report

Recently some members of the Executive attended a meeting that focused on methods of obtaining finance for the Band. The message was quite clear.

All incorporated organizations have been feeling the pinch from the Charity Trusts in their areas. The City of Wellington Pipe Band has been no exception.

As a long term strategy, the Executive have decided to establish The City of Wellington Pipe Band Trust. This will be an incorporated society that will raise finance, invest all of the principle received and use any interest as a method of financing the City of Wellington Pipe Band in the future.

Apart from the ability to obtain funds from Charities for the (future) use of the Band, the Trust will be able to issue tax receipts for money received in the following ways:

Full Trust Donors, who will be individuals or organisations who have contributed \$350.00 towards the Trust.

Associate Donors who will be individuals or organisations who have contributed \$150.00 towards the Trust, and

Subscribing Donors who will be individuals who have contributed a minimum of \$50.00 towards the Trust.

Donors will be able to claim the donation on tax returns by presenting the tax receipt at the end of the year.

As fund raising projects accumulate tangible income, more of it will go to the Trust. As Band assets are transferred to the Trust, less and less of the Band expenditure will be required to maintain the Band financially and so the Trust will own assets, insure them, maintain them, repair and replace them.

One of the major benefits that will come out of this project is that the Band will have to be run on much more of a business model, with planning and accurate financial projections being made, five years in advance. This incidentally has already begun for the 2010/11FY.



St Andrews Day Event

First let's start with a couple of pictures from St Andrews Day.



Don Fraser

At the December Executive meeting, Don was proposed and welcomed onto the finance/treasurer area of the Band.

Don is a playing member from some years ago and has always maintained an interest in the Band. Welcome back to the sharp end Don, we promise not to put too much pressure on you!



The Wellington Santa Parade

This year we chose to play in the Wellington Santa Parade wearing the full No 1 kit; including feather bonnets.

For some band members, this was a new experience, and one they were pleased to be introduced to. The equipment is a part of the Bands heritage, and there is now only two or three bands left in New Zealand with this type of kit.

It was amazing the comments we received about this presentation and there is no doubt that the public certainly have strong preferences as to what a pipe band should look like.

Compliments from North Carolina, USA

We recently received an email from Alec Englebert, an occupant of North Carolina. He is an avid fan of the City of Wellington Pipe Band and possesses a VHS tape of the Band performing at the Edinburgh Tattoo during the 1980's when he was a five year old. Specifically, our Drum Major at the time (Gazza) seems to have impressed Alec the most!

I have sent the Band's best regards to both him and his wife, and maybe some day we just might get to North Carolina to play for him in his own area.

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Well that's the end of another mighty newsletter, I hope you have all had a great year! It certainly has been a long year, I think I am going to have a cup of tea and a lie down!

Musical Regards
 Chris Golder
 Secretary