



HO! HO! HO! Merry Christmas everyone! Welcome to the festive addition of The City of Wellington Pipe Band News! Unwrap this tinsel encased parcel of sticks, drones and reeds to find blue skies and red suited wonders!

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Chris Golder
Editor

Pipe Majors Report

Well, December has already arrived and I have still got about three months of work that needs to be done before I knock off for Christmas. Maybe I will catch up over the break, or should the 'New Years Resolution' be not to take on so much during 2011?

2010 has been a good year for the re development of the City of Wellington Pipe Band. In February, we established a learners' class for individuals who wanted to learn the pipes. This went quite well, but did suffer a bit with a lack of direction and co ordination. We have overcome this with a new Model that has been established with Davie Welsh being appointed as the Principal Piping Tutor and Adam Alexander as the Principal Drumming Tutor.

The Executive have worked on a Model for this tutoring to be managed under, and I am convinced that it can be transferred to other Bands in the Wellington Hawkes Bay Centre. Both Davie and Adam are happy to assist with other Bands if approached.

Adam is also working alongside the drummers in our Band working on scores and technique. Marion Horsburgh has also agreed to assist those members of the Band who need help with technique.

Steve Luckin has developed a great wee Bass Section. Both tenor drummers as well as Steve are going to attend the 2011 Summer School in Christchurch.

The pipers have recently been allocated brand new Shepherd C/3 pipe chanter and new Shepherd reeds. This has improved the sound of the Band immensely with the drone sound becoming (noticeably) more steady. Our thanks to Shepherd & Son (Scotland) Ltd for their assistance with this purchase.



The Christmas Parade



Spot the difference!

Can you spot the difference between these Santa's?



National Youth Pipe Band



It is about 20 years now since the last National Youth Band was formed in New Zealand. It has been decided that a new Band will be established during 2010/11 and the Band will aim for a New Zealand tour a trip to Australia and possibly later a visit to Canada.

The City of Wellington Pipe Band supported the concept with two nominations, and we have heard with great pleasure that Megan Luckin has been selected to a position in the Band. Congratulations Megan!

Kyle Nelson, the other member we put forward has been asked to re apply again in six months time, as there were several applicants at the same skill level. We will be assisting Kyle as much as possible for his next assessment.

St Andrews Day

A good day was had by all during this event.



Upcoming Events

2/01/2011—The Indian Wedding

29/01/2011—Turakina

30/01/2011—Gardens Magic Concert

3/02/2011—Welltec Parade

12/02/2011—Island Bay Parade

20/02/2011—Centre Contest—Victoria Park, Wanganui

3-6/03/2011—Timaru Contest

First Practice 2011

We will be aiming for the first practice for 2011 on the 11th January. Those who are in town, see you there!

Merry Christmas All
(Peter Menzies - Pipe Major)

So the end of the year is upon us and Father Time is once more about to turn the Hourglass.

Happy New Year Everyone!

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