



The City of Wellington Pipe Band News



January 2009

Groan, my head hurts!

Well, that's the end of the festive season. Time to get back to work, and there is a lot of work for the band this Summer. This month's Newsletter covers the calendar events and ideas for the year to come.

Quiet Regards
Chris Golder

President's Report

2009 represents a milestone in terms of the history of the band as it is 70 years since it was first set up. This information has only just come to our attention. Thanks to Reg Todd for his help with getting exact dates. One of the first things that the committee will be looking into in 2009 will be to organize a reunion for past and current members to celebrate this milestone. Please do spread the news far and wide that we are planning to celebrate this milestone. We will provide progress reports with future newsletters. If there is anyone that would like to be added to the email list for this news letter then please contact Chris Golder the band secretary.

Ian Telfar
President

Changes in the Committee

There have been more changes in the Committee with Ian MacKenzie giving a formal notification that he was stepping down as the Member's Representative. Ian has been a valuable presence on the Committee. If anyone is interested in becoming a Committee representative please contact one of the members on the bottom of the following page.



2009 Calendar

Here is a brief overview of the events coming up in 2009, for more information visit the NZPBA website at:
<http://www.nzpipebands.org.nz/>

- 31st January - Turakina Highland Games
- 14th February - Paeroa Highland Games & Tatoo
- 21st February - Octagonal Day
- 21st February - Auckland Centre Contest
- 22nd February - Otago Southland Centre Contest
- 28th February - C.N.I Centre Contest
- 6-7th March - NZ PipeBand Championships
- 21st November - Contest at the Gardens



Band Hall Mural

The Band Hall Mural is coming along nicely as you can see, thanks to Catherine Nicolson and her helpers. The Mural is not yet finished and will need a final coat of 'anti-graffiti' paint, but Catherine deserves a round of applause for the fine work she has done to spruce up the Band Hall!



The Wellington City Coat of Arms

In the era of Mayor, Sir Frank Kitts, the Band had bestowed upon it, the wonderful honour of being permitted to wear the Wellington City Coat of Arms, both on our uniform and on our drums. Prior to the last Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Edinburgh, the present Mayor supplied 20 pipe banners with the Council Coat of Arms embroidered on both sides in colour.

It needs to be understood that we do still wear this crest on all of our headwear and on our sporrans, but the practice of having it on our drums has ceased and this has been noticed by several individuals and organisations.

With the understanding that the use of the Coat of Arms is still available to us, and that it is a part of the rich heritage of the Band; should we consider returning to the practice of affixing these transfers to our drums?

Please let us know your thoughts?

The Rules of the City of Wellington Pipe Band Incorporated:

The original rules of the Band were reviewed and re-registered under the Incorporated Societies Act on 5th July 1993 by the then President Frank MacKinnon. As a lawyer and member of the Band, Iain Blakeley ensured the document was properly registered.

It has come to the attention of the Executive that there now a need to amend the rules again, to bring the 'Winding Up' clause (clause 31) into line with the new requirements relating to charitable organisations nationwide. This new provision does not just apply to the City of Wellington, but to all charitable organisations in New Zealand. There are no other alterations proposed at this time.

At the present time the Executive have raised the new document and will seek legal advice on the wording before proceeding further. Then, after the wording is approved, a copy will be made available to all members to view prior to a General Meeting being held to consider a motion to proceed with the amendment.

Well, I am feeling much better now and looking forward to the rest of the year!

Any news or pictures for the February edition of the Mighty City of Wellington Pipe Band Newsletter should be sent to me before last week of January.

Chris Golder
Secretary

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