



The City of Wellington Pipe Band News

June 2009

Well it's Winter time again, it's cold and wet out there so sit yourself down by the fire, with a nice dram, and warm yourself up with the roasty toasty June Newsletter.

Shivering regards
Chris Golder
Secretary

Pipe Major's Report

Winter creates a really difficult environment for pipe band practices. You open up the hall and it is so cold it is difficult enough getting the fingers working; the pipes are cold and they tune very flat for the majority of the time in the hall. Then about half an hour before home time, the pipes warm up and the sound begins to sharpen. This is when the really good sound begins to appear and I have been impressed with what we are achieving at this later hour.

No matter what we think though, all **practice** needs to be done at home and the Tuesday evening gathering is a **rehearsal** evening. By way of example of this, last night, I rang a very well known international piper, and was told I would have to wait until he had finished his practice before I could speak to him.

On a lighter note, we have come up with a wonderful method of bedding in tunes on the pipes as a Band. Just last night Ian Telfar and I had a look at a method of implementing this in the band room in a way that other users of the hall can share also. Watch this space!

Included in this Newsletter is a Band Diary that will show locations of practices and performances of the Band. The diary will be updated in each issue so supporters can attend and listen to the Band.

By the 1st or 2nd of July we expect to know one way or another if the City of Wellington is to be invited to attend the 2010 Edinburgh Tattoo in Sydney. There are some good reasons why the Band should attend, but in the final analysis, it is up to the organisers.

Last week, I received a donation of \$500.00 from one of our regular benefactors and I have written to her thanking her for her generosity. The money is to go towards upgrading facilities in the band room.

Peter Menzies
Pipe Major



New Uniform

The committee is working towards a new look uniform for the band. We are still in the design and colour coordination process at the moment and we will keep you all appraised as the uniforms become more complete. The below picture is a mock up of the type of uniform we are looking at at the moment.





The Family Shot

This photo of Steve and Janet Allison showing both of them playing Henderson Pipes.

Janet has since advised that she has stepped up to a set of David Naill pipes and I must admit they do sound great.

The Band Hall

In the very near future there will be three projects take place. The first is the replacement of the horrible concrete outside the front door and converting it unto something that is more accessible for the disabled. This fits in with the Hall Committees plan to make the hall more available for everybody.

The second project will be the replacement of the existing front doors with new ones. We have all noticed the deterioration of the external doors and finance has been identified to replace them.

Once the main doors have been done, then it will be the turn of the double Exit doors to be replaced.

Web Site

The City of Wellington Pipe Band Web Site is now up and running at <http://www.cowpb.org.nz/> thanks to the help of Andrew Nicolson. We can all help to promote it by visiting the site and adding information and stories to it. One of my favorite areas has an amazing magazine/newsletter full of current news about the band?



COWPB Badge

This is the shape and layout of the patches we would like to fix to the shoulder of our uniform shirts. They will clearly identify our band members and lift our image way above the shirts we have been wearing recently.

Calendar Dates

30/06/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
7/07/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
14/07/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
21/07/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
25/07/2009	Education Day @ Scots College
28/07/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
1/08/2009	Scots Ball @ Lower Hutt
4/08/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
11/08/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
18/08/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
25/08/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
1/09/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
8/09/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
15/09/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
22/09/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
29/09/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
6/10/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
13/10/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
20/10/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
27/10/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
3/11/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
10/11/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
17/11/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
24/11/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
29/11/2009	St Andrews Day, Frank Kitts
1/12/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room
5/12/2009	Square Day, Palmerston North
15/12/2009	Band Practice @ Band Room

Well I hope you are feeling a bit warmer now. If you are still feeling chilly, cuddle up to the hot water bottle and have another dram!

Cozy Regards
Chris Golder
Secretary

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