

The City of Wellington Pipe Band News

February - March 2010

It has been a busy time for the Band in the last month with us playing at the Island Bay Festival, the Masterton Contest, the Te Papa Scottish Exhibition closing ceremony and the Masterton Nationals. But we are building up to the biggest event of the year with our 70th Anniversary event being held on the 17th April which will include dinner, whiskey tasting, good conversation, caps, badges, CD's never seen before and of course excellent music!

Looking forward to it regards
Chris Golder
Secretary

Pipe Major's Report

The last four months have been very busy for the Band. We have been working very hard to bring the standard of playing up to an acceptable level in order to compete at the National Championships in Masterton.

Our first outing this season was the Provincials in Masterton during February and we made an appropriate entrance wearing our revised No 2 uniform. There were many positive comments about our attendance, and we have attempted to be innovative as well. The Band generally is a young one that has not had the benefit of being together for a long time.

Thanks to Bruce Blacklock, who has taken over the role of 'Musical Director' of the Band. He has achieved a lot in a very small period.

Welcome also to Adam Gibson from Levin who has taken over as Drum Major for the contest. It was great to find someone who could just walk in and take over the role allowing Alex Hay to return to the back rank to provide some further depth there.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the 70th anniversary.



The 70th Anniversary Update

The ticket price for attendance will be \$100 per head (changed from the original Flyer amount of \$135)

We will require your full payment by the 17th March 2010.

We are one month away from the Anniversary on the weekend of the 17th April. Here is a breakdown on what is happening on each of the days:

Saturday 17 April

- 1400-1600** - Meet at the Band Hall for a whisky tasting and to register your arrival and receive your welcome pack.
- 1830** - Meet for group photo at the Overseas Passenger Terminal.
- 1900-1230** - Formal Dinner with Haggis at the Overseas Passenger Terminal in the Azzurra Room. If you have a kilt, please do wear it.

There will be a limited TAB supplied by the band, beer and wine only, once used a cash bar will operate.

Sunday 18 April

- 1100-1230** - Meet at the Band Hall for a massed pipes and drums tune.
- 1230-1430** - BBQ Lunch
- 1430** - Ready to depart.

70th Jubilee Caps

One item that many ex members might like to purchase during the celebrations is a Jubilee Cap. These come in black, and are multi size; i.e. one size fits all.



On the front of the cap is the Wellington City Crest and the dates 1940-2010 underneath.



On the left side of the cap individuals can have the discipline they were involved in embroidered on the side of their cap, i.e. Piper, Drummer, Drum Major.

If anyone would like to order one of these Jubilee Caps to be received on the night they can contact the secretary at secretary@cowpb.org.nz with their contact details and what discipline they would like on the side of the cap. The cost is \$35 per cap and all orders must be in by the 9th April.

Photos Appreciated!

If anyone has photos of the history of the Pipe Band, both formal and informal, and are happy for them to be put into the Pipe Band Newsletter please send them to the secretary@cowpb.org.nz. If you can send any relevant information with the photos it would be really appreciated and will help to keep the Newsletter vibrant and interesting.

Chris Golder
Secretary

New CD Available

We have just digitised 'The Highland Sound' onto CD for the 70th Anniversary which will be available for \$25 each at the Pipe Band Hall on the Saturday of the Anniversary weekend.

THE HIGHLAND SOUND

City of Wellington
Highland Pipe Band

PIPE MAJOR FRANK MacKINNON

Winner of all sections
A Grade Division of
NZ Contest 1966

Rare CD Available

We have recently been able to transfer some of our oldest 78' records onto CD. The compilation will be available on the night of the 70th Anniversary and is a CD with the following recordings on it:

1953 Pipe Band contest
1953 Contest Selection
1955 The Glens of Meldroch
1958 World Pipe Championships

The Passing Away of a Former Member

It is with regret that we have been informed of the passing away of one of our former members Elton Smith. Elton was a piper with the number 2 band in the days of Frank Mackinnon. Though he never made the No1 band as he was transferred to Masterton where he joined the Wairarapa Caledonian Band, Elton was a 'City' supporter through and through and was deeply upset when the band could no longer compete in Grade 1.

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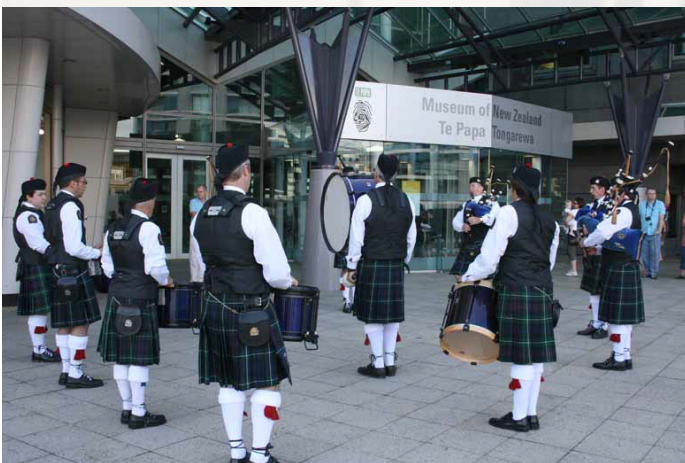
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The Island Bay Festival 2010



The Band playing at the Masterton Provincial Contest on the 20th February.



The Te Papa Scottish Exhibition closing event

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I think I am all partied out now! Here's to another 70 years of the City of Wellington Pipe Band!!!

Septante Regards
 Chris Golder
 Secretary

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 FOOD WAREHOUSE