



May 2009

I hope you all did/will enjoy the futuristic April Newsletter, unfortunately you may have to wait a while... because as soon as I finished it a warp hole collided with the space/time continuum and it dematerialized into the ether of 2059.

Rocket Toting  
Sporran Regards  
Chris Golder  
Secretary

## Pipe Major's Report

The Annual General Meeting has passed for another year and there is considerable anticipation as to what the new year will bring to the Band.

Undoubtedly, development will be the main theme of the year for everyone. Glenn and Kylie have started off very well and now it is the time for the piping to begin developing.

The Band have been very lucky recently. A donation has allowed us to purchase a Saul Pipe Tuner. These units allow us to tune all drones and chanter notes with amazing accuracy. All pipers of the Band will be required to learn to use this unit.

I have been studying the records from past Bands and AGM's to see if I can identify what has been going wrong in the last 20 years.

Between 1939 and 1999 there were six Pipe Majors (over the 60 years). This equates to an average of ten years in the post for each Pipe Major (although some of them did serve in that position for much longer than ten years).

Since 1999, there have been eleven Pipe Majors for the City of Wellington Pipe Band. This equates to one every 1.08 years.

It is very difficult to establish any sort of stability in an organization, when it is always changing its leadership.

I would like to think that we can settle down now and work towards a more stable future.

Peter Menzies  
Pipe Major

## The AGM

The City of Wellington Pipe Band held it's Annual General Meeting on the 26th of May 2009. The Committee would like to thank everyone who turned up and helped to create a positive atmosphere with a general feeling that the band is on the mend and heading places.

The new Election of Officers for the Pipe Band are as follows:

**Patron** - Sir Ian Mackay  
**President** - Ian Telfar  
**Vice President (Finance)** - John Nicolson  
**Vide President (Education)** - Graeme Welsh  
**Manager** - Bruce Blacklock  
**Pipe Major** - Peter Menzies  
**Drum Major** - Gary Maclean  
**Pipe Sergeant** - Steve Alison  
**Drum Sergeant** - Steve Luckin  
**Honorary Auditor** - Thoroughbred Accounting

So for the first time in a while we now have the full range of rank for the Band.

The full minutes of the AGM will be available to members soon.

## Life Membership

At a General Meeting, also held on the 26th May 2009, it was decided that Ian Fergusson and Eric Skachill should be awarded Life Members of the City of Wellington Pipe Band for their contribution to the Band over the years.

## Congratulations to Ian and Eric!

## Cruise Ships

The City of Wellington Pipe Band Committee would like to thank the people who helped out with the cruise ships over the last six months. This year went really well due to the multitude of members who decided to take the time to don the garb and entertain the masses.

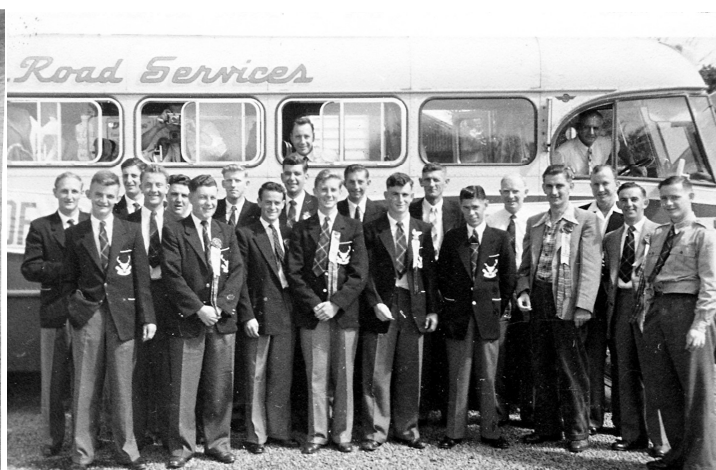


## ANZAC Day Parade

Members of the City of Wellington Pipe Band joined with other players from around Wellington to play for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service. Prime Minister John Key was amongst the dignitaries who attended the event.

## Changes to the Constitution

A General Meeting was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> April to decide whether the City of Wellington Pipe Band should change the constitution in order to make us a charity. The members were unanimous in the decision that we should change it in favour of becoming a charity. The Committee would like to thank the members who turned up to decide on this important decision, including Ted Wilce who came from far a field just to attend the meeting.



## The City of Wellington Pipe Band at the Wanganui Contest 1955.

Reg Todd was kind enough to send me these photos of the competing Pipe Band from the 1955 Wanganui Contest. The City of Wellington won all of the events.

## 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?

Phew! There certainly have been a lot of meetings in the last month. I will just mention that I will be staying on as the Secretary of the Band for the foreseeable future.

Regards  
Chris Golder  
Secretary

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