

# The City of Wellington Pipe Band News

October 2009

*Well it's that time of year again when forgotten garments creep out of the closet, leap upon unsuspecting children and force them to prowl the streets demanding food and money... scary stuff!*

*Bloodcurdling Regards  
Chris Golder  
Secretary*

## Pipe Major's Report

### New Players

We must be doing something right. We now have eight learners coming along on Wednesday night. This is double that we had last month. Each of them is showing promise and ages vary from quite young through to adults.

At present, there are just two of us teaching these students, and it would be much appreciated if existing or past playing members could assist in this most important venture.

For those who are interested, we are using 'The Highland Bagpipe Tutor Book' to teach these students. It is a step by step guide as taught by the National Piping Centre in Scotland. Each book comes with a CD disk inside the front cover so the student can print off exercises and basic tunes.

### Mentoring

I have found it quite difficult to play and critique the Band during practices, so I have accepted the assistance of Bruce Blacklock to do this for me. Bruce has proved very good in this role and his interpretation of the music had how we need it played has been good for the Band.

As a competing Band, we will need to raise our game a bit further. Accordingly, I have approached a very successful ex Pipe Major who is mentoring several Bands in the South Island. I believe he had quite an involvement with the success of the Temuka Band before they left for the Worlds. We have videoed a recent practice to send to him and will be interested to see what his comments are and if he is prepared to come on board and help us leading up to the contest season.



## Workshop

The Band are holding a workshop at the Bandroom this Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> November between 1pm and 4pm. There will be time to review bagpipe (maintenance) and view two DVD's; the first will be on bagpipe setup, while the second will be all of the sets and medleys from the finals (of the top nine bands) at the recent World Championships. A later workshop will cover the other top place getters at another time.

In order to foster good relationships between local bands, I have invited both Red Heckle as well as the Paraparaumu band. Anyone else (past or present) wishing to come along and have a look, please feel free to join in.

**Peter Menzies**

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City of Wellington Pipe Band will be celebrated on the 17<sup>th</sup> April in Wellington. This is the weekend following Easter.

Bruce Blacklock has a large database of ex members and if anyone has contacts of people who may not have heard from the Band for quite some time, please pass those details on to us through the email address [secretary@cowpb.org.nz](mailto:secretary@cowpb.org.nz).

We certainly hope that we will be able to make the weekend interesting for you all and would appreciate ideas that you may wish to be included in the program.



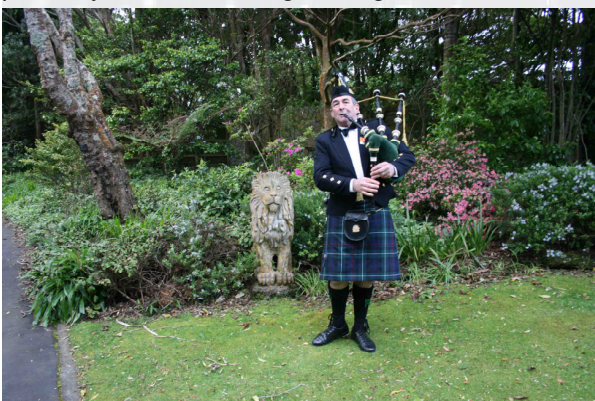


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### Associate Membership

Associate Members are people who wish to be closely associated to the City of Wellington Pipe Band and receive special offers and access on the web site.

Membership costs \$30.00 per member and this lasts for 12 months. With the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up, it will probably be an advantage to register as an Associate Member now.



### The Pipe Major and the President of the Scottish Parliament



Our very own Pipe Major Peter Menzies was invited to play at the British High Commissioner's residence recently. Peter played a few tunes and then had a dram with the President of the Scottish Parliament.

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Well that's the end of another gruesome Newsletter, I'm going to lock the door and keep away from the windows until the spookiness has ceased.

Quaking in my Boots Regards  
 Chris Golder  
 Secretary

PETONE **PAK'N SAVE** LOWER HUTT  
 FOOD WAREHOUSE