

WELLINGTON – HAWKES BAY CENTRE CONTEST

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The 2014 Wellington Hawkes Bay Centre Competition is to be held on Saturday 22nd February, in the grounds of Government House Wellington. The Host band for the Centre Contest is The City of Wellington Pipe Band.

All of the competitions and events including street march will be held in the grounds. The Patron of the Pipe Bands Association His Excellency, Lieutenant General the Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae, Governor-General of New Zealand will be in attendance for the street march and prize giving.

Alcohol – Free Contest :

All participants and attendees are asked to fully observe the No Alcohol or Alcohol Consumption requirement that will be in force for the day on Government House grounds.

Entry:

Entry to the grounds is by foot only

The main entrance is at the front gate of Government House opposite the Basin Reserve or through Wellington College (carparking). Parking fee applies.

Disabled access is available but details of vehicle and person/s need to be supplied to the hosting Committee prior to the event.

Entry to the grounds is from 8.30am.

There will be toileting facilities available along with drinking water stations.

The Cancer Society are providing sun-block free for all to use.

Parking:

Parking is available at Wellington Boy's College next door to Government House. There will be a fee for parking at this venue (\$5 cash per vehicle).

Bands travelling by bus **must contact** Ian Telfar **prior to the day** for parking instructions (contact details above).

You are encouraged to provide your own seating (deck chairs, pillows, picnic rugs etc.), along with this it is essential to bring Hats and your own Shade (February is usually Wellington's hottest and sunniest months). (No tent poles or pegs are allowed to be used on the lawn).

Food and Drink:

There will a selection of Hot and Cold food and beverages available for sale throughout the day from local Wellington Caterers.

Bandspersons and the General Public must comply with requests from the Marshals (will be wearing visibility vests for ease of identification).

Whilst on Government House grounds please observe the following:

- Please keep off the Gardens
- No tent pegs, umbrella poles, sunshade pegs to be pushed into the grass on the lawns
- Please ensure all rubbish is put in the bins provided

- Ensure toileting facilities provided are used (portaloos)
 - No entry to Government House or the other buildings on site
 - No 'unruly' or offensive behaviour (unruly behaviour will be dealt with promptly)
- Government House is the home of the Governor-General and should be treated accordingly.

General Information for Bands:

From the carpark to the tune up areas is about 400 meters.

From the front gate to the competition arena is about 400 meters

Tune up areas will be on the Southern side of the main residence.

The Street march will be held on the grass to the North of the main building (Competition Arena)(See map). The length of the street march will be approx 170 meters (short!).

At the end of street march Bands are to stop playing as soon as possible to allow the next band to start and be heard.

Only one band will be playing at a time in the Street March. All Bands need to disperse at the end of the street march promptly so the next band can 'come through'.

Draft of Days Programme (final times will be available prior to the event)

- Music Events
- Grade 4
- Grade 3
- Street march Note: Only one band will be playing at a time in the Street March
- Grade 1
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Clan March
- Juvenile Event
- Mace Flourishing
- Music Event
- Grade 1
- Massed Bands
- Prize Giving

This is a unique opportunity to attend an event in the grounds of Government House. We encourage your Family and Friends to come and enjoy the day with your Band.

Ground entry is free although a Koha would be gratefully accepted.

It is essential this Newsletter is emailed and made available to ALL Bandpersons and Supporters who are going to attend the event.

If members of your Band are interested in attending an informal 'get-together' at the completion of the Competition at the City of Wellington Pipe Band Hall for drinks and barbeque. (The band hall is only 5 minutes drive from Government House) This will be a good opportunity to change out of band gear, socialise before leaving for home. Please contact Ian Telfar (details above). We do need to know numbers for catering purposes.