

Warrnambool Pipe Band– Newsletter

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Competition Season is coming to an End

This Sunday the 10th of April marks the end of another pipe band

season.

Ringwood Highland Gathering will host the last competition for the 2010 - 2011 season. Even though our performances have been only ranked in the placing twice this season, it would be great to finish off with a bang.

Once again we would like to thank everyone who has played with WADPADI this season and we hope to see you all again for the 2011/2012 season.

On the 20th of March we travelled to Geelong Showgrounds to compete at a new venue.

It was a great result for us placing 2nd behind Ballarat with Hawthorn placing 3rd.

Morrabbin Pipe Band didn't attend due to members of the band attending a Police Pipe Band outing in Echuca.

The drummers also did very well, placing 2nd behind Ballarat, there was only 2 points separating the two bands!

A week later we ventured to Haileybury for the Victorian Championship in Melbourne.

The trip to Melbourne was an interesting one. The band trailer, which was being towed by the Moirs broke a wheel bearing coming over the West Gate Bridge! So after a few calls and an expensive taxi ride later we made it to the ground with all the drums.

Andrew and Nanette Sharp headed back to the trailer, which was left in Collingwood, to see if they could fix it. A few hours and a sore thumb later Andrew and Nanette returned with the trailer just in time to pick up the family and head home to Warrnambool.

We appreciate your efforts in fixing the trailer and hope Andrew's thumb is soon better—such dedication!.

Grade 2 Results:

1st Morrabbin Pipe Band

2nd University of Ballarat

3rd Hawthorn Pipe Band

4th WADPADI

Morrabbin and Ballarat tied for 1st place in Drumming and Warrnambool placed 3rd.

Great effort Drum Corp!

The Victorian Drumming Solos Championship are this Saturday Good luck to everyone who is competing! The band competition is on Sunday.

Let's be ready and raring to go. Make sure that you have done everything to bring to the table at this comp.

Hope you all are bringing your 'A game' and remember we are a team - lets compete as a team!

Mass Band Tunes for Season 2010-2011

Massed Band Tunes

Official Opening/ If Required

Scotland the Brave/The Badge of Scotland.

Green Hills of Tyrol/The Battles O'er.

Final Massed Band

Highland Laddie/The Barren Rock of Aden

Bonnie Dundee/A Hundred Pipers.

As we are required to play in Official Openings at some point during the competition season, it is important to know all these tunes.

Please be prepared.

If you do not know the tunes, Learn Them!

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International News

Robert Mathieson Changes

Direction -

Former Pipe Major of the House of Edgar-Shotts and Dykehead, Robert Mathieson has joined Simon Fraser University for the 2011 season.

SFU Pipe Major Terry Lee confirmed that Mathieson will play with the band including at least six contests, several in British Columbia. He will be spending an extended period with the band in Vancouver before travelling across to complete at the World Championships.

"I am thrilled to have Rob join our

ranks" said Lee. "My relationship with Rob goes back to the early 80's". Robert Mathieson said "It took me all of two seconds to grab this (opportunity) with both hands". I am very honoured to get the chance to play with this particular group of musicians and very thankful to Terry for this great opportunity".

There has also been some recruiting within the drum corp also.

Terry Lee has reported that there will be 12 snares this season in the grade one band. They include former lead drummer for Toronto Police, Doug Stronach. Nicola Parvis of New Zealand and Owen

Russell of Minnesota, formerly of Auckland and District and the 78th Fraser Highlanders, have joined as tenor drummers. Lee said the band has 26 pipers on its roster.

Ballycoan takes a Pass on 2011 Season

Ballycoan Pipe Band of Northern Ireland has decided to not complete in the 2011 in grade one due to "conflicting commitments of personnel and reduced resource level". It is said that it will instead commit the rest of the year to 'regrouping and concentrating on the 2012 season'.

Ballycoan Pipe Major Alfie Rea said "I'm disappointed the band has had to take this step but I feel there are long term benefits for the band which make it worthwhile. It has proven difficult to recruit quality players in the current climate and we have not been able to

replace players lost to normal attrition". The band has made a call out to those currently not with a band who might be interested in joining either Ballycoan grade one band or to become part of its junior program to contact the organization through its website or by email.

Up Coming Events

There are a few pipe band outings and play out coming up and we would like you all to put the following dates in your dairies so you do not forget!

Sunday practices will commence in 23rd January 2011 10.30am -12.30pm

More details from your tutors.

2011

9th April - Solo Drumming RSL Ringwood

10th April - Ringwood, Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

25th April - ANZAC marches:

8.30am Dennington

10.30am Warrnambool.

Please note this is also Easter Monday and its very important that you are available!!!

29th - 30th April & 1st May - SWCPD weekend held in Warrnambool, Emmanuel College

8th May - RUB Adelaide Solo Piping Competition

Rest of Piping Solo dates will be in the next issue so stay tuned.

Uniform Shop New Hours!

Attention All Members!!!!

As you all know, the uniform room has been transformed with a huge clean out and now for the first time in the band history we are having times set so that our uniform lady can fit in some practice time.

So from now on the Uniform Shop will only be open between 7.30pm and 8.30pm on a Thursday night. You can make an appointment with Nannette Sharp.

Can all members also please look in your cupboards for any extra uniform and equipment which you are not using or have outgrown and return to the band. The band are very short on the following eg. band jackets, pipe band covers.

Thanks

Have you seen our Drum Major?!

I don't know if you have noticed around the last few competitions our beloved Drum Major and president Michael Bellamy has been missing in action in the mass bands!!

The last time we saw him in action was at the Daylesford Competition back in 2010!!

If you have seen him please return him to us as he has been missed!

This photo was forwarded to me of Michael and we hope that he will reappear at Ringwood, if not definitely at the ANZAC Parade to lead our street marches!



SWCPD Workshop

At the end of this month will be the SWCPD weekend and we are hoping that all members will be attending the weekend, either participating or volunteering.

This is a shout out to all members and families for your help with this weekend.

We are looking for helpers in the canteen, photocopying music, transporting tutors and billeting tutors for the weekend, BBQ cooking and also the set up and clean up for the weekend.

Donations of food for the canteen will

be greatly appreciated and because of work commitments at this stage I personally might not be able to help organize the canteen this year and I am looking for someone to help me out on this.

This would be greatly appreciated.

Rosters for the canteen will be put up at band - please add your name to the list when available.

Myself or Tim McLeod need to know who can help out and who can supply food.

The SWCPD application form can be downloaded from the WADPADI web site and handed back to Nanette Sharp or Tim McLeod with your entry monies.

Please return ASAP.

The recital and ceileidh (concert) are a great part of the weekend so come along and be part of all the activities.

Photo Gallery has been out of action and hopefully will be up and running in the next issue.

If you have any information that you would like to forward to me I will add future newsletters.

Thank you

Tanya Ross
Band Secretary