

Warrnambool Pipe Band– Newsletter

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Pipes/Drums to bring eight of the world's best to free Piping Live recital.

Pipe/Drums Magazine, as part of sponsorship with Piping Live!, has announced that it will bring four of the world's greatest Pipe-Major and Lead-Drummer combination in a free one-hour 'Pipe and Drum' concert beginning at 2pm sharp on Wednesday, August 10th outside of the National Piping Centre.

PM Chris Armstrong and LD Barry Wilson of the Scottish Power Pipe Band; PM John Cairns and LD Graham Brown of Peel Regional Police Pipe Band; PM Stuart Liddle and LD Steven McWhirter, Inveraray and District Pipe Band and PM Stewart McKenzie and LD Graeme Parker, Manawatu Scottish Pipe Band will each perform in duets over the hour, bringing the audience a taste of quality that normally could only be found at the Glenfiddich and World Solo Drumming Championships.

Andrew Berthoff of Pipe/Drums Magazine said, 'Among the group are no fewer than five Highland

Society of London Gold Medals, four World Solo Drumming Championships, two Clasps and just about every major solo prize in each players home country'.

The event is not a competition, but instead a free recital that allows each duo to perform at their best, including an MSR of the quality that listeners hear at the World Solo Drumming Championship, an event that relatively few non-UK listeners attend. Barry Wilson and Steven McWhirter have won the last five World Solo Drumming titles, Wilson the last four in succession.

During this event and throughout the day, pipe/drum will be giving away merchandise to those attending, as well as special prizes every hour.

'pipes/drums Magazine is non-profit and independent, and this event is designed to give back to the piping

and drumming world.' Berthoff said.

The magazine is making a significant donation to each participating band in return for their time and talent, and hope to hold similar events featuring the leaders of other bands in future years.

This article is from the pipes/drums website.

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Solo Results

On the 17th of July the latest Piping Solo's where held at PLC in Melbourne.

The results are as followed

C Grade

1st Scott Turner
2nd Simon Gibson

3rd Alasdair Thom
4th Amy Forster

B Grade

1st Lachlan Moir
2nd Cameron Ely
3rd Steve Anderson

A Grade

1st Jonathon Quay
2nd Kelvin Mounsey
3rd David MacDonald

Congratulation to all members that participated on the day.

Richard Parkes Marks 30 years!

2011 marks 30 years at the helm for Richard Parkes, with FMM. It all started in 1981 when Parkes took over as Pipe Major for the Grade 2 Field Marshall Montgomery Pipe Band.

After the band was promoted into Grade 1 in 1985, Parkes has led FMM to six World Pipe Band Championship titles and a remarkable 45 major championships in total.

Since 2000, the band has won 32 out of 57 major championships. Parkes has guarded the band to nine RSPBA Grade one Champion of Champions awards and 19 All-Ireland titles.

Since the band's initial placing in grade 1 in 1990, FMM has been in the prize-list 104 consecutive times, including a spell in 2004 when Parkes

Was recovering from a stroke.

'Certainly (being Pipe-Major) has been a great journey for me and I've enjoyed it very much', Parkes said. 'I'm going to continue to do it as long as I'm capable of doing it'.

Of Grade 1 bands, only Terry Lee of SFU has more consecutive years as Pipe-Major.

Robert Mathieson said 'I watch Richard develop his band from the early days with a few local players to the global force his team has become. Phenomenal achievement, he brogues will be hard to fill when he decides to hang up his Glengarry'.

International News - Results from Competitions

Starting with SFU takes the eight firsts at Portland games.

1st SFU and best drum corp.

2nd Dowco-Triumph Street.

All Ireland Championships, held on the 2nd of July at Lisburn, Nth Ireland FMM won the 2011 topping St Laurence O'Toole on an MSR preference in beautiful conditional.

Grade 1

1st- FMM

2nd- St Laurence O'Toole

3rd -Ballycoone

Drum Corp won by St Laurence O'Toole.

Edinburgh 17th July.

Grade 1

1st Boghall and Bathgate Caledonia

2nd Inveraray and District

3rd Fife Constabulary

Drum Corp won by Boghall.

European Championship was held in Belfast, Nth Ireland on the 30th of July. On a lovely day and it was steamed worldwide via the internet, saw FMM take out the grade one title.

1st FMM

2nd St Laurence O'Toole

3rd Inveraray and District

Drum Corp won by The House of Edgar Shotto and Dykehead.

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!

2011

21st August- Terang Solo Piping Competition. Help will be required for the canteen

28th August- Concert in Camperdown

9th Sept- Horsham Solo Drumming

11th Sept-Vic Championship Solo Piping.

15th September- AGM Warrnambool

Pipe Band 7.30pm All members and players to attend.

23rd October- Mini Bands and Piping/ Drumming Solos Scotch College

3rd December- Daylesford competition.

Up Coming (Main) Competitions- International.

Aug 6th-North Berwick

Aug 7th-Bridge of Allen

Aug 13th-World Championships (Glasgow Green)

Aug 14th-Perth

Aug 21st-Crieff

Aug 27th-Cowal Championship

Oct 22nd-World Drumming Solo's.

Terang Solo's. Lead up to the World's.

On the 21st of August the Terang Solo Piping Competition will be held and we as a band will run the day.

We are seeking members to help and/or donate food for the canteen.

We are looking for soup, sandwiches and slices, as well as some helpers.

Also we would like some members to help with 'runners' during the day.

If you can help out please let Peter or myself know. Its only a few weeks away .

There is also a huge buzz happening around the pipe band world with the lead up to the World Pipe Band Championship.

With the Grade One Qualifying list been release, its gearing up to be a fantastic day. For the first time (in years) Shotto's and Dykehead will need to qualify to run for the title this year. It is also great to see that from this side of the world Manawatu Scottish Pipe Band and Canterbury Society Pipe Band are competing, representing New Zealand.

With the lead up, FMM who has won all major titles so far, and are the band to watch on the day. There are also a few other grade one bands that are sounding very nicely and will be a strong contender on the up coming events.

In my view, SFU, St Laurence O'Toole, Inveraray and District, Boghall and Bathgate and Fife are the ones that will be in the top six along with FMM.

As for who will win on the day?!! We will wait and see!.

Uniform Shop New Hours!

Attention All Members!!!!

As you all know, the uniform room has taken transformation 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 Annette Sharp.

Can all members also, please look in your cupboards any extra uniform and equipment. The band are very short on these. E.g. band jackets, pipe band covers.

If you have any information that you would like to forward it onto me and I can add it to the newsletter.

Thank you

Tanya Ross
Band Secretary.