

# Warrnambool Pipe Band– Newsletter

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## Warrnambool Pipe Band AGM and Information

Another month has passed and once again its that time of the year where we have our annual Annual General Meeting.

We are inviting members and players to take the opportunity to become a member of the committee or even volunteer for other positions

- Uniform Steward
- Catering Assistant/s
- Newsletter Assistant/s

If you are interested in becoming a member of the committee please talk to Michael Bellamy (President) or myself, Tanya Ross (Secretary).

The AGM will be held on the Thursday September 23rd 2010 at 8.30pm at the band rooms. There will be supper after the meeting.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

There will be Grade 2 band practice before the meeting so make sure that band members are at the band hall at 7.30pm to get a complete practice in before the meeting starts.

## Solos

Drumming Solos are about to start again and this year there is a extra competition. This will be held in Horsham on Saturday October 9th, starting at 3pm for the learners and 7.30pm for the more advanced sections.

The entry forms have been sent out. If you require an extra form please let me know and I will send one out to you.

There is also a mini band and drumming solo competition this year to be held at Scotch College on Sunday November 7th.

There are still a few solo competitions left for the pipers and all information can be found on the [www.vicpipers.org](http://www.vicpipers.org)

web site to check upcoming events.

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## Drumming for Drinks - Scottish Style!

As a lead up to the World Pipe Band Championships in Glasgow, there are a number of different concerts and competitions held and one in particular is the Drumming for Drinks. Held in Lord Todd, a number of snare, tenor and bass players are invited to play

from all over the world. Only one member was invited from Australia, The Pipe Band Club, Matt Mann. Matt went on to win the tenor section. All players who competed in the Drumming for Drinks can be found on Facebook pages and on

YouTube.

Check them out!

Other events to note were the Boghall Drum Corp Drumming Concert and the 100th year of St Laurence O'Toole Concert.

## Camperdown Play out - Robert Burns

On the 28th and 29th of August, 2010 the Robert Burns Weekend was held in Camperdown to raise money for the Robert Burns statue restoration. This started with a social night at John Menzies house with lots of music being played and sung throughout the night by many of the guests involved in the weekend. There is a special mention going out to the band families who attended to represent the band and who enjoyed the evening. Special guests

Sunday's concert at the Camperdown Theatre was an afternoon of wonderful music supplied by more than 50 musicians including The Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club, Don Grieves and Angela Preiss, Corangamite Arts' Tune a Week group of regional musi-

cians, Peter Daffy and our own Warrnambool and District Pipes and Drums Inc. The band sound was magnificent and players played superbly throughout the afternoon.

350 guest filled the hall and the afternoon was enjoyed by everyone with much toe tapping and clapping throughout the 3 hour concert. A welcome cup of tea was served in the intermission. The band Thank you to all members that attended both days.

### Terang Solo Competition

A week earlier saw the Terang Solo Competition. Congratulations to the members who placed on the day.

B Grade: 1st place - Hope Town

2nd: Kyle Moir

3rd Rebecca Kelly

D Grade: 1st place: Amy Forster.

Most Improved Piper: James Ruddle

Thank you to all members who donated food and helped out on the day. As one of the bands fundraisers its great to see everyone helping out.

Next Solo competition is in October.

## World Pipe Band Championship

The World Pipe Band Championship was held on the 14th of August 2010.

There were a number of Australian pipers and drums represented in different bands.

St Andrews Pipe Band, New Zealand had our very own Nicola Sharp with the band placing 5th overall. A great effort for the first time attending the Worlds!

In the grade one section The Pipe Band Club played but didn't qualify for the afternoon section. Better luck next year.

It was a very interesting afternoon. The first time winners St Laurence O'Toole winning both MSR and Medley as well as the drumming section. The next three placings were very close with Field Marshal second, and a tie for three( going back to MSR points) between Simon Fraser and Boghall.

First time in the final Inverary and District came 9th.

After the celebrations and achievements for the day the final competition of the season was held at Cowal.

Results in grade one saw Boghall winning both band and drumming competition. Field Marshal second and St Laurence O'Toole third.

Well done to all bands and all competitors.

## Up Coming Events

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

Sept 18th – Drumming practice in Melbourne

Sept 19th – Band Play out for the Friends of the Gardens 11am –2pm

Sept 23rd –Warrnambool Pipe Band AGM starts 8.30pm at band rooms

Sept 24th – 26th – The Canberra College of Piping and Drumming

3rd Oct – Moorabbin Pipe Band Piping Solo Competition

9th Oct – Horsham Drumming Solo Competition

10th Oct – Port Fairy Spring Festival Band playing on Green

17th Oct – Sunday practices will commence. Check time with tutors

7th Nov – Mini Bands and Drumming Solo Competition - Scotch College

21st Nov – Garden Party for Rotary Fundraiser.

5th Dec – Daylesford Gathering

12th or 19th Dec – Xmas break-up in Warrnambool Gardens

Jan 2011– APBA Summer School, Melbourne.

## Stories, Photos and other Information

If you have any information that you would like put into the newsletter please forward it to me via email or in person.

Thank you

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### **The Oldest Surviving Statue of Robert Burns**

In his keynote address following the unveiling of the world's first statue to Jean Armour in Mauchline, Ian Lyell, Hon President of the Mauchline Burns Club told the gathering: "The first statue to her famous husband was erected in Australia in 1885. Today, on St Andrew's Day 2002, we herald the first statue to the mainstay of Burns' hectic and difficult life – his wife – Bonnie Jean".

The writer of this article recently let Ian Lyell know he was almost certainly the first person to have stated that the oldest statue of Burns was not in Scotland, but in Australia. How, though, had he reached that conclusion? Ian responded: "I found the information about the Australian statue in a book on Burns statues and memorabilia by Mackay."

This writer's inner voice said, "Ian must have relied on deduction to conclude that the statue in Australia was the oldest – thus "the first" – because James Mackay never broached the matter in his book, *Burnsiana*(1). Indeed, Mackay was apparently totally unaware how close he came to a cluster of begging-to-be-made discoveries when he wrote: "The statue was carved by John Greenshields in 1830 and reproduces the hatted portrait of Burns by Peter (also called Patric) Taylor in 1786. The poet is shown seated with his dog alongside. The statue remained in the hands of the Taylor family (who) migrated to Victoria in the 1850s"

## Free Piping & Drumming Tuition

Free lessons and instruments  
for beginning pipers and  
drummers:

Monday nights at Allan Lane Pavilion

7.00pm start

PIPING – PH: Donald 5567 6273

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