



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - April 2014

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**April Meeting**  
on Monday 28th at 7.30pm

**at a NEW VENUE**  
**BULIMBA BOWLS CLUB, QUINN STREET BALMORAL**  
Admission \$5

**The Meeting will feature a  
Pair of Pipers Competition**  
Junior and Senior divisions.

Junior Contest test piece: 3-5 minutes of music including at least 4 parts of 2/4 or 6/8 March time (rest own choice) Senior contest test piece: 5-7 minutes of music (own choice)  
To be eligible for the Junior Contest, both players must be graded C (Sub-Intermediate) or below.  
If either or both players are Intermediate or above they will play in the senior division.  
The Junior Contest is planned to start at 7.30pm. so please arrive in time to be ready to play.  
Enter by Phone (07 3397 4512), email (qhps@qhps.org), before 7.15pm on the night (junior) or

7.45pm (senior), No entry fee

Prizes: Senior 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30, Junior 1st \$80, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$20

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We have found a new "home" at the Bulimba Bowls Club as from this month's meeting. There are some instructions inside on how to find it. There is disabled access.

The Australian Pipe Band Championships and the Maclean Highland Gathering have come and gone since the last newsletter. Congratulations to all who competed and to those who were successful. It's clear from the results that Queensland and members of this Society are still well at the forefront of piping and pipe bands both nationally and locally.

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## 2014 SOCIETY CALENDAR

### MONTHLY MEETING Dates

FEBRUARY 24 <sup>TH</sup>	FEATURED PIPER-ALASTAIR MCINNES	JULY 28 <sup>TH</sup>	JIMMY DURHAM MEMORIAL (2/4 FOR JUNIORS)
MARCH 24 <sup>TH</sup>	FEATURED PIPERS	AUGUST 25 <sup>TH</sup>	FEATURED PIPERS
APRIL 28 <sup>TH</sup>	PAIR OF PIPERS CONTEST	SEPTEMBER 22 <sup>ND</sup>	ANNUAL MEETING + AIR/JIG CONTEST
MAY 26 <sup>TH</sup>	PATRON'S TROPHY (MSR FOR SENIORS)	OCTOBER 27 <sup>TH</sup>	JULIE APPLETON-SEYMOUR MEMORIAL
JUNE 23 <sup>RD</sup>	FEATURED PIPERS	NOVEMBER 24 <sup>TH</sup>	JACK MCCANDLISH TROPHY (6/8S)

After each competition, the floor is open for all. Please advise as you arrive that you intend to play so we can schedule performances.

The aim is to start meetings at 7.30pm (7.15pm for a 7.30pm start) to allow an early finish/more piping/more social time at the end of the meeting. Junior competitions are to start promptly and finish by 8.30pm.

### PIOBAIREACHD GROUP

2nd February	4th May	3rd August	3rd November (Recital)
2nd March	1st June	14th September	2nd December
6th April	6th July	5th October	

## MARCH MEETING

Our March meeting attracted a modest group of about 20 people. Unfortunately my notes from the night are a little chaotic, so please forgive anything I may have missed

Donald Galloway opened the meeting and advised we had an apology from Ross Campbell.

Lachlan McPhee was our first player and gave us an extensive set of tunes including: *Scotland the Brave, At Long Last, MacCrimmon Will never Return, Duncan Johnstone, Donald MacLeod, Troy's Wedding, Rory MacLeod, Dugald MacColl's Farewell to France, Athol Cummers, Major Manson, My Home, Colin MacKay, The Dirty Lough, Queen of the Rushes*

Andrew Roach was next to play and his tunes included *Tug Argan Gap, Kenneth J MacLeod, Loch Rannoch, Tam Bain's Lum, Donald MacKillop, MSR P/M Jim McWilliams, Bob of Fettercairn, McAllister's Dirk, Breton Air, Bronnie's Blue Brozzie, Strathspey King, Willie Cummins Rant, John Morrison of Assynt House, Alick C MacGregor, Rodney Hull* and the ending of the Inverary and District Pipe Band Medley.

Ian (missed his surname) had brought along an interesting set of pipes made from a dense brown wood. I haven't captured much detail but they were made after an old Scottish pattern with tulip shaped tops. He blew them briefly (drones only) and they had an excellent resonant sound.

Lachlan McPhee then played again. His tunes were *Clan MacColl, Abercairney Highlanders, Lady Loudon, Shepherd's Crook, Alick C MacGregor and The Sheepwife*.

Donald advised that the venue of our next meeting was still uncertain due to the impending closure of the Balmoral Bowls Club but advised everyone to be alert for a change, which will be notified on the website and in our April newsletter.

Finally all that remained was to draw the raffle and have supper.

## Piobaireachd Group

The April Piobaireachd Group was quite well attended and also well supplied with tunes and discussion.

First to play was Ross Campbell with one of his tunes for the upcoming Adelaide competition, The Red Speckled Bull. He commented that the tune was quite repetitive and needed some subtleties in timing to bring out the best in it. It is somewhat similar to The Vaunting.

Andrew McCabe was next to play. He was using his recently refurbished (by Martin McBeth) pre-WWII Robertsons. In his tune-up he played the the Donald Morrison tune *Donald Ross of Vancouver*, published in the Gordon Highlanders Book 2. His piobaireachd was *A Flame of Wrath for Patrick Caogach* played in very fiery style.

David Marriner was next to play and he also played *Flame of Wrath* - his style was somewhat different but it was a gain a powerful rendition of the tune.

The tune for the day was *The Black Wedder's White Tail* but before we got to discussing it, Ross Campbell handed out sets of CDs (4 in the set) containing material transcribed from tapes made by Robin Sutherland. Robin had instruction from Bob Brown, Bob Nicol and Jimmy MacIntosh. In fact he went to Scotland at about the time Bob Brown returned from his last trip to Australia. Unfortunately Bob died shortly after his return but Robin stayed on to receive the tuition for the other two great pipers. We are looking to see if it possible to make this material more widely available, perhaps from our website.

Back to the tune for the day - Ross mentioned that it was only to be found in the Piobaireachd Society Book 11. He read out some of the notes from the judges prepared a couple of years ago when it was one of the set tunes. It is similar to MacGregor's Salute. We sang through the tune before breaking for morning tea.

After morning tea Ross played through the tune.

The next player was Bruce McLeod with *Struan Robertson's Salute*. The Taorluath and Crunluath were much improved on time he has played it for us previously.

We then had a discussion about whether to have the May meeting as scheduled, since at least 4 members are travelling to Adelaide for the competition there. On balance it was decided to continue with the meeting and we will supplement the playing with recorded material and discussion if necessary.

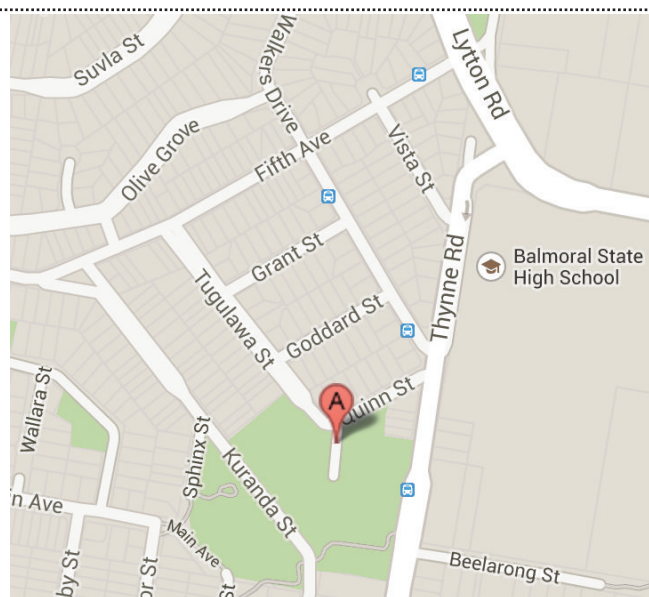
Finally Andrew McCabe played *Melbank's Salute*. Ross commented that the beginning of the tune is similar to His Father's Lament for Donald MacKenzie. Bob Brown played a variation on the way most play the beginning of the tune.

Another good morning of study of the great music of the Highland Bagpipe.

### Our New Venue

is the Bulimba Bowls Club in the suburb of Balmoral (some continuity since our previous one was the Balmoral Bowls Club in the suburb of Morningside!)

To get there, turn off Wynnum Road or Lytton Road into Thynne Road and then after some distance into Quinn Street. The club car park entrance is in Quinn Street and there is disabled access to the building. If you absolutely have to play pipes outside, please stay on the Thynne Road side of the club building and away from Quinn Street, so as to minimise noise disruption.



**OTHER PIPING SOCIETIES**

**The Smallpipers Group** - 1st Tuesday of the month at Milton. Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details - mrmclaren@bigpond.com or 3820 2902

**The NSW Pipers' Society** usually meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Unit 2/10 Hampstead Road, Homebush West, 2140. Contact Adam Wishart – 0409 158 237 or adamwishart@live.com.au

**Victorian Pipers Association:** <http://www.vicpipers.org/>

**Canberra Pipers Society** - contact Sean Hodgman 02 6282 2795

**West Australian Piper's Society** - contact 08 9448 7446

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia:** [www.rubrown.org.au](http://www.rubrown.org.au) or Craig Masson 08 8261 1119

**RADIO PROGRAMS**

**College of Piping Radio:** You can tune in on the Internet on <http://www.collegeofpiping.org/media/cop-radio/>

**4EB - FM 98.1** – Thursday afternoons 2.15—4.30 pm

**Radio 99.7 FM (Redcliffe)** – Sundays 12noon to 3pm

**Burnett River Radio (91.5 FM)** - Thursdays 7pm to 9pm

***Our May Meeting******The Annual Patron's Trophy for senior players (Grade A and B)***

Members and non members welcome to compete or to listen

Test Piece: a March, Strathspey and Reel each of at least 4 parts.

Competitors are to submit two sets of tunes of which the judge will choose one

Prizes: 1st: Patron's Trophy and \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30

Entries by email to [qhps@qhps.org](mailto:qhps@qhps.org), phone to 07 3397 4512 or before 7.30 on the night

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# What's on.....

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## 28 Society Meeting - Pairs of Pipers Contest

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1-4 Australian Celtic Festival - Glen Innes. (02) 67302410  
<http://www.australiancelticfestival.com/>

3-4 Gold Coast Renaissance Fair, Pratten Park, Broadbeach. David Russell, (07) 5588 5155, 0450 123 574 <http://www.goldcoastrenfaire.com/>

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## 4 Society Piobaireachd Group

4 R U Brown Competition - Adelaide [www.rubrown.org.au/competitions](http://www.rubrown.org.au/competitions)

9-11 South West Coast Piper Drummer Workshops, Warrnambool, VIC  
[www.wadpadi.org.au](http://www.wadpadi.org.au)

17 Queensland Pipe Band and Mini Band Championships Sunshine Coast - Yandina  
 -Contact : Robyn Allen [br.allen@bigpond.com](mailto:br.allen@bigpond.com) 07 5442 8632

## 26 Society Meeting - Patron's Trophy

31 British Pipe Band Championships, Bathgate

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## 1 Society Piobaireachd Group

7 Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band and Solo Contest - Queensland Solo Championships.  
[www.ipswichthistle.com](http://www.ipswichthistle.com) Katrina Stead 0414 776 361

14 UK Pipe Band Championships - Belfast

## 23 Society Meeting - Featured Pipers

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Jul 5 International Tartan Day, King George Square, Brisbane

Jul 20 Logan Pipe Band Contest

**Following on the successful Scotland Homecoming year in 2009, there is to be another one in 2014**

**VISIT THE COMING EVENTS PAGE AT [www.pipebandsqld.org](http://www.pipebandsqld.org) FOR MORE DETAILS ON THE ABOVE, INCLUDING WEB LINKS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES**

For more details about above events where a contact isn't mentioned, ring or email the Secretary (07 3397 4512 or [qhps@qhps.org](mailto:qhps@qhps.org)) and we'll see what we can dig up for you. If we don't know about your event (social, musical, or whatever) we can't publicise it. So tell us and get free publicity

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# CONTEST RESULTS

## Donald MacLeod Memorial - Stornoway, Lewis - 4 April

### Overall

Roddy Macleod

### Piobaireachd

1st Roddy MacLeod, *Lament for the Iolair*  
2nd Stuart Liddell, *A Son's Salute to His Parents*  
3rd Willie McCallum, *Roderick MacDonald's Salute*  
4th Iain Speirs, *Salute to a White Primrose*

### MMSSRR

1st Angus MacColl, *P-M J. McWilliams, John MacDonald of Glencoe, Catlodge, Shepherd's Crook, The Cockerel in the Creel, Loch Carron*  
2nd Stuart Liddell  
3rd Roddy MacLeod  
4th Callum Beaumont

### Hornpipe & Jig

1st Angus MacColl  
2nd Stuart Liddell  
3rd Willie McCallum  
4th Alastair Dunn, Glasgow  
Judges: Allan Forbes, Iain MacFadyen and Willie Morrison

## Australian Pipe Band Championships - Ballarat - 11, 12 April

### Grade 1

#### Overall

1st Western Australia Police (Ensembl Preference)  
2nd Queensland Highlanders  
3rd Moorabin City  
Drumming: Moorabin City, Queensland Highlanders, Western Australia Police (tie)

#### Medley

1st Western Australia Police  
2nd Queensland Highlanders  
3rd Moorabin City  
Judges: Robert Mathieson, Brian Switalla (piping); Jim Baxter (drumming); Brian Niven (ensemble)

#### MSR

1st Queensland Highlanders  
2nd Western Australia Police  
3rd Moorabin City  
Judges: Nat Russell, June McLeish (piping); Ross Levy (drumming); Viv Riley (ensemble)

### Grade 2

#### Overall

1st The Pipe Band Club  
2nd St. Andrew's  
3rd Hawthorn City  
4th City of Adelaide  
Drumming: The Pipe Band Club

#### Medley

1st The Pipe Band Club  
2nd St. Andrew's  
3rd Hawthorn City  
4th City of Adelaide  
Judges: Nat Russell, June McLeish (piping); Ross Levy (drumming); Viv Riley (ensemble)

#### MSR

1st The Pipe Band Club  
2nd City of Adelaide (ens pref)  
3rd St. Andrew's (ens pref)  
4th Hawthorn City  
Judges: Robert Mathieson, Brian Switalla (piping); Jim Baxter (drumming); Brian Niven (ensemble)

### Grade 3

#### Overall

1st Scotch College Melbourne  
2nd Federation University Australia  
3rd Williamstown  
Drumming: Federation University Australia

#### Medley

1st Scotch College Melbourne  
2nd Federation University Australia  
3rd Williamstown  
Judges: Nat Russell, June McLeish (piping); Ross Levy (drumming); Viv Riley (ensemble)

#### MSR

1st Federation University Australia (ens pref)  
2nd Williamstown  
3rd City of Melbourne  
Judges: Robert Mathieson, Brian Switalla (piping); Jim Baxter (drumming); Brian Niven (ensemble)

### Grade 4

#### Overall

1st Hawkesbury Nepean No. 2  
2nd Scottish Society of New Zealand  
3rd Golden City  
Drumming: Hawkesbury Nepean No. 2

**Medley**

1st Scottish Society of New Zealand  
 2nd Knox Grammar School  
 3rd Hawkesbury Nepean No. 2  
 Judges: Nat Russell, June McLeish (piping); Ross Levy (drumming); Viv Riley (ensemble)

**MSR**

1st Hawkesbury Nepean No. 2  
 2nd Golden City  
 3rd Frankston RSL  
 Judges: Robert Mathieson, Brian Switalla (piping); Jim Baxter (drumming); Brian Niven (ensemble)

**Juvenile****Overall**

1st Scotch College Melbourne  
 2nd Haileybury  
 3rd Scots College NSW  
 Drumming: Scotch College & Scots College (tie)

**Medley**

1st Scotch College Melbourne  
 2nd Knox Grammar  
 3rd Haileybury  
 Judges: Nat Russell, June McLeish (piping); Ross Levy (drumming); Viv Riley (ensemble)

**Selection of Marches**

1st Scotch College Melbourne  
 2nd Scots College NSW  
 3rd Haileybury  
 Judges: Robert Mathieson, Brian Switalla (piping); Jim Baxter (drumming); Brian Niven (ensemble)

**Scottish Pipers Association - Glasgow – 12 April****Aggregate**

Stuart Liddel

**Piobaireachd**

1st John Angus Smith, *Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay*  
 2nd Faye Henderson, *Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy*  
 3rd Stuart Liddel, *The Earl of Seaforth's Salute*  
 Judges: Dugald MacNeill, Willie Morrison

**March**

1st Steven Leask  
 2nd Graham Drummond  
 3rd Greig Canning

**Strathspey & Reel**

1st Steven Leask  
 2nd Graham Drummond  
 3rd Greig Canning  
 Judges: Andrew Frater, Ian MacLellan

**Former Winners MSR**

1st Stuart Liddel  
 2nd Steven Leask  
 3rd Jenny Hazzard  
 Judges: Andrew Frater, Ian MacLellan

**6/8 March (played during tuning for the Piobaireachd)**

Stuart Liddel  
 Judges: Dugald MacNeill, Willie Morrison

**Maclean Highland Gathering - 18.19 April****Bands****Grade 2**

1st St Andrews

**Grade 3**

Maclean and District

**Grade 4**

1st BBC Old Collegians  
 2nd Gold Coast Tweed  
 3rd Qld Police Juvenile  
 4th BBC  
 Drum Corps  
 Qld Police Juvenile

**Solos**

As we go to press we are still missing the Grade A and Grade D results. These will be reported in our May Newsletter.

**Grade A****Champion Grade A piper**

Andrew Roach

**Mrs McSwan**

1st Dennis Browning  
 2nd Murdo MacLeod  
 3rd Scott Rhodes

**Lacchlan McCabe Memorial**

Jordan Simmers

**Restricted Piobaireachd**

1st Abby Dalziel  
 2nd Andrew McCormick  
 3rd David Marriner

**Grade B****MSR**

1st Eward Scott  
 2nd Amos Fox  
 3rd Lloyd-George Worth

**H'pipe/Jig**

1st Andrew McCormick  
 2nd Amos Fox  
 3rd Benjamin Hunt

**Champion Grade B piper**

Amos Fox

**Grade C**

**MSR**

1st James Senanayke

2nd Bradley Scott

3rd Kristian Stanfield-Roche

**Jig**

1st Bradley Scott

2nd James Senanayke

3rd Nicholas Johns

Champion Grade B piper

James Senanayke