



# Queensland Highland Pipers' Society

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## Newsletter - January 2008

### January Meeting

on Monday 28 January

7.15pm for 7.30pm

Balmoral Bowls Club

Jean Howie Drive, Morningside

The meeting will feature

**A VETERANS' CONTEST**

**(Players 55 and over)**

**Test piece - an own-choice medley of 4-6 minutes**

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We trust all our readers made it through the New Year celebrations unscathed. Our Society year starts with a Veterans' Contest (details above). The rest of the year's program is still being worked out but hopefully we will see another successful year for the Society. Members will note the sad passing of Dave Sinclair, one of our founder members. This newsletter contains some tributes to him, but we need also report that Dave arranged before he passed away to transfer two boxes of books and other piping memorabilia to the Society. These are yet to be catalogued but look to contain some very interesting items to add to the Society's collection.

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## SOCIETY CALENDAR

January 28 Veteran Pipers' Contest

We're still finalising the rest of the program for the year. However, it is likely that most of our "permanent fixtures" will stay as usual. These include:

May Patron's Trophy (MSR for Junior players)  
 July Jimmy Durham Memorial (2/4 March for Junior players)  
 August Annual Meeting  
 November Jack McCandlish Trophy (6/8s) and Christmas Supper

- ◆ After each competition, the floor is open for all as at a Pipers' Night.
- ◆ 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.

### NOVEMBER MEETING

Our November meeting was, as usual, well attended. We were particularly pleased to have Jack McCandlish along for the contest named after himself.

Unfortunately, Dave Sinclair, a founder member and former Secretary and President of the Society, had passed away a few days before the meeting, so we all stood to remember him and Tom McGirr played the lament for his passing. Elsewhere in this newsletter we reproduce comments made by Maurie DeHayr at his funeral and some extracts from the eulogy delivered at the funeral.

Our judges for the evening were Donald Galloway and Maurie DeHayr.

There were two entries in the Junior section. Yasu Hamilton played *Bengullion* and James Doran played Miss *Isabelle T MacDonald*. It was interesting to note that Yasu was playing a tune written by Ron Fleming on a set of pipes formerly owned by Ron.

The Senior section began with Chris McLeish playing *Mrs Lily Christie* and *Duncan McGillivray*. Next was Matthew Supranowicz with *Mrs Lily Christie* and *Lord MacPherson of Drumochter* and he was followed by Vaughn Parker with *Macleod of Mull* and *Bruce Gandy's Farewell to the Iron Horse*. Geordie

Stainthorpe was next with *Rab's Wedding* and *John D Burgess* and Tom McGirr finished up the contest with *Dr Ross* and *The Dundee City Police*.

When the results were announced they were as follows:

Junior:

1st Yasu Hamilton  
 2nd James Doran

Senior

1st Tom McGirr  
 2nd Matthew Supranowicz  
 3rd Vaughn Parker

As our Christmas supper was waiting, we only had time for one piper to play a selection, so Tom McGirr gave us *Abercairney Highlanders*, *Mrs John McColl*, *Pap of Glencoe*, *Caledonian Canal* and *John Morrison of Assynt House*.

As is usual at our Christmas meeting, the raffle was augmented. Yasu Hamilton was asked to draw the first prize (Grants Scotch) and it was won by Bill Sharpe. With each winner drawing the next prize, James Doran won the fruit cake, Lorna Burrows won the large Walkers selection and Jim Muir the small Walkers selection.

Then we adjourned to supper and much conversation.

### Piobaireachd Group

We had apologies from Roy Gunn, Mathew Supranowicz and Yasu Hamilton at our December meeting, so we started with only 8 in attendance.

Malcolm McRae started us off with *MacCrimmon's Sweetheart*. Bob Payne read the story of the tune and Malcolm commented that the object of the tune could have been a cow or even a pipe bag!

Iain Bruce, battling a bad dose of the flu, was next with *The Bicker* after Bob read the story of the tune. This was a

great effort given his illness.

Vaughn Parker next gave us *Glengarry's Lament* (with Malcolm conducting from the back row!). he was followed by Maurie De Hayr with *Rory MacLoud's Lament* but unfortunately he went astray in the doubling and stopped.

Next was the set tune for the day, *Lament for the Little Supper*. Iain took us through it. He commented that the "little" in this case means unfinished rather than small. Bob read the story. Iain explained that each bar in the written music is a phrase and needs to be played through to the last note.

After morning tea, Iain played the tune through on the Pipe. Following this Vaughn Parker played again, with his tune this time being *Black Donald's March*.

Malcom finished up the playing but unfortunately my notes trail off at this point and I'm not sure what tune(s) he played. Must have been getting too close to Christmas!

There followed a short discussion about the Piobaireachd Society set tunes for 2008 before we finished for the day.

# What's on.....

**J** 26 Scottish Clans Congress Burns Night - Mt Gravatt Bowls Club. Contact Ernie  
**A** Thompson 07 3200 9536

**N** 28 **First Society Meeting for 2008**

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### 3 Society Piobaireachd Group

**F** 10 Berwick (Vic) Band Contest. Enquiries 03 0707 2093 (after hours)

**E** 17 Moss Vale (NSW) Band Contest

**B** 24 Ballarat (Vic) Royal South Street Band Contest

### 25 Society Meeting

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### 2 Society Piobaireachd Group

7&8 New Zealand Pipe Band Championships - Papakura - [www.nzpipebands.org.nz](http://www.nzpipebands.org.nz)

9 Ormiston House, Cleveland - Highland Celtic Day - Enquiries 07 3296 1425

**M** 16 Geelong Highland Gathering - Contact 03 5221 7224 (After hours) -  
**A** [www.geelonghighlandgathering.org.au](http://www.geelonghighlandgathering.org.au)  
**R**

21&22 Maclean Highland Gathering - see details later in newsletter

30 Ringwood (Vic) - Victorian Pipe Band Championships

### 31 Society Meeting (provisional date)

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5 Bundanoon Highland Gathering, NSW Southern Highlands - Contact 1300 657 559 -  
[www.highlandsnsw.com.au/brigadoon/](http://www.highlandsnsw.com.au/brigadoon/)

### 6 Society Piobaireachd Group

**A** 19 & 20 Ipswich International Tattoo - Bookings 07 3810 6100 - Information: Ipswich Thistle  
**P** Pipe Band 0414 776 361  
**R**

### 28 Society Meeting

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6/7 Tartan Day at South Bank Cultural Forecourt - Brisbane

16/8 World Pipe Band Championships, Glasgow

30/8 Cowal Championships, Dunoon, Scotland

27,28/8 Argyllshire Gathering, Oban

4,5/9 Northern Meeting, Inverness

2/11 Australian Pipe Band Championships at Castle Hill, NSW.

**The Smallpipers Group** - Contact Malcolm McLaren for meeting details -  
mrmclaren@bigpond.com

**The NSW Pipers' Society** meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at Baptist Church,  
Willoughby Road, Crows Nest. Contact Ron Clement – 02 9948 1914.

**The NSW Solo Pipers Club** meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Blacktown Pipe  
Band Hall, Blacktown Showground, Richmond Road, Blacktown. Contact 0412 602 983  
or at [www.blacktownpipeband.com](http://www.blacktownpipeband.com). Each meeting is a competition based on age rather  
than grade

**Canberra Pipers Society:** contact Sean Hodgman ph 6282 2795 or email [u4114272@anu.edu.au](mailto:u4114272@anu.edu.au)  
OR Jamie Forsyth 0419 631 999 or email [jamesrforsyth@hotmail.com](mailto:jamesrforsyth@hotmail.com)

**RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of South Australia:** Contact Sue Kempster 08 8264 3329  
[skempster@adam.com.au](mailto:skempster@adam.com.au)

**The WA Pipers' Society** meets on the 3rd Saturday at the Autumn Centre, Inglewood. Contact  
Mrs Alma Dender – 08 9448 7446

#### RADIO PROGRAMS

**College of Piping Radio:** You can tune in on the Internet on [www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm](http://www.college-of-piping.co.uk/html/radio.htm)

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

**Radio 997 FM (Redcliffe)** – Sundays 12noon to 3pm

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

**For more details** about any of the above events where a contact is not mentioned, ring or email  
the Society Secretary (07 3397 4512 or [qhps@optushome.com.au](mailto:qhps@optushome.com.au)) and we will see  
what we can dig up for you. If we don't know about your event (social, musical,  
fundraising or whatever) we can't publicise it in the Newsletter. So tell us and get free  
publicity

#### **LEGENDARY AND HISTORICAL NOTES ON CEOL MOR "INTRODUCE YOUR TUNE"**

**A handy, small reference book giving the stories on most of the tunes listed and  
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**Compiled by Roy Gunn. \$20 plus airmail postage and handling \$1.**

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# Contest Results

## Highland Square Day at Palmerston North, New Zealand – 8 December

### Grade 1

#### Overall

- 1<sup>st</sup> Manawatu Scottish (MSR preference)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Auckland & District  
 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Police  
 4<sup>th</sup> Canterbury Caledonian  
 5<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Caledonian  
 Drumming: Manawatu

#### MSR

- 1<sup>st</sup> Manawatu Scottish  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Auckland & District  
 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Police  
 4<sup>th</sup> Canterbury Caledonian  
 5<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Caledonian  
 Drumming: Manawatu  
 Judges: S. Finlayson, I. Ferguson (piping); D. Pierce (ensemble); B. Staley (drumming)

#### Medley

- 1<sup>st</sup> Auckland & District  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Manawatu Scottish  
 3<sup>rd</sup> New Zealand Police  
 4<sup>th</sup> Canterbury Caledonian  
 5<sup>th</sup> Hamilton Caledonian  
 Drumming: Auckland  
 Judges: R. Hawke, G. Mason (piping); N. Russell (ensemble); R. Smith (drumming)

## Scottish Pipers Association - Annual Professional Piping Competition, 15 December

### Piobaireachd

- 1<sup>st</sup> I Smith, *Lament for MacSwan of Roaig*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> D MacPhee, *The End of the Great Bridge*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> R Gray, *MacDonald of Kinlochmdart's Lament*  
 Judges: A Maclellan, I MacFadyen, D MacNeill

### Former Winners MSR

- 1<sup>st</sup> P Hunt  
 2<sup>nd</sup> S Hamon  
 3<sup>rd</sup> J MacPhee  
 Judges: I MacFadyen, J Wilson, B Donaldson

### March

- 1<sup>st</sup> S Hamon  
 2<sup>nd</sup> D Murray  
 3<sup>rd</sup> K McNulty;

### Strathspey & Reel

- 1<sup>st</sup> K McNulty  
 2<sup>nd</sup> S Hamon  
 3<sup>rd</sup> R Weir

## Midwest Highland Arts

### Fund Winter Storm Contest - Kansas, City, Missouri – 11 January

#### United States Gold Medal

##### Piobaireachd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jori Chisholm, *My King Has Landed in Moidart*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Hayes, *The Park Piobaireachd No. 2*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Ken Sutherland, *The Stewart's White Banner*  
 Judges: John Cairns, Alasdair Gillies, Fred Morrison

#### Gold Medal Ceol Beag

- 1<sup>st</sup> Bruce Gandy  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Macgregor, Edinburgh  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Hayes  
 Judges: Chris Armstrong, Stuart Liddell, Colin MacLellan

#### United States Silver Medal

##### Piobaireachd

- 1<sup>st</sup> Matt Pantaleoni, *Massacre of Glencoe*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Alex Gandy, *I Am Proud to Play a Pipe*  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Brian McKenzie, *Corrienessan's Salute*  
 4<sup>th</sup> James Bell, *Lament for the Castle of Dunyveg*  
 5<sup>th</sup> Doug MacRae, *Lament for the Castle of Dunyveg*  
 Judges: Mike Cusack, Colin MacLellan, Chris Armstrong

## DAVID SINCLAIR

*Mauire DeHayr has kindly supplied a copy of the comments he made on behalf of the Society at Dave's funeral held on 8 December.*

Many here may not know of David's love for the Great Highland Bagpipe - in fact he was not just a player of the instrument, but a dedicated student of it and its music, its history and current development of all its idiosyncrasies.

He was at the founding meeting of the Queensland Highland Piping Society in 1966 and was a dedicated and active member since those days.



He served as Secretary for three years 67-69 and Society records show that during this time he was also Treasurer.

However it is his time as Secretary that he set the standard for the Newsletter - which even today follows mainly the tone set forth by David. He wrote with care for the feelings of players and spectators, though using his wry humour to make a point when needed.

As with most groups formed from a few dedicated individuals the Society fell away badly after a few years and attendances were poor indeed. However it was soon awakened when a letter from David Sinclair (Brisbane, Australia) was printed in the "Piping Times" - a magazine with world wide distribution - the opening lines were as follows

"Piping in Brisbane is looking up, it must be, as it is flat on its back".

Naturally this provoked the response David wanted and the Society sprang back into life and continues to exert its influence throughout the piping scene today.

He served as President of the society in 1980-1982, resigning when he found travelling from Mt. Mee to meetings difficult, but such was his love and abiding loyalty he maintained his interest and enthusiasm. He continued his contacts with the society and piping generally and will be sorely missed by those who came within the compass of his influence and friendship.

*From the eulogy delivered at the funeral.*

David James Sinclair was born in Ascot, Brisbane on 20th February 1924, only two blocks from where Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith was born. David was the youngest of five Sinclair children. David attended Ascot State School and then completed his last four years of education at Churchie. He left school at the end of 1940.

The 1939-1945 World War involved Australia from 3rd September, but David was too young to enlist, so he went to the Barcaldine-Longreach area as a Jackeroo on a sheep station. When Japan entered the War on 7th December 1941, he could not get home fast enough to join the Army on his 18th Birthday. He joined the A.I.F. on his 19th birthday and transferred to 2/5'n Australian Heavy A.A. Battery which was preparing to head for Oro Bay, New Guinea.

On leaving the Army after the War, David did a 4 year Draughting Apprenticeship, a 2 year tobacco farming course, spent 6 years as a sugar-mill hand, 4 years as a Draughtsman in Mareeba, 4 years as a Draughtsman in the Hydro in Tasmania, 2 years with Jack Mulholland, Engineer in Brisbane and 18 years in Brisbane with The Harbours and Marine Department.

David started to learn the bagpipe in 1947 and his first tutor was Jim Lawrie of Paddington, Brisbane. When he went to grow tobacco near Ayr, the Ayr & Lower Burdekin Pipe Band let him join them. David made many friends in Ayr as a result of a big improvement in his playing, and from there found himself welcome in Cairns St. Andrews Pipe Band. It was the same in Tasmania and when he returned to Brisbane he played in several bands. Although no champion, he was most enthusiastic, and became interested in teaching learners with considerable success.

The bagpipe brought David a lovely wife and a ready made family of three stalwart sons, Christopher, Nicholas and Scott Anderson. Nick joined the Brisbane Boys College Band to do the controlled breathing required as he suffered with Bronchial Asthma. Jock Ketchion was teaching the Band, and told his mother Marj that Dave Sinclair was giving extra tuition on a Saturday. In a short time David and Marj were married. Nick was a member of St. Andrews Pipe Band for a while, and David and Nick also belonged to the Blue Bonnets until they disbanded.

About then a call went out to the Queensland Pipe Band Association for a volunteer to help save the Brisbane Boys College Pipe Band from extinction as they had no tutor. For nine years Marj put up with David spending two nights a week at the College and weekends if the band was required to play at a Sunday Chapel Service.

Leaving Chelmer, David and Marj moved to Mt. Mee overlooking the Glass House Mountains and the sea. So attendance at the Queensland Highland Pipers Society meetings was out of the question until David retired in 1984. Finally the property was sold and David and Marj moved to Marcus Beach, and then to Monterey in Tewantin.

Since coming to the Noosa area, David and Marj have formed a bond with the Noosa & District Pipe Band, and as Patrons are proud to have the Sinclair Crest on the Pipe Major's Banner. David maintained his interest in piping, and in the last 15 years received many Ceol Mor tunes on tape and CD and music books on Simon Fraser from a good friend, Dr. Barrie J. McLachlan Orme, who passed away early in January 2007.

# 104<sup>TH</sup> MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING EASTER WEEKEND MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> - 22<sup>ND</sup> 2008

Friday Afternoon & Saturday  
Maclean Showground

• NSW DAYLIGHT SAVING TIMES •



## HIGHLIGHTS

- Solo Events
- Pipe Bands on Parade
- Official Opening
- Ceilidh in the Park
- Bands - Dancing - Sports
- Massed Band Display



**ADMISSION**

* Adults	\$12.00
* Pensioners	\$10.00
* School Students	\$5.00

## Venue & Events

### EASTER FRIDAY MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

Afternoon	Elementary Piping & Drumming
Maclean	Chanter Learner
Showground	Drum Learner
Night	
CWA Hall	Open Piping Piobaireachd
Civic Hall	Open Piping March/Strathspey/Reel Hornpipe/Jig
McLachlan Park	Scottish Ceilidh in the park

7.30pm

### EASTER SATURDAY MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>

Shopping Centre	8.30 am Street March Bands
Showground	9.00am Highland Dancing Competition
	10.00am Open Solo Piping
	10.00am Band Contest
	Drum Major Solo Contest
	Highland Sports
	Official Opening
	Scottish Stalls - Food Stalls
	Publican Booth
	4.30pm Massed Band Display

### EASTER SATURDAY NIGHT MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> ENTERTAINMENT

- > Maclean Services Club - 02 6645 2946
  - > Maclean & District Bowling Club - 02 6645 3711
  - > Maclean Hotel - 02 6645 2412
- Dine - Relax and enjoy good social entertainment at these venues after the Highland Gathering

## SOLO PIPING

### MACLEAN GOLD MEDAL PIPING CONTEST

James MacSwan Gold Medal (Solid 9 ct gold)  
Sponsored by the James MacSwan Estate.  
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**Event No. 1 OPEN PIOBAIREACHD** (J.K. McKinnon Memorial) Competitors to nominate 3 tunes to the Judge. Sponsored by the Family of the late Mrs May Blanch 1st Trophy & \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50. Entry fee \$5.

**Event No. 2 OPEN MARCH/STRATHSPEY/REEL**  
Competitors to nominate 3 sets of tunes to the Judge each of (4) parts minimum. Sponsored by Norman Finlayson MacSwan. 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30. Entry fee \$5.

**Event No. 3 OPEN HORNPIPE/JIG** Competitors to nominate 3 sets of tunes to the Judge each of (4) parts minimum. Sponsored by Ruby Davis (Nee McLeay) 1st Trophy & \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30. Entry fee \$5.

**Event No. 4 OPEN AIR** (Ewen McInnes Memorial) Saturday Contest. Sponsored by Charlie McInnes & family. 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$30. Entry fee \$5.

\$50, 2nd \$25, 3rd \$15. Entry fee \$2.

**Event No. 7 Lachlan McCabe Memorial** (18 years & under)  
Tunes to be played consecutively not more than 15 min. Ground of a Piobaireachd, 4 Parted 6/8 March, Jig. 1st Special Engraved Sgian Dubh. Entry fee \$2.

### INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION PIPER

Alastair MacSween Memorial Trophy plus \$30.

**Event No. 8 MARCH/STRATHSPEY/REEL** (Charlie McKinnon Memorial Trophy) Sponsored by the McKinnon Family

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Event No. 5 RESTRICTED PIOBAIREACHD** (Dr. H.W. Charlton Memorial) Sponsored by David & Bill Charlton. 1st Sgian Dubh and Certificate plus cash \$25, 2nd \$15 and Certificate, 3rd \$10 and Certificate. Entry fee \$2.

**Event No. 6 DONALD MACSWAN MEMORIAL** (Open to all grades) Tune "Mrs MacSwan" - correct music on request stamp address envelope to the Secretary. 1st

Tunes each of (4) parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10. Entry fee \$2.

**Event No. 9 HORNPIPE/JIG** (John & Maggie Wallace Memorial Trophy) Sponsored by the Wallace Family. Tunes each of (4) parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$20, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$10. Entry fee \$2.

#### **SUB-INTERMEDIATE CHAMPION PIPER**

Mary Catherine MacKenzie MacPherson Memorial Trophy & \$25. Sponsored by the Estate of Mary MacPherson.

**Event No. 10 MARCH/STRATHSPEY/REEL** (Alex & Mary Wallace Memorial Trophy) Sponsored by Anne and Warren Standen and family. Tunes March of (4) parts into Strathspey/Reel each two (2) parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$30, 2nd \$20, 3rd \$10. Entry fee \$2.

**Event No. 11 JIG** (Sponsored by Patron Mary McPherson and Family) Tune 2 parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5. Entry fee \$2.

#### **ELEMENTARY CHAMPION PIPER**

(Fred Douglas Memorial Trophy) Plus \$20. Sponsored by the Douglas family.

**Event No. 12 MARCH 2/4** (Jim Thompson Patron Memorial Trophies) Sponsored by the Thompson family. Tunes (4) parts minimum. 1st Trophy & \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5. Entry fee \$2.

**Event No. 13 SLOW AIR** (Maud Douglas Memorial Trophy) Sponsored by the Douglas family. 1st Trophy & \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5.

**DYLAN PAUL O'HALLORAN ENCOURAGEMENT AWARDS** Elementary Piping. Heats Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Entry fee \$2.

**Event No. 14 CHANTER LEARNER** (Peter Mathieson Memorial Trophies) Sponsored by Jillian Ryan, Jennifer Anderson & families. Tunes 2/4 March (2) parts minimum to be played on the practice chanter. Trophies 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Entry is Free. Chanter events are restricted to learners under 12 months and definitely not playing the pipes.

## 104th MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING ENTRY FORM 2008

Entries close last mail Friday 22nd February 2008

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REGISTRATION #.....

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Event Jessie Massie Memorial Trophy.....\$.....

Event Rosie McLelland Memorial Trophy.....\$.....

Event Beryl Bell Memorial Trophy.....\$.....

Event D/M Solo "Colin Gregor Memorial".....\$.....

Event Bands Grades 1/2/3/4.....\$.....

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### Vale Alec Craig

Alec Craig, one of our foremost drummers in Queensland, passed away after a long illness on 12 January

His funeral was held on Thursday 17 January

Alec was a most knowledgeable drummer, a great friend to Pipers and Drummers alike, gifted with a wry sense of humour and great enthusiasm for Pipe Band drumming.

He never tired of imparting his considerable knowledge to others.

Our thoughts are with his wife and family at this sad time.





# Scholarship Awards



## Maclean Highland Gathering 2008

The Lower Clarence Scottish Association at Maclean is introducing Scholarship Awards. These awards are given each year to further assist talented competitors in their field of Highland Culture.

The Scholarship Awards totalling \$1500 will be given in three categories this year.

- Highland Dancing (Premier Section)
- Piping Elementary & Sub-Intermediate
- Drumming Elementary & Sub-Intermediate

To qualify you must compete at the annual Maclean Highland Gathering.

The award is a one off payment of \$500.00 and is designed to meet specialised tuition costs.

A special panel including the judges will select the winner and the panel's decision is definitely final.



# Scholarship Awards

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355 Committee of the Clarence Valley Council  
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## South West Coast Piper Drummer

25 - 27 April, 2008

Emmanuel College, Ardlie Street Campus, Warrnambool

The Warrnambool & District Pipes & Drums Inc. invites you to the South West Coast Piper Drummer 2008.

Featuring:

• **Guest International Tutors**

**Richard Hawke** winner Oban Gold Medal Argyllshire Gathering Scotland, former Principal of Piping, Royal New Zealand Pipe Band Association.

**Jori Chisholm** piper with Simon Fraser University Pipe Band, winner USA Gold Medal Piping Championship, winner Bronze Star for first place the "A" Marches, Argyllshire Gathering.

**James Laughlin** drummer with Simon Fraser University Pipe Band, Semi-Finalist World Solo Drumming Championships 2008.

• **Leading Australian Piping, Drumming & Drum Majoring tutors.**

• **Student Concert** for participants and tutors.

• **Opportunity to meet** and socialise with pipers and drummers.

• **Recital at Warrnambool RSL**, Friday evening 25th April 2008.

• **Classes for Pipers, Drummers, Drum Majors and VSU Highland Dancers.**

SWCPD is a weekend of piping and drumming, learning and fun with tuition from experienced instructors will be with an emphasis on identifying key areas for improvement and developing strategies to enhance performances. Topics may include basic and advanced exercises, practice techniques, music selection for solo and band performances, music theory, maintenance, tuning, and preparation for competition. Piping and Drumming Friday afternoon session optional.

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Long time Society member Peter Burrows has been looking through his copy of G.S. McLennan's Collection of Bagpipe Music and came across a letter from his half Brother D R McLennan which he received in May 1972 and filed it away in a safe place !  
Peter says: "D R McLennan was a very good reed maker in those days and I wrote a letter to him and ordered some reeds and asked about the history of GS McLennan !"

Copy of  
A Letter from D. R. McLennan Reedmaker in Scotland  
To Peter Burrows . Brisbane May 1972.

D.R. MacLennan  
Chanter Reed Maker  
North Berwick  
Scotland.

20 May 1972.

Subject . GEORGE STEWART McLENNAN.

Born in Edinburgh 9 February 1884.

Died Aberdeen 31 May 1929 ( Age 45 Years ), and was buried in Echo Bank Cemetery ( Newington )  
Edinburgh.

Son of Lieutenant John McLennan. Edinburgh City Police who was a native of the Black Isle, hence the reason for a number of G.S's tunes having place names in and around the Black Isle. His mother was Elizabeth Stewart, a sister of Pipe Major John Stewart of Dundee and who's family hailed from Skye, and were extremely musical. Elizabeth McLennan died when George was about three years of age and his father subsequently married my mother. George and I were therefore half brothers.

George started playing at 8 years of age and won his first Gold Medal in Paisley when 9 years old. He played before Queen Victoria by Royal Command at Balmoral Castle when he was 10 years of age. The following year ( at age 11 )

He won the Amateur Championship of Scotland, and at the age of 12 won the Amateur Championship of Great Britain at Stamford Bridge London. He enlisted into the Gordon Highlanders as a boy ( Aged 15 ) in 1899, and was promoted Pipe Major in 1905 ( Aged 21 ) He was then the youngest Pipe Major ever, in the British Army. He won the Highland Society of London at Oban in 1904, and the same Gold medal at Inverness in 1905. These medals can only be won once ! He then went on to win three clasps to the Gold Medal in 1909, 1920 and 1921.

I am now 71 years of age and I can emphatically say that he was the finest player I have ever heard ! There was a certain charm in his playing that the rest of us did not have !

His compositions of course speak for themselves !

Sincerely,  
Signed

D. R. McLennan. May 1972.