

Band Blurb

January 2018



PRESIDENTS COMMENTS



Happy New Year Pipe Band people.

It is early morning in the President's office. I had a sleepless night after getting yet another reminder from my minder and her minder (Betty & Don) to put out another tweet! So here I am bleary eyed and with a fuzzy head. Don't they know it is still holiday time. Never mind it will soon be Christmas again. 347 days to be exact as I write this!!! That is not fake news.

Going pre-Christmas 2017 here...thank you to everyone, band members, family and friends of the band, who took part and attended the end of year function which was held at the Napier Old Boy's Marist Club Rooms at Park Island. A low-key fun evening in very pleasant surroundings. A friend of Ken McLoughlin's has filmed the evening so if anyone would like a copy of their item or the whole evening (edited) see Ken.

Busy times are ahead with practices starting soon and, of course, Art Deco coming up soon after we start. Biiiiig day.

My cup of tea has run out so with all my staff still on holiday I will have to get another one myself.

Wishing everyone connected with the band a great 2018.

Richard Manning - President

Our Vision:

To be a musically competent pipe band, responsive to members' aspirations and respected in the community.

PIPE MAJOR'S NEWS

In my last newsletter column I noted that we were heading into the busy part of the year, but as it turned out it was one of the busiest we've ever done with parades at rest homes mixed in with a variety of community Christmas events. The finale was New Year's Eve during which the contribution of our youngsters was amazing - Morgan, Heath, Conrad, Amber, Ali and Sone – you did yourselves proud with your piping and drumming.



In December the following awards were presented

Napier Caledonian Society cups for piping and drumming:

Amber Lumb-Peteli and Liam Reid

The Band's trophies for MVP:

Piping – Hugh Harrison

Drumming – Margaret Lumb

Congratulations. These awards reflect the work and effort you have put into your pipe band during the past year.

The new year will start again for band members with our first practice on Monday 22 (January) followed over the next few days by the 'Getting Going' workshop (see details following). Then on Sunday 28 we have the first of our *Piping and Drumming Live* events at the Napier RSA (see notice for details). We're playing on the Sound Shell on Sunday 4th February along with the City of Hastings Pipe Band who are using this as a practice for their contest season. Our youngsters will also be playing as part of their preparation for Rotorua in March. After that its into the Art Deco weekend.

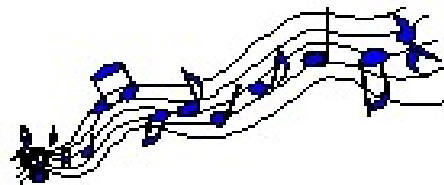
During the year I'll be following up on the comments you provided about what you'd like to see happening –more music that suits everyone; more social time; more chanter practice.

In that feedback I asked what it was that you liked about the band – the people was the number one response and our music (pipes and drums) number two - that's a credit to you all for the friendship you share and the courtesy and respect you show to each other.

I wish you all the best for 2018.

Regards

Kerry



Pipes in the Forest

Christmas Day was a new and different experience for me this year. We had made arrangements to stay in Taupo with my daughter and her husband and I was asked to bring my bagpipes. The reason being, that my Son-in-Laws whanau wanted me to play at the cemetery where his younger brother was buried two years ago. At 9am we left Taupo and went to Murapara then on to Te Whaiti which is in the middle of the Te Urewera National Park. After a 90 minute drive we finally arrived at the cemetery which is next to Waikoikoi Marae in Te Whaiti the home of Tuhoe Iwi. With flowers being placed on the gravesite I played a few tunes in remembrance of those who had passed away. We then returned home to Taupo where we had a great Christmas Day lunch which included smoked Trout – after all we were in Taupo.

Definitely a different way to celebrate Christmas with awesome food, a great whanau and lovely memories which I will always remember.

Ken



Show me a man who cannot bother to do little things and I'll show you a man who cannot be trusted to do big things. (Bill Cosby)

If you haven't any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. (Bob Hope)

New Year's Eve

Once again the band was out and about on New Year's Eve, in what has become something of a tradition for our members. The first parade at Kennedy Park is always popular, with children following the band as it marches around the holiday park. Our visits to the clubs are always an opportunity to pass the buckets around, as this is one of our most important fund raising activities for the year. Its interesting to see the numbers in the clubs changing over the years and our collectors have commented that fewer people are carrying cash these days.

Playing at the Mission is an important part of the night and this year the patrons were very impressed with our performance. It's good to have a variety in what we do and the way in which our youngsters play tunes like *Swing of the Kilt* with such panache is wonderful!

The finale on the parade, with the crowd that gathers enjoying our music, is something we look forward to. Marching away with a big crowd behind us is always a great way to end the evening.

We must thank our bus driver, Mike, our manager, Ken, our organiser, Harry, and the collectors, lead by Ann, for helping us make the NYE experience so good!

Well done everyone.

Kerry



*Wishes
for a
Happy
New Year
to you all.*

Connection between Clan McLean and Napier

McLean or Maclean of Duart is the Red Tartan

Sir Donald McLean 1820 - 1877

The park is named in memory of Donald McLean who, as Native Minister and Government Land Commissioner, purchased a large block of land from local Maori in the early days of European settlement in this area.

Donald McLean spoke in English, Gaelic and Maori. Sir Donald died at the age of 56.

In 1905, a trust was formed to establish a memorial to Sir Donald McLean and to that end, ten acres was purchased for recreational purposes - the future McLean Park. In the early years, the Highland Society was very strong and the park was mainly used for highland games and athletic groups. The Caledonian Society gifted two days a year for their use.

Sir Donald was the Member of Parliament for Napier from 1866 – 1877.

Sir Douglas McLean & Lady Florence - Only Son of Donald

The patronage of Sir Douglas McLean galvanised the decision to build the original HB Museum and Art Gallery.

Lady Florence gifted to the museum an extensive collection of artifacts, antiques and archives. Over 850 items were gifted to the museum from the McLean Family. Many items were of historical importance to Hawke's Bay.

Lady Florence and Sir Douglas - first president of the Napier Society of Arts & Crafts.

The McLean Gallery and HBMT'S collection of works by Horatio Robley, were also made possible by the generosity of the McLean Family.

In 1877, Douglas formed the Te Makarini Trust in memory of his father Donald. This income provides annually a series of scholarships for gifted students attending Te Aute College.

Douglas and Florence lived on Maraekakaho Station.

Allan & Hannah McLean

They were also from Scotland and built Duart House in Havelock North, no relation to the other McLeans but Allan was called "Tuki" McLean as he had built his home on the banks of the Tuki Tuki River, and this nick-name was to distinguish him from the other family of the same name.

Just a few details of the McLean Family and their connection to Napier.

Penny Madden

Coming Events



Band Calendar

January

Mon 22nd

First band practice for the year

Tues 23rd to Thurs 25th

Getting Going Workshop

Sun 28th

Piping & Drumming Live at Napier RSA (new event)

February

Sun 4th

Band event with City of Hastings PB Napier's Sound
Shell 1pm

Sat 10th

Napier Caledonian Society Ingleside

Thurs 15th to Sun 18th

Napier's Art Deco weekend

March

Mon 5th

Supporters' Night Taradale RSA

Fri 9 and Sat 10

National Pipe Band Contest Rotorua

TEAM

UP

WITH TREMAINS

**IF YOU ARE
THINKING
ABOUT MOVING.**

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about moving?

If so, contact Tremains Real Estate to list the property and mention to Tremains that you want to Team Up with Napier Pipe Band. When the property is sold by Tremains, we will be given \$500.00.

A great fundraising opportunity for our Band.

Health & Safety Update

Your Committee has been working hard throughout the year, focusing and improving the current Health & Safety regime. While there is no legal requirement to do so, the safety of members and visitors to the Band and its facilities is paramount.

There are now a number of documents approved relating to Health and Safety with those relevant to you pinned on the notice board at the Band Rooms.

Of particular note are:

- ◆ Monthly safety check on appliances, first aid stock etc. This will be managed by the Committee member on cleaning duty each month.
- ◆ An Incident and accident report which is to be completed in need. The Committee will then take necessary action to minimise any exposed risk for the future.
- ◆ There is also a formalised complaints process. Of course, while the hope is that this is not required, it does set out what steps to take if you feel bullied, harassed or unfairly treated in any way. The key here is to treat everyone with courtesy and respect.

For those of you who favour parking on the yellow lines at practice, please note you are asked to refrain from this, giving all members as much turning room as possible in the already tight parking bays.

Please familiarise yourselves with the new information and feel free to seek clarification from any Committee member in need.

Thanks.

Julie

Piping and Drumming Live



Sunday 28 January – Napier RSA - 4pm

This is the first of a new series of short concerts we'll be doing during 2018. As part of our new relationship with the Napier RSA we will be playing at the Sunday variety afternoons several times during the year. We'll present our old favourites of course but it will also be a chance for us to play newer music and to give individuals the chance to perform in front of an audience. All our band members (playing and associate) are welcome and there is the opportunity to stay for a meal afterwards. The Napier RSA has granted us reciprocal visiting rights so you don't need to sign in if you can produce your band membership card.

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Traditional Mallorcan music is unthinkable without the *Xeremia* (a bagpipe). Go to any village *festa* and you will hear them, together with small drums, flutes and tambours. The Mallorcan bagpipe is most likely a variation of an *Islamic* instrument, brought by the Moors a very long time ago. The bagpipes are very much in use on a regular basis, and are mostly played by young bearded men. As much as

Mallorca is a location with a rich tradition of musical schooling for both males and females, I have only seen one female playing a *Xeremia* in over twenty years.

The *Xeremia* player is called the *Xeremier* who will come in a formation with a small *flabiol* flautin and a compact *tamboril* drum, to be played by one and the same player. The photo was taken in Felanitx, Mallorca, Spain

**To all those who assisted with "Carrying the Bucket" to collect donations on
New Years Eve - THANK YOU.**

**You did a fantastic job and helped to swell the coffers to finance the Band's
activities for the coming year.**