



The Annual General Meeting of the Napier Pipe Band Inc. will be held at the Tamatea Community Church, 1 York Avenue, Napier on Monday 13 June 2016 commencing at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

Welcome and Apologies

Confirmation of minutes – Annual General Meeting – 8/6/15 and Special General Meeting – 12/10/15

Matters Arising from Minutes:

Correspondence – pertaining to the AGM

Annual reports - President
Pipe Major

Financial Reports for the year ending 31 March 2016

Election of Committee: The following people have been nominated and seconded to these Band Officer positions and as there are no other nominations they are duly elected.

President	Richard Manning	Nominated by	K Marshall/ D Stuart
Secretary/Treasurer	Betty Wilson	"	D Stuart/ K Marshall
Pipe Major	Kerry Marshall	"	D Stuart/ K McLoughlin
Drum Major	Don Stuart	"	R Arrell/ K Marshall
Band Manager	Ken McLoughlin	"	B Wilson/D Stuart

The committee includes four playing members elected by the playing members. Penny Madden continues as a committee member having completed one year of her two year term. During the year Graeme Blank resigned from the band and Hugh Harrison and Richard Loan retire by rotation but are eligible for re-election. Accordingly there are three vacancies to be filled.

The following playing members have been nominated for the Committee and as the number of nominations does not exceed the number of vacancies , they are duly elected -Julie Baxter, Hugh Harrison, Richard Loan

Election of Patron: The Committee has nominated Harry Renfree for the position of Patron of the Band.

General Business:

Presentation of Life Membership.

Following the meeting you are invited to stay for supper.

Please note that **Subscriptions** (for the year beginning April 2016) are now due. Subscriptions for playing members are \$35.00. Associate members are \$20.00 with a maximum of \$70.00 per family.

Betty Wilson
Secretary
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Presidents Report

It has been another busy year for our Pipe band.

The participation and involvement of our younger people continues to thrill and inspire us.

As always, our steady community involvement is a source of pride for us, and gives pleasure to the thousands of people we entertain with our music.

We can summarise our year with the following figures:

Parades (Anzac, Art Deco, Blossom Festival, Christmas- Napier and W'puk ,etc)	53
We played at Inglesides in Napier, Hastings and Dannevirke	13
We have the following players:	
Pipers	24
Drummers	12

These are very impressive totals, and everybody is to be commended.

Our most challenging night of the year is New Year's Eve – everyone loves to hear the pipes on New Year's Eve – we hire a bus and the band plays from 6pm until after midnight, we have eight places to play at during that time. It is a bit like a military operation as we have deadlines to keep as different groups of people are expecting us at different times ! What a marathon and our players do extremely well, but we are all drooping a bit by the end.

It is estimated that our Pipe Band plays to 20,000 people each year, and in addition we received a steady stream of requests for our players to play at funerals, birthday parties, and other special family occasions. The overall performance is massive ! Well done everyone !

Financially we are in a good position thanks to careful planning over the previous years and we have an asset in the Nelson Park clubrooms which is to be maintained so careful future budgeting of our finances is a requirement.

Our warmest thanks to all our 36 players, Betty Wilson for being our hard working Secretary, Kerry Marshall for his accounting and legal work as well as leading the weekly practices, Malcolm Ellis for being our Auditor, Don Wilson for his Newsletter masterpieces, the supernumeraries from Drum-Major Don in front to the flag-bearing party at the rear, and finally the Committee for overseeing all our activities.

Best wishes for the ensuing years

Harry Renfree

Pipe Major's Report

I find our vision, "that we will be a musically competent pipe band, responsive to members' aspirations and respected in the community" to be a useful guide to establishing a plan for the year and for measuring how well we've done in the past year.

We have continued our tradition of parading for a variety of events and have been able to consistently provide good music. In this next year we plan to continue this and have already started with the Navy Charter parade and ANZAC day parades.

Everyone spends time practising and there are many people in the band who help others with their development for which I am very grateful. I endeavour to seek out good music for us to play so we can keep our performance repertoire interesting and varied. The excellent concert we staged in St Paul's church in September and the enjoyable one at the Napier RSA are examples of the high performance standard we can attain. The time you, the playing members, spend preparing for such events is much appreciated.

Last year we participated for the second time in a contest, this time at the Palmerston North Square day event in December. This contest has been running for many years but its been a long time since a band from Napier took part so it was good to make an appearance and renew many friendships. It was also good to hear the other bands and see just how far the pipe band movement has advanced. While we didn't perform to our own expectations the judges' comments provide interesting pointers for our ongoing development. We really appreciate all who help us get there, prepare and participate.

Some of our members again worked hard to compete at the Highland Games and although not always successful, the process of preparing helps develop skills. We again staged our competition at Lindisfarne at the beginning October with good numbers of individuals and groups taking part but we are unlikely to continue with this.

Geoff and I continue to spend time with pupils which has its rewarding moments and we hope to see continued growth in numbers and improvement in skills. Our playing numbers are still 24 pipers (although several are only able to participate in a limited way), 8 learner pipers, and 12 drummers. Many people support and help the learners which we appreciate, thank you. Band practices continue to be well supported and enjoyable weekly gatherings.

Once again thank you to all who have supported Geoff and me during the year. Your help in so many ways keeps us going.

Kerry Marshall
Pipe Major



Service Performance

The year in summary

 **24**
Last year = 24

 **12**
Last year = 9

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53 PARADES
Last year = 57

13 Inglesides
Last year = 12

Financial Summary



Leaving us with a cash profit of \$5,900
which went into our bank account

which is now \$55,700



We received a gift from the City of Napier PB of their assets worth \$29,000



Our uniforms, drums and instruments went down in value by \$10,400 (depreciation)



Adding up all our funds and our assets the Band has a net worth of \$111,600.

This information relates to the financial year ending March 2016