



Old Scotch Pipes & Drums

Newsletter

No.3, 2013



Upcoming Events *(more details later):*

- ❖ Next Practice Sessions – Wed 27th Nov (7:30pm) + Sun 1st Dec (10:00am)
- ❖ Thursday afternoon sessions (3:30pm with the boys) – 28th Nov & 5th Dec
- ❖ Daylesford Highland Games – 8:50am (*sharp!!*) Saturday 7th December

OSP&D supports ‘Mo-vember’

Thanks to the irrepressible efforts of our bass drummer (*Ewen McConchie*), the OSP&D is fielding an impressive team for the annual ‘Mo-vember’ research fund raising campaign. This is a very worthy cause supporting medical research into men’s health issues (prostate & testicular cancer, and mental health issues) that has been going since 2003.

So far, OSP&D has raised a little over \$2000 – simply by growing some rather dubious-looking (and several quite good) mo’s – see the photos throughout this issue:



...guess who!

But, we need more support from you all – we’re yet only ranked #928 in Australia! Surely we can get a bit higher than that? – hopefully in the top-500 with more folks’ active support?

So, before 30th November, we want you all to visit our official ‘Mo-vember’ team web-site at:

<http://moteam.co/old-scotch-pipes-drums>

And please click on the ‘**make a donation**’ button!!

☺ *Worth noting: If you drink vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure – if you drink rum over ice, it can give you liver failure – if you drink whisky over ice, it can give you heart problems – if you drink gin over ice, it can give you vision problems ... apparently ice is **really** bad for you! So warn all your friends!*

Daylesford Highland Games

As you’ll all know, we are in full preparation for competing in the forthcoming pipe band competition held every year as part of the Daylesford Highland Games – this year, on Saturday, 7th December. Notably, we’ve been invited to form a ‘combined’ Grade 4 band including those school boys not quite ready for playing with the Grade 3 Scotch band - to give the younger lads some competitive playing experience. This is also great motivation for OSP&D members to put in a little more practice, and lift our playing skills.

So, we’re looking forward to a great day – commencing with the street-march at 9:30am, followed by competitive band performances from 11:30am at Victoria Park (*on the Ballan-Daylesford Road*).

In preparation, the OSP&D has been working up our new competition tunes:

- **M-S-R:** *Drunken Piper & Piper’s Cave; Campbelltown Kiltie Ball; Mollie on the Shore.*
- **Medley:** *Wings; Mollie Connell; Christie McLeod; The Water is Wide; and Athol Highlanders (jig time).*

And rule #1 for a good performance on the day is...? – *no mistakes* !!!!

....and rule #2? – have a good breakfast!!



...and this one?

Diary Dates - 2014

To get you started on planning your 2014 diary, and aided by our very own 'Kapitan Kalendar' (*Peter Falconer*), we've developed an initial OSP&D calendar of activities for January through May next year – see last page attached – and it's the right time to procure a 2014 diary, and begin pencilling in the dates.



...oops?...cheque book didn't tally?

Band Uniform for Daylesford

IMPORTANT Information: our uniform for Daylesford is:

Street March: Argyle jacket; waist-coat; black sporrans; red diced hose; flashes; black shoes/brogues; Glengarry

Band Comps: waistcoat (*only*); black sporrans; red diced hose; flashes; black shoes/brogues; Glengarry

If any playing member hasn't yet picked up a new waistcoat, then make sure you get along to our practice session next Wednesday evening to collect yours.

If anyone has any other uniform problems – or missing uniform items – then please attend to those ASAP – repair or replace (*call Brian*)!

We'll also be reminding you again by email, a couple of days prior, of exactly what uniform items to check-off as you get into the car.



...hmmm...Chopper? That you?

2013 end-of-year BBQ

As we again approach the year's end, it's time to start thinking about what *culinary triumph* you'll be contributing to the annual BBQ – **Sunday 15th December** – this year to be hosted (very generously) by Brian & Laurine out at their farm at Koonwarra (*just past Leongatha, turn right off the South Gippsland Highway – take the Koonwarra-Inverloch Rd*). We'll email detailed directions, closer to the date. We all 'bring a plate' – bearing very tasty fare, of course. Salad or dessert? That's the question! Start thinking now.... It's a great spot – fantastic rolling views – very relaxing – and bring your pipes/drums.



...you should fairly easily pick this one!

Drummers' Salute

From our lead tipper: Here we are at the end of another year and I would just like to say thanks to all band members for making it a great one - another year of progress for the band, and its capabilities. A big 'thank you' to all committee members for managing the band and its administration: the band is now quite well equipped – looking rather splendid at all play outs and occasions. The band has grown a little this year, making for quite a presence in street marches - particularly ANZAC day this year, where we achieved another great result in band judging.

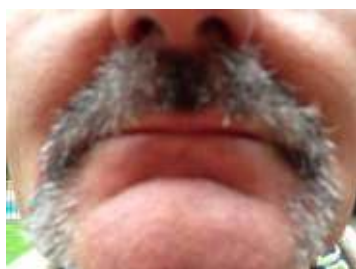
Huge 'thanks' again to Brian for his diligence and leadership as our esteemed and venerable Pipe Major. Brian's passion and direction for the band and focus on playing good music is irreplaceable.

Finally, a special 'thank you' to the drum corps for your efforts this year: we have come a long way, and we are taking it all in stride with great enthusiasm! I am already looking forward to what next year holds for us and the band - particularly with the competition season now just beginning!

All the very best to all, and have a safe holiday season. Looking forward to kicking off 2014 with you all again around late January - hopefully with some new faces as well!

Yours in drumming,

Scott



...grumpy Mr 'prickles' huh?



...ahh...Paul Newman's joined the band...?

Final few practice sessions

And, just to remind you of our final few practice dates:

- Wednesday 27th Nov, 7:30pm
- Thursday 28th Nov, 3:30pm
- Sunday 1st Dec, 10:00am
- Thursday 5th Dec, 3:30pm



...Rhett? thought you'd shuffled off this mortal coile?

2013 Committee Members:

President: Brian Symington - Tel: (03) 9818 8414

Vice-Pres: Stewart Wallace - Tel: 0409 022 334

Treasurer: Graham Reid

Secretary: Colin Bates

Committee: Keith Heale, Benjamin Casey

Piping Tutor: Brian Symington – Tel: (03) 9818 8414

Drum Tutor: Scott Diener – Tel: (03) 9314 4441

2013 Band Leaders:

Pipe Major: Brian Symington

Drum Major: Benjamin Casey

Lead Drummer: Scott Diener

New members:

Contact: Stewart Wallace - Tel: 0409 022 334

Webmaster: Andrew Buick – Tel: 0408 034 919

New for senior travel to the local library?



....autumn, by Lake Geneva - practising our new MSR!!



Strangely appealing media commentary.....



Seven-seater hybrid MPV: fresh air ventilation; one-wheel drive; economical 125cc engine; low-capital & maintenance costs; a little tricky cornering; but easy in and out.



2014 OSP&D Calendar

(Note: some dates may further change – we will try to provide earliest email advice)

(*Colour Code*: Scheduled Practice dates – Band & Solo contests – OSCA/Scotch functions – External parades – Social events)

Wednesday, 29 January: Practice 7.30pm – Pipe House

Saturday, 1 February: Practice 2.00 pm - Pipe House – *for Bendigo Band Contest 8 Feb*

Saturday, 8 February: Bendigo Highland Gathering – Street March & Full Band Contest

Sunday, 16 February: Practice 10 am (& AGM?)- Pipe House

Sunday, 23 February: Ballarat Highland Gathering – Full Band Contest

Wednesday, 26 February: Practice 7.30 pm – Pipe House

Saturday, 1 March: Practice 2.00 pm – Pipe House - *for Geelong band contest 2 March*

Sunday, 2 March: Geelong Highland Gathering (Deakin Uni) – Full Band Contest

Sunday, 16 March: Practice 10.00 am – Pipe House

Sunday, 23 March: Victorian Pipe Band Championships (Haileybury College, Keysborough)

Wednesday, 26 March: Practice 7.30pm – Pipe House

Sunday, 30 March: Ringwood Highland Gathering (Maroondah Club, Mt Dandenong Rd, Ringwood East)

Tuesday, 1 April: Scotch College Cadet Tattoo (OSP&D lead-up performance, early evening?)

Saturday 5 April: Practice 2.00 pm – *for Australian Pipe Band Championships 12-13 April*

Tuesday, 8 April: Competition Band – Practice at Scotch with College Gr. 4 members

Thursday, 10 April: Competition Band – Practice at Scotch with College Gr. 4 members

Saturday, 12 April: Australian Pipe Band Championships - Eureka Stadium Ballarat

Sunday 13 April: Australian Pipe Band Championships – Eureka Stadium Ballarat

Sunday 20 April: Croydon RSL Anzac parade 2.30 pm & service – Civic Square Croydon

Friday 25 April: ANZAC Day parade a.m. – St Kilda Road to Shrine

Sunday 11 May: Practice 10.00am **OR** Social event (Cycling trip? - Convenor TBC)

Sunday 18 May: Solo Bagpipe Competitions at Scotch

Wednesday 28 May: Practice 7.30 pm – Pipe House

Friday 30 May: OSCA Annual Dinner – Crown Palladium (Dinner Convenor - TBC)

Sunday 15 June: Practice 10.00 am **OR** Social event (Pub lunch? - Convenor TBD)

Wednesday 25 June: Practice 7.30pm – Pipe House

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