

# Pipe Bands Victoria

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To Band Secretaries  
(as addressed)  
via email

Dear Secretary,

## Re: Ringwood Highland Gathering 2018

After ongoing discussions with the committee of the Ringwood Highland Gathering, the executive committee of Pipe Bands Victoria has sought to resolve the access to the lower oval at the East Ringwood Reserve for equal access for all bands attending.

Whilst we are disappointed there is insufficient space within the venue for adequate parking, this is beyond our control. However, each band requires suitable access to enable delivery of equipment, and if necessary, erect a tent. Bands travelling by bus also require suitable access to the ground.

Therefore, although less than ideal, we have requested the Ringwood Highland Gathering Committee allocate an area of 6m x 6m on the lower oval to each band entered into the pipe band contest and arrange access for the delivery of equipment and the erection of the band tents.

Unfortunately, at this late stage, we are unable to provide the gate attendants with the individual band member details to avoid other unauthorised members entering the lower oval. However, each band will be allocated up to two vehicles to enter the ground. This will enable each band to have access to drop off drums and tents within the ground.

We have requested that gate attendants be advised that once two vehicles from each band have entered the ground, all other vehicles associated with that band be politely invited to park in the areas adjacent to the ground. This is either in Dublin Road to the east of the ground, or at the Karralyka Centre entered from Mines Road to the west of the ground.

We have also requested a designated bus parking area within the lower oval area is available to enable suitable access for these bands, but this has not been confirmed.

It will be up to each individual band to determine the two vehicles to be parked within the ground.

The committee of the Ringwood Highland Gathering has also advised that all vehicles entering the ground must be through the gates by 10:00am. This is due to a requirement of the approved Traffic Management Plan with which the gathering committee must comply.

Pipe bands Victoria apologises for the inconvenience this may cause, but asks all bands, members and supporters cooperate in a respectful manner.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Connolly', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

**Ross Connolly**  
Secretary  
Pipe bands Victoria