

**AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND COLLEGE VICTORIA BRANCH.  
AGENDA COLLEGE & OTHER MEETINGS including  
MEETING OF STATE & BRANCH COUNCIL**

**DATE: SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2017**

**VENUE: MAROONDAH SPORTS CLUB  
Mount Dandenong Road, Ringwood East**

**TIME 10:00am-11:00pm.**

**PANEL MEETINGS (at discretion of each Vice Principal).**

Panel members are requested to attend if meeting arranged by Vice Principal.

Vice Principals are responsible for arranging and coordinating Panel Meetings if required.

**TIME 11:00am-12:30pm.**

**FULL COLLEGE MEETING.**

All Judging Panel Members are requested to attend.

1. Apologies.
2. Minutes previous meeting.
3. Business arising.
4. Correspondence.
5. Piping Panel written report.
6. Drumming Panel written report
7. Dress & Drill panel written report
8. Rules and Administration written Report.
9. Confirmation of Vice Principal appointments.
10. Projects /Seminars etc.
11. General Business.

**TIME 12:30pm-1:30pm.**

**LUNCH**

**TIME 1:30pm.**

**MEETING OF STATE & BRANCH COUNCIL.**

Refer separate agenda.

**MEALS & REFRESHMENTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MAROONDAH CLUB.**

## **MEETING AGENDA – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

**VENUE:**     ***Maroondah Sports Club***  
                  ***Corner Dublin Rd & Mt Dandenong Rd, Ringwood East.***

### **PIPE BANDS VICTORIA, COMBINED STATE & BRANCH COUNCIL MEETING**

1.     Opening & Welcome – 1:30pm
2.     Attendance
3.     Apologies
4.     Declaration of Pecuniary Interests^
5.     Minutes of Previous Meeting, April 2017
6.     Business Arising from the Previous Minutes
7.     VHPBA Reports\*
  - Executive
  - House
  - Treasurer's Report
    - 2018 Budgets to be reviewed
    - Recommendation regarding end of year audit.
  - Victorian Youth Band Report
8.     APBA Reports
  - Executive Report
  - College Report
  - Promotions & Marketing Report
  - Contest Report
    - Solo Drumming & Mini Bands program.
  - Media & Publications Report
  - Treasurer's Report
    - 2018 Budgets to be reviewed
    - Recommendation regarding end of year audit.
  - Registrar's Report
9.     Correspondence
  - a) VHPBA
    - As per list circulated.
  - b) PBV
    - As per list circulated.
10.    General Business
  - a) VHPBA\*
  - b) PBV
    - Timing of contest season (date for meeting with stakeholders to be determined)
    - EOI for Victorian Pipe Band Championships.
11.    Date of Next Meeting
  - Date and venue to be advised (June 2017).

12. Close

\*Business transacted under VHPBA deals with asset management and is not included in the minutes forwarded to PBA Inc. dealing with general operations under PBV.

^Declaration of pecuniary interests for listed agenda items.

*Note: Meals are available at the bistro prior to the meeting for those wishing to have lunch prior.*



## Pipe Bands Victoria

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### EXECUTIVE REPORT JUNE 2017

The following report is presented on behalf of the Executive Committee.

#### 1. SIR RUPERT HAMER AWARD

Following on from the announcement at the Ringwood Highland Gathering, we once again congratulate Les Hardy on winning the Sir Rupert Hamer Award for 2017. Unfortunately, Les wasn't in attendance at Ringwood when the announcement was made, but a formal presentation was made at Ballarat on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in with Les's family, friends and peers present.

#### 2. VICTORIAN YOUTH PIPE BAND

Andrew Womersley, the Band Manager will present a separate report. It is critical the Band Management determine suitable practice dates and engagements for the band as momentum for this project is beginning to wane.

#### 3. LOAN TO PIPE BANDS AUSTRALIA

The formal loan document was approved at the April meeting and has now been endorsed by Pipe Bands Australia and the VHPBA Inc.

#### 4. TIMING OF CONTEST SEASON

The Secretary has drafted a letter to promoters and stakeholders. A suitable date to convene a meeting is to be set and invitations sent out.

#### 5. VICTORIAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS - EOI

The Executive has prepared a draft EOI for consideration by the Council. Subject to approval, this will be sent to all promoters forthwith with submissions to be returned no later than Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2017.

**Tim McLeod**

Chairman, Pipe Bands Victoria (Pipe Bands Australia Inc. Victoria Branch)  
President, VHPBA Inc.

## **RULES & ADMINISTRATION PANEL REPORT FOR VICTORIAN BRANCH COLLEGE & COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 18 JUNE 2017**

- 1. Panel Meeting:** The panel is to meet in Geelong on 1 July 2017.
  
- 2. Australian Pipe Band Contest Regulation (to be effective from 1 July 2017):** The Principal Rules & Administration (Jamie Forsyth) has finalised this document which is currently with members of the APBA Council for final approval. The document reflects proposed rule changes submitted to the bands in accordance with Rule 24.1 of the Association. A number of rule changes, approved by the Council of the APBA, have been reflected in notices dated 19 & 20 April 2017 published on the APBA website (several of these had applied as trial rules in Victoria in recent contest seasons e.g. offering a separate SOM for Grade 4 bands). Two other significant, proposed changes are:
  - (i) A new Rule A.3.07 - Dual Registration which is the extension of the current Victorian trial rule for members of School / College Bands to members of ALL Grade 4 and 3 bands (as recommended by the College and approved by Branch Council of Pipe Bands Victoria); and
  
  - (ii) Amendments to Rules B.1.02.04, B.1.06.02, B.1.09.01, B.1.11.02, B.3.02.01, B.4.01.02 & B.4.02.01 for points, not placings, to apply at State / Branch Pipe Band Championships (as recommended by the College and approved Branch Council of Pipe Bands Victoria).
  
- 3. Ensemble Division of the College:** The views of the College and the directive of Branch Council meeting on 9 April 2017 refer. As requested proposed amendments to the Australian Pipe Band College Regulation were prepared and forwarded to the Branch Secretary, with a cc to the Vice Principals of Piping and Drumming, for finalisation, as requested, for the matter to be an agenda item for the 2017 Conference Meeting of the Council of the APBA.

Peter McLoughlin  
Vice Principal – Rules & Administration  
Pipe Bands Victoria.  
13 June 2017

# **VICE-PRINCIPAL DRESS AND DRILL**

**June 2017**

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## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

Our major training activity for the year was conducted as part of South West Coast Piper Drummer Dancer workshop weekend with seven participants – three undertaking the elementary level course and examination and four the preparatory sessions for the advanced level.

Congratulations to Les Kenfield (Ambulance Victoria), Muriel Manners (Ambulance Victoria) and Emily Shallcross (PLC) on successfully obtaining the elementary certificate with the Australian Pipe Band College. The course award for diligence and application was given to Emily Shallcross.

Additionally, this year a two-part series practical workshop will be presented in September and October for drum majors. This workshop is both for those currently progressing through the training course and all other drum majors in preparation for the 2017-2018 season.

## **DRUM MAJOR SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP**

Panel will review the location of the three heats for the 2017-2018 aggregate championship following confirmation of season contests. However, tentative discussions have been held with Maryborough Highland Gathering to hold the first heat on New Year's Day as a way to promote the important historic links between that event and the VHPBA (PBV) with an indication received of a suitable prizemoney pool being offered.

## **PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION**

In conjunction with the Vice-Principals Piping and Drumming, preliminary discussions have been held to develop a massed band performance package for distribution to potential event promoters in an endeavor to secure new major event opportunities.

## **ADJUDICATOR PD**

The adjudicator PD session is planned for 19 November, building on the program initiated last to achieve consistency of adjudication together with awareness and understanding of recent changes to PBA Contest Regulations.

## **ANZAC DAY STREET MARCH**

A number of inquiries have been received on the adjudication criteria of the ANZAC Day march in Melbourne. The criteria as applied is – deportment, dressing and intervals. The street march award is given at the request of the RSL.

**Chris Earl**

Vice-Principal Dress and Drill – Victoria

11 June 2017