

# MEMO - VHPBA



## FUNDING PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Applications are now open for a new Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association education and training program that will have two funding rounds in 2020.

A maximum of \$5000 is available in each round to support initiatives that will benefit pipers, drummers and drum majors.

As part of that journey to determining a new structure, the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association has introduced the Funding Program. The funding rounds are additional to annual allocations already provided for the support of solo piping through the Victorian Pipers' Association, solo drumming through Pipe Bands Victoria (the state branch of Pipe Bands Australia) and assistance to Pipe Bands Victoria for support of events at which pipe band competitions are conducted. In total, the annual financial contribution in 2020 will be \$17,000.

Grants under the Funding Program will be available only by application addressing the program guidelines and criteria and able to demonstrate a benefit to the pipe band movement in Victoria.

The VHPBA Funding Program aims to assist in developing a strong and innovative pipe band scene in Victoria by:

- Supporting a broad range of education, training and engagement projects and programs by member bands and affiliated organisations.
- Supporting initiatives, programs and projects to increase the availability and accessibility of pipe bands to the public and to build audiences.
- Supporting educational and engagement projects and programs that reflect the place of pipe bands in the communities of Victoria.
- Assisting pipe bands and affiliated kindred organisations in building their sustainability and financial viability and engaging in partnerships or collaborations with government, business, organisations and communities.

The maximum grant amount for a single application shall not exceed \$5000.

Applications for round one close on 2 March for projects between April and June.