

# Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association Inc.



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Dear PBV Members

I am writing to provide an update on several PBV activities.

## 1 **Victorian Youth Pipe Band (VYPB)**

Following an application and audition process, I am pleased to inform you that, during this past week, 16 musicians (8 pipers & 8 drummers) have been offered a position as a member of the VYPB. Our congratulations to the successful applicants. The VYPB will hold its first gathering and practice day on 6 Sept, with their first public performance at the Immigration Museum on 16 November. There are still eight vacancies in the VYPB so please continue to encourage our younger members (12-22yo) to consider. Enquiries can be made to Don Walkley, VYPB Manager, on 0466 888 674 and applications (downloaded from PBV website) can be emailed to [vypb@pipebandsvic.com](mailto:vypb@pipebandsvic.com)

## 2 **Dateclaimer - PBV strategy planning session, 21 September: 11.00am-2.00pm (Venue to be confirmed)**

PBV members are invited to participate and contribute to the development of our strategic (action) plan to be held on 21 Sept. This is a very significant step in ensuring that we can achieve our priorities over the next three years. If you are able to attend, please forward your name to email [vhpba@bigpond.com](mailto:vhpba@bigpond.com)

## 3 **Special event for our bands 16 November 2014**

### ***“The Scots have arrived - can you hear them?”***

In November a special exhibition celebrating the arrival of Scots into Victoria will open at the Immigration Museum in Melbourne. In the recent consultation process to develop our PBV strategy, there was a strong view from many members that our pipe bands must be prepared to initiate promotional activities to raise community awareness of our music and tradition. In essence, to take the lead in raising our PBV public profile.

PBV is therefore inviting all member bands to participate in a shared performance on 16 Nov at 1.00pm. Our bands are invited to perform at three different locations:

- **City Square** (opposite Town Hall);
- **Southbank** (at start of Immigration walk-bridge); and,
- **on the lawn in front of Age Building** (opposite Southern Cross Station).

Performance time is min. of 30min. Our objective is to use the occasion to promote the great music and tradition of pipe bands. Bands are encouraged to be creative



with their performance. Please register your bands intent to participate by email [vhpba@bigpond.com](mailto:vhpba@bigpond.com)

**4 Annual General Meeting 12 October 2014**

The Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association Inc. and Pipe Bands Australia Inc, Victoria Branch (jointly trading as Pipe Bands Victoria) will be held at a venue to be advised in Bendigo on Sunday 12 October 2014 commencing at 1:00pm.

Formal meeting notices listing agenda items, a Proxy Form for those members unable attend, but who wish to record a vote, and a Nomination Form for office bearers available for download from our website at [pipebandsvic.com](http://pipebandsvic.com)

The Nomination Form must be returned to the Secretary no later than 5:00pm on the nominated closing date, and proxied must be returned to the Secretary not later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

All members are welcome, and we look forward to this opportunity to engage with regional members, particularly those in central Victoria. Pipe Bands Victoria has scheduled a number of regional meetings to assist those country bands usually unable to attend a meeting in the metropolitan area.

Yours faithfully,

Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association Inc.

Tim McLeod, President