

2014 VICTORIAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS – HAILEYBURY COLLEGE

This report was prepared by the undersigned due to the tragic death of the Contest Supervisor, Peter Cook, on 8 April 2014.

Venue: Haileybury College is an excellent venue. A total of 18 bands, including Seymour College Old Collegians Pipe Band from S.A., competed on the day.

Contest: The order of play was Grade 1 (as requested by the Band), Grade 3, the Juvenile band contest, Grade 4 and Grade 2. It was an enjoyable day in fine weather and there were no issues requiring action under the Rules.

Promoter: Haileybury College always put on an excellent show and this is entirely due to all the hard work, behind the scenes by Harold Gillespie. Well done Harold. Those involved with the organization of a Highland Gathering / Pipe Band Contest can appreciate the myriad of things that have to be done to run a successful event. The luncheon provided to the Judges / Officials was, as usual, excellent and on behalf of the Branch on the day I thanked one of the ladies who organized same.

Announcer: Professor Euan Wallace did the honours and the especially warm welcome extended to the Seymour College Old Collegians Pipe Band from South Australia was appreciated. For their first ever contest a close 2nd in Grade 4 out of a field of 7 bands was an excellent result for the Seymour College Old Collegians Pipe Band and we look forward to further visits from the band in years to come.

Judges: It was a pleasure to have Alan Wallace (Singapore) and Scott Mitchell (New Zealand) in attendance to adjudicate and to them and their Victorian Branch colleagues thank you for your co-operation and a job well done.

Scorers / Marshalls: Thanks to the four individuals involved who front up to every contest. It certainly makes the running of contests on the day so much easier.

Results: These are as promulgated on the Pipe Bands Victoria website and thanks to all the Bands in attendance for their co-operation on the day.

Peter McLoughlin
Steward on the Day.
24 April 2014.