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## Rebecca Capon inaugural Cook Scholarship recipient

Emmanuel College Highlanders bagpiper Rebecca Capon is the inaugural recipient of the Peter Cook Memorial Scholarship encouraging advancement of Australian solo pipers.

The scholarship was announced at today's biennial conference of Pipe Bands Australia. PBA and the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association are jointly administering the scholarship fund following a bequest from the Cook Estate.

Peter Cook was a PBA life member and Victorian secretary at the time of his tragic death in the week of the 2014 Australian Pipe Band Championships.

Rebecca commenced her piping career as an eight-year-old in country Queensland and has since gained experience twice in Scotland and is now a member of the successful Grade Two band Emmanuel College Highlanders. This year Rebecca also completed her Australian Pipe Band College intermediate certificate.

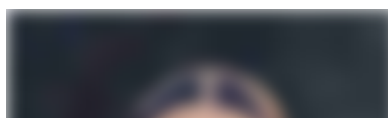
She says she aspires "to be a proficient female bagpiper that knows every detail of my bagpipes and fully understand my instrument in every condition - I want to be one with my bagpipes. I aspire not only to perform and compete on the top stages but also to love and enjoy bagpipes and share my passion with fellow bagpipers and the general community alike. I aspire to continue to work hard and reap the rewards bagpipes offer".

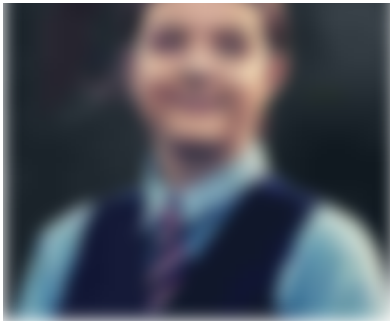
Rebecca's goals for 2020 are to complete her Advanced Certificate, continue lessons in Australia and Scotland, compete at major solo piping events and in Piping Idol in Glasgow.

The scholarship has a value of \$1500.

Highly commended in the 2019 scholarship round are Matthew Rutley (Brisbane Boys' College) and Joal Solak (Derwent Scottish).

The Peter Cook Scholarship will be awarded annually.





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