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## Appointments to Pipe Bands Australia

Tim Bodey has been appointed as treasurer of Pipe Bands Australia and over the past fortnight has commenced implementation of the new financial reporting and accounting platform that had been identified late last year as providing robust and transparent reporting for the national association and its branches.

Tim is a Business Advisory Partner with Crowe Horwath in Ballarat and a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. He is President of Federation University Australia Pipe Band where he is lead drummer and currently Victorian branch treasurer. He was the leader of organising committees for the 2012 and 2014 Australian Pipe Band Championships.

Additionally, Don MacSween has today advised his resignation with immediate effect from both national management committee and as Principal Rules and Administration of Pipe Bands Australia in order to direct his efforts working with Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band to regain its governance and financial security. He had previously advised standing aside from the national positions while matters were being addressed.

Pipe Bands Australia acknowledges the devotion and commitment of Don in serving the pipe band movement over many decades as a player and administrator at local, state and national levels. He is thanked for his contributions as Principal Rules and Administration for the past two years and through that position since September 2015 had been the College representative on national management committee.

Jamie Forsyth had been appointed Acting Principal Rules and Administration for the period of Don standing aside and will continue to act in the position until it is filled.

Jamie has been given a brief of activities including preparation of proposals for the annual ballot of bands in February/March and preparation of a code of conduct for all elected office-bearers of Pipe Bands Australia and its branches, other officials and members (adjudicators and contest supervisors) of the Australian Pipe Band College for early implementation. He will be assisted and guided in performing duties of the position by the Principal Emeritus Anthony Sell and branch vice-principals.

Jamie is a qualified contest supervisor within the Australian Pipe Band College with the advanced certificate in Rules and Administration and is currently a piper with Grade 3B World champions Perth Metro having previously played with bands in NSW and Western Australia, including WAPOL. He holds a Graduate Diploma in Business Administration including governance units towards completion of a Masters and was until November state director for a political party in Western Australia, he now owns Scotty's Cafe in Perth.

Expressions of interest will now be called from suitably qualified members to fill the casual vacancy of Principal Rules and Administration and then from College principals to fill the



casual vacancy on national management committee.

Members desirous of consideration of appointment as Principal Rules and Administration are invited to submit expressions of interest no later than 1 March 2017 to the Secretary secretary@pipebands.asn.au including their details of Australian Pipe Band College qualifications and pipe band experience, qualifications and experience in administration and governance supported by two references (one to be from outside the pipe band movement).

Following appointment to fill the casual vacancy of Principal Rules and Administration, expressions of interest will open from Principals to fill the casual vacancy on national management committee and close on 20 March 2017.

All appointments have and will be made in accordance with the Rules of Pipe Bands Australia and the Regulations of Australian Pipe Band College.



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