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Christmas greetings from PBA

Pipe Bands Australia and the Australian movement have taken significant steps throughout 2017 to provide members and bands with a sustainable and relevant base for coming years.

We have introduced strong governance requirements, many first identified last year, for both administration and membership as we continue to build an even more respectful culture within the movement.

There have certainly been challenges over the past 12 months that have been addressed through proper process and review where every decision has been, and will continue to be, guided by the imperative of supporting our members and bands in making music.

Initiatives like the introduction of a Grade 4 selection of marches event have increased band and player participation and a growing focus on education and training will assist in defining the pathways for musical advancement.

It has been heartening to receive support for our initiatives from the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and continue building links with all bands and members, not just here in Australia, but in Scotland, New Zealand and America where the bonds of promoting piping and drumming define us as a world-wide family perhaps separated by great distances but joined with common goals.

It was also pleasing to see a number of our bands engaged by a private promoter around Australia for the recent successful Sir Paul McCartney tour, again seeing our bands take their place on the international stage.

On behalf of national management committee, I extend seasons greetings to you and thank you for your participation in positively advancing the Australian pipe band movement within your community, state and across the nation.

The New Year is just weeks away ... time for a short break to reflect and celebrate the achievements through music in 2017 and prepare for what will be an exciting 12 months, including our 2018 Australian Pipe Band Championships.

Chris Earl
President





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