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New homes for heritage of Australian Pipe Band Championships

Pipe Bands Australia has commenced presenting retired Australian Pipe Band Championship trophies to new custodians of the premier event's history and legacy.

National council made the decision some years ago to retire perpetual trophies. National management committee has now received trophies and offered them for safekeeping to bands or donors.

The criteria applied was a combination of the last winner, most wins or the donor in the case of Grade 3 Aggregate that had been originally given by the Maryborough Highland Society that hosted the first Australian championship under federation on New Year's Day 1961.

National management committee also aimed for the widest possible spread of geographical locations to share the legacy and heritage of the movement in the spirit of discussions at the last national conference.

The retired trophies and their new homes will be:



- Grade One Drum Corps champions - Recipient Pipeband Club – Rationale: Last winner
- Grade One Duthart Shield – Recipient Victoria Police - Rationale: Most wins
- Grade Two Aggregate – Recipient Hawthorn - Rationale: last winner
- Grade Three Aggregate – Recipient Maryborough Highland Society - Rationale: donor of trophy
- Grade Three Drum Corps – Recipient Federation University Ballarat - Rationale: Most wins (four)
- Grade Three Quickstep – Recipient Federation University Ballarat - Rationale: Three wins and also donor

wins and loss count

- Grade Four Aggregate – Recipient LCC Southern Cross - Rationale: Last winner
- Grade Four Drum Corps – Recipient Haileybury College - Rationale: Most wins.
- Drum major – Recipient Dominic Andersen Strudwick - Rationale: Last winner
- Juvenile Aggregate – Recipient Scotch College Melbourne - Rationale: Last winner
- Juvenile Piping – The Scots College Sydney - Rationale: Last winner
- Juvenile Drumming – Recipient Scotch College Melbourne - Rationale: Last winner
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Pictured: Andrew Womersley and Nat Russell with the Duthart Shield recording the most wins by Victoria Police Pipe Band



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