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The Battle's Over: From the back of Bourke to capital cities

The famous World War One bagpipe tune The Battle's O'er will be heard in many Australian communities on Sunday 11 November as part of the international commemoration marking the centenary of the Armistice in World War One.

Australian bands and pipers are registering through the Pipe Bands Australia website their locations for the special performance at 5pm (Australian Eastern Summer Time).

Registrations have been received from all states to date as bands and pipers liaise with their local RSLs and commemorative committees.

In South Australia, the branch has organised with the RSL for a massed band presentation in Adelaide marching with ceremonial contingent from Torrens Parade Ground to the war memorial. The Western Australian branch is also planning a massed band performed in

Among communities with pipers already registered are Burnie and Launceston in Tasmania, Mildura and Sale in Victoria, Mount Gambier and other towns on the Limestone Coast,

Cooma, Armidale and Shoalhaven in NSW. And the pipes will even be heard at the "back of Bourke" with a player signing up to perform at that town's war memorial.

The Australian participation at 5pm (AEST) will coincide with the exact time the Armistice was signed and link simultaneously with performances of the famous tune The Battle's O'er in Britain and across Europe.

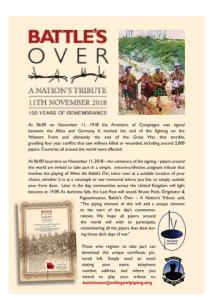
Co-ordination of the time follows discussions between Pipe Bands Australia and the Glasgow-based College of Piping assisting Bruno Peek in spearheading the international commemoration.

Australian pipers, drummers and bands are being encouraged to liaise with their local RSLs, council and other community organisations in selecting suitable locations for the special commemoration.

Playing of The Battle's Over may be by solo pipers, groups of pipers and drummers or full bands. Members are asked to register online at www.pipebandsaustralia.com.au/events and with the College of Piping website.

Pipe Bands Australia will provide special commemorative certificates to all members who perform on 11 November 2018 – the final day of Centenary of ANZAC remembrances - in honour of those pipers and drummers who served in World War One, and particularly those who paid the supreme sacrifice.

To register visit http://www.pipebandsaustralia.com.au/events



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