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Australia Day awards honour pipe band roles

Pipe Bands Australia congratulates recipients of Australia Day honours announced by the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove today.

Rod Parker has been made a member of the Order of Australia for significant service to community music through pipe and drum bands. Rod was a founding member of Highland Pipes and Drums, the band's tutor and is a life member. He is also current pipe major of the Batemans Bay Soldiers' Club Pipe Band. He interviewed leading figures in the movement for a National Library of Australia's Australian pipe band oral history project a decade ago.

Retired senior Queensland police officer Ken Martin has been made a member of the Order of Australia for significant service to community safety through anti-crime initiatives. Ken was a founding member of the National Servicemen's Memorial Pipes and Drums and is a life member.

Awarded the medal of the Order of Australia are:

- Dr John Menzies of Camperdown for services to the communities of south-west Victoria. He is also a member of the Robert Burns Festival organising committee, the Robert Burns Club of Camperdown and a long-time piper with Warrnambool and District Pipes and Drums.
- Clarrie Lemme for service to the community through pipe bands. A member of NSW Police Pipe Band since 1994, he has been drum major and executive officer since 1997, dress and drill tutor at The Scots College since 2007 and assisted other bands in NSW.
- Doug Cutmore of Warwick for service to the community. He is a life member and former pipe major of Warwick Thistle Pipe Band and a life member and former chieftain of the Warwick Caledonian Society.

