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Australia looks to South-East Asia for title expansion

Pipe Bands Australia will canvass support for creation of a South-East Asia pipe band championships following discussion at its recent biennial national conference.

Australia and New Zealand have promoted a South Pacific championship for almost two decades, the event alternating between countries every three years in conjunction with national titles.

The formal agreement ended with this year's South Pacific and New Zealand Championships in Nelson.

Councillors meeting in Melbourne believed it is time to consider expanding connection in the Southern Hemisphere to build engagement and interaction between bands and players in countries beyond Australia and New Zealand.

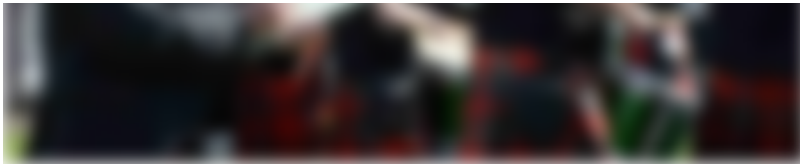
Competitions conducted in Singapore observe the contest rules of Pipe Bands Australia and members of the Australian Pipe Band College regularly conduct examinations in Hong Kong.

Pipe Bands Australia will continue its strong links with the Royal New Zealand Pipe Bands Association and discuss formalising bonds with a agreement that may include ongoing adjudicator exchange for major championships.

National management committee will investigate the South-East Asia concept, speaking with stakeholders across the region and co-operating closely in development of any proposal with the RNZPBA.

Pipe Bands Australia is an affiliate member of the Royal Scottish Pipe Band Association and signatories to an accord with the Alliance of North American Pipe Band Associations.





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