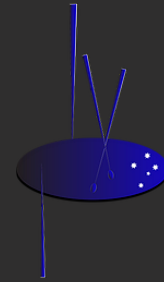


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Prizemoney increase for championships

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Prizemoney for the Pipe Bands Australia Diamond Jubilee year Australian Pipe Band Championships in Maryborough Victoria now totals more than \$14,000 with an agreement with the Clan Donald Lands Trust to be an ongoing sponsor of Grade 4A beginning in 2020.

The agreement between the Trust and Pipe Bands Australia together with the re-allocation of prizemoney to other grade by championship host the Maryborough Highland Society will see the champion band in each of Grades 1 through to 4B collect a prize cheque for \$1000. Second and third place prizemoney in each grade will be \$500 and \$250. The awards will be known as the AWR McDonald Memorial Prize and include a trophy for the champion band.

With trophies valued at more than \$3000 also on offer for the Diamond Jubilee year championships, the total prize pool in 2020, inflation adjusted out does the reward for successful bands at the first championships in 1961, also hosted by the Maryborough Highland Society.

The High Commissioner of Clan Donald in Australia, Neil Macdonald, said the Trust was delighted to cement a firm and ongoing partnership with Pipe Bands Australia to support and rewards bands in the nation's premier championship.

"We look forward to a long relationship in our shared promotion of the great cultures of Scotland," he said.

Pipe Bands Australia president Chris Earl said the Diamond Jubilee year was a fitting time to establish firm links with kindred organisations in their support of the pipe band movement.

"The generosity of the Clan Donald Land Trust and the commitment of the Maryborough Highland Society to making our championships a great celebration will enable bands to compete for prizemoney and trophies of more than \$17,000 in 2020."

Entries for the 2020 Australian Pipe Band Championships on 4 and 5 April close on 4 January.



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