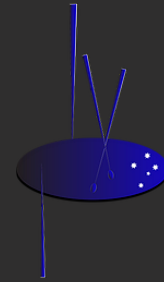


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Dec 31, 2019



UPDATED: Bushfire relief and recovery support

Updated: Jan 5, 2020

5 January 2020

Following the special memo on New Year's Eve, it can sadly be confirmed that a number of our members have lost their homes and possessions in the tragic and disastrous fires. Others have been evacuated over the past week and many are in areas still under attack or at risk from these terrible fires.

Where we can be of assistance, Pipe Bands Australia is doing so without hesitation. We will support our affected members during relief and recovery over coming weeks and months but also respect their privacy at this time.

Branches and bands are asked to assist local fundraising initiatives that either contribute to state and national bushfire relief appeals or direct to affected members. Many events are already being organised in local communities across Australia - bands and members freely step forward as performers wherever possible. We thank those who have already done so in acts of kindness and compassion.

We ask that bands and members notify the national secretary and their branch secretary when any member or their family is impacted by the fires. Please also let us know of any fundraising activities that will involve our bands and members.

Our pipe band family is part of many local communities. Our strong bonds as a pipe band community put all members and their families foremost in our thoughts for their personal safety at this challenging time.

31 December 2019

Thoughts are with our pipe band community

Disastrous and tragic bushfires across much of Australia in the final weeks of 2019 are impacting communities across the nation.

Members of our pipe band community – our musical family – are among many thousands of people who have been affected by the ferocity and intensity of these fires still to be controlled by firefighters who unselfishly share the volunteer ethos at the foundation of the Australian spirit.

The thoughts of all in the Australian pipe band community are with those members facing the known and unknown as these fires continue a path of destruction of homes and property, forcing evacuation of residents and visitors from townships.

Our strong bonds of the pipe band community ensure you that foremost in our thoughts is your personal safety.

These same bonds will see us support all affected in any way we can with through challenges now created by these terrible bushfires and after this summer beast has been extinguished.

Chris Earl
President



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