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A champion weekend at Knox

More than 40 bands from four states plus New Zealand and Singapore were at Knox Grammar School on the weekend for the 2016 Australian Pipe Band Championship and celebrate the people and music of the movement.

Congratulations to the champions of 2016 - Western Australia Police, celebrating its golden jubilee was victors in Grade 1, the Pipe Band Club in Grade 2, Scotch College Melbourne in Grade 3, Brisbane Boys College in Grade 4 and New Zealand Foundation Youth in juvenile. The adult drum major final was won by Benjamin Casey (Victoria) and the juvenile final by Callum Thompson (New Zealand). Full results <http://www.pipebandsaustralia.com.au/pipe-band-championships>

The championships also honoured a number pipe band "legends" with champion band pipe banners named in their honour, including the PBA chieftain RJK (Bob) Semple OAM BEM who, at age 96, lead Hawthorn band in the street march and later officiated at the final presentations.

Among visitors for the championships were the Malaysian Pipe Band Club in its first competition and the Royal New Zealand Pipe Band Association president Allister Macgregor.

PBA president Chris Earl extended thanks and appreciation to Ainsley Hart for his work in staging the championships, assisted by many parent volunteers from the Knox Grammar community.

Knox has been a valued contributor at Australian championships since the first under federation in 1961 where it won the Grade 3 and juvenile title.

The strong entry and growth of juvenile bands at the 2016 championships was recognised as a strength of the event and for the future of pipe bands in Australia.

The 2018 championships will be held on the Gold Coast and details will be progressively announced on the PBA website and the 2018 championships website

<http://www.tartanspectacular.com.au/>





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