



PIPE BANDS AUSTRALIA INC

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Dear Band Secretary,

Shortly you will receive your PBA band membership renewal documents for 2022/23 under separate cover.

Please give this your early attention and ensure that you:

- Indicate which band members are to be renewed.
- Provide required info and completed membership form for new members.
- Ensure currency of all contact information (see below regarding email addresses)
- Ensure currency of band officials names, contact mobile and email address.

### **RENEWAL FEES - 2022/23**

For the past 2 years, as part of PBA's COVID support scheme for bands, band and member fees have been at a reduced rate, with the national portion of these fees being reduced. We hope these measures helped your band through a period of great difficulty for us all. As we see a return to normal levels of band and PBA activity, 2022/23 fees need to revert to their 'pre-covid' levels in order to support increasing service levels expected of PBA.

These fees are:

Member:	\$30.00	(\$22 to the Branch and \$8 to National)
Band:	\$220.00	(all to the Branch)
Transfer:	\$25.00	(all to National)

### **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SERVICE**

PBA's new online facility is now being progressively rolled out for beta testing. This will transform the way PBA interacts and communicates with its members. We need your support in facilitating this modernisation process. For this to happen, every member must have a unique email address. The new system cannot use an email address for more than one member, and this includes individuals within family groups. In the case of under 18 juniors, future communication can optionally be assigned to a nominated parent or guardian (details regarding this will be directed to your Branch Secretary shortly).

For those attending the Australian Pipe Band Championships in October we wish you a safe, enjoyable, and successful trip. I very much look forward to welcoming you to Warriewood on 1st and 2nd October.

Ainsley Hart  
PRESIDENT