

New Zealand Pipe Band Championships - - Dunedin 2019

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Friday 29th March and Saturday 30th March 2019



Annual General Meeting

**Thursday 28th March 2019 at Dunedin Mercure Leisure Lodge,
McGavin Room, at 6.30pm**

Music Seminar

**Sunday 31st March 2019 at Dunedin Mercure Leisure Lodge,
Oast Room at 9.30am**

Programme

Friday 29th March: *Grade 4A, 4B, 3 MSR and Medleys, and Juvenile competition.*
Saturday 30th March 9am: *Street March for all Grades, followed by Massed Grade 4 March.*
Saturday 30th March 12:30pm: *Grade 2 and 1 MSR and Medleys, Display, Mace Flourishing, Massed Bands and Trophy Presentations*

PLEASE CHECK THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME FOR CORRECT TIMES FOR ALL EVENTS

Street March

The Street March will commence in Fredrick Street, left wheel into George Street, along George Street, right wheel into St. Andrews Street to finish line. Bus Parking will be in York Place for Street March

Band Photographs by Kelk Photography

- 1) *Photos will be taken on Friday for Grades 4, 3 and Juvenile and on Saturday for Grade 2 & 1.*
- 2) *The photo will be A4 size, laminated and with names. The cost is \$25.00 per photo.*
- 3) *A polaroid-style proof will be given to the manager to supply the correct band name and individual names.*
- 4) *Orders and payment for photos are required at the time of the photography. (eftpos will be available).*
- 5) *A final proof-copy will be sent to the manager the following week for checking.*
- 6) *Once the photographer receives confirmation or corrections to the typesetting, the photos will be printed.*

Food & Drink

There will be a variety of food and drink available at the University Oval, ranging in price, along with a licensed bar.

Souvenirs

National Championships 2019 souvenir mugs and fridge magnets will be on sale at the University Oval. The souvenir ceramic mugs will sell for \$15 each (2 for \$25) and the fridge magnets at \$1 each.

Band Members Security Pass

All competing band members will be issued with a Pass that will entitle them to enter the University Oval without charge. THIS PASS SHOULD BE CARRIED AT ALL TIMES, even when in uniform.

Possession of this pass will be essential to gain admission to the Saturday night social function free of charge. Security guards will be on duty at the entrance and will not have discretion to admit those without passes. Band supporters wishing to attend the function should apply to the Secretary for additional free passes but must be accompanied by a pass-carrying band member.

Saturday Night Function

This is being held at the University Union on Cumberland Street opposite the Museum. Entry is free, by Security Card only, commencing at 8.00pm. NO Security Card NO Entry. At the Venue there will be a band in the University Union Common Room, a separate Lounge, and if the weather is fine, there are paved and grassed areas outside. Food and bar facilities will be available at own cost.

Bus drop-off Zone at the University Oval

Please refer to the map on the RNZPBA website. Bands may disembark their buses at two places. One will be where the bus parking is reserved in Butts Road. There is a pedestrian access bridge to the tune-up park (Tent City) as shown on the map on the website and in the Official Programme.

The other is a reserved drop-off space at the end of Logan Park Drive, which is a one-way road. All buses that utilise the drop-off zone, to avoid congestion when departing Logan Park Drive, are requested to turn LEFT, and follow Butts Road. If intending to remain at the Oval, follow around to Dundas Street, left into Harbour Terrace, left again into Union Street and proceed to the Butts Road bus parking reserved area.

Street March Course: attn Drum Majors

The George Street section of the Street March has significant narrowing protrusions for pedestrians. At these extensive areas the width of the carriageway is approximately 8 paces, kerb to kerb. If a band is marching at the uniform separation of 2 paces, then this will allow a maximum of 5 files. Drum Majors may wish to discuss with their Pipe Majors the best formation for negotiating these narrower parts of Dunedin's main street to give the greatest advantage to their bands.

Mayoral Salute

About half way along the second block of George Street, the Mayor of Dunedin (or his representative) will be on a riser with the President of the RNZPBA. It is expected that Drum Majors will acknowledge the presence of this local dignitary, the host city and the President of the Association with an 'eyes right' and salute.

Freemasons

On Thursday evening there is a meeting at the Dunedin Masonic Centre, 42 Manor Place. Visitors 8pm. Lodge St John 84 of Mosgiel will receive a fraternal visit from the United Lodge of Otago 448 whose members will carry out a double or triple 2nd degree. All Freemasons attending the Contest and their masonic colleagues are invited to attend. Eddie Eeles will coordinate those interested in attending (mobile 0274 928 923 or ejeeles@xtra.co.nz) for catering purposes.

Contest Secretary

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If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on any of the contacts listed.

The Dunedin Contest Committee wish you all a successful and enjoyable Contest being held in the Edinburgh of the South.