



INFORMATION SHEET

Structure and Operation

Pipe Bands Australia

This is the contemporary title adopted by the Australian Pipe Band Association Inc. The APBA was incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act of Victoria on 29 August 1997.

Australian Pipe Band Association

The Australian Pipe Band Association Inc, through its Branches located in the States of Australia, represents its members who are the players in, and the supporters of, the pipe bands in Australia. Currently there are approximately 2880 members registered to 130 pipe bands. (30 June 2009)

The control and management of the affairs of the Association is vested in its Council (20 members), comprised of elected officers and councillors representing each Branch.

There is a Committee (5 members), subsidiary to the Council, to which the Council may delegate any of its functions and powers. The Committee shall not amend or over-ride a decision of the Council except by a majority of four-fifths of the members of the Committee.

Branches

Branches have been established to further the pursuit and promotion of the purposes in their respective areas. They are the point of contact for the members in their area.

The control and management of the affairs of the Branch is, subject to the Rules of the Association and the APBA Branch Regulation, vested in the Branch Council.

The Branch Council consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen (2), Secretary, Treasurer, (Assistant Secretary), and Councillors representing each registered Band (2 per Band).

There is a body known as the Branch Executive, comprised of the officers of the Branch, which is subsidiary to the Branch Council and to which the Branch Council may delegate any of its powers or functions including powers or functions delegated to it by the Association unless the Association has otherwise directed.

College

The Australian Pipe Band College is an integral part of the Association. The Council and the Committee administer the College.

Its objectives are related to the maintenance and further development of the standards of pipe bands in Australia. It does this through its Divisions: Piping, Drumming, Drill and Dress, and Rules and Administration. A Principal is appointed for each Division.

College Branches

There is a College Branch associated with each Branch of the Association. The College Branch serves the members and bands registered with the Association through the Branch with which it is associated. A Vice-Principal is appointed within each Division.

The College Branch Committee administers the College Branch. The committee is comprised of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and three other persons nominated by the Branch, together with the four Vice-Principals. The College Branch Committee may appoint an Administrator.

Current Operation

Business activity and funding was discussed at the Conference Meeting in 1999. Council resolved that the Branches would retain the responsibility for the activities related to members in their respective areas and for the Association to manage those matters required by the Rules.

The business activity of the Association is directly related to its level of funding, which is derived largely from subscriptions and registration fees, currently \$21 per member and \$160 per band respectively.

The Association's share is set at a rate of \$5.25 per member.

The Branch share is \$15.75 per member plus \$160 per band within the Branch.

Context

This statement is presented as a brief overview for the information of members. The details surrounding this statement can be found in the Association's rules, regulations and reports.

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President

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