

# Notice of Meeting

The Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the Drones & Sticks Club Inc  
Will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm  
At the City Assembly of God church, Durham Ave, Tamatea

## Agenda

**Welcome and Apologies**

**Confirmation of minutes** of the 2010 AGM (attached)

**Matters Arising**

**Correspondence**

**Annual report** (attached)

**Financial Reports** for the year ending 31 March 2011 (attached)

**Election of Officers:** Nominations have been received for the following positions:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Person Nominated</i>	<i>Nominated By</i>
President	Harry Renfree	Kerry Marshall and Penny Marshall
Secretary/Treasurer	Betty Wilson	Harry Renfree and Kerry Marshall
Musical Director	Kerry Marshall	Harry Renfree and Richard Manning
Drum Major	Don Stuart	Wayne Valler and Kerry Marshall
Assistant Musical Director	Rhyan Jane	Christina Johnstone and Kirsten Bailey

**Election of Committee (three required):** Current committee members (in addition to the elected officers) are Penny Madden, Richard Manning, June Hawes and Graeme Blank.

**Appointment of Auditor.**

**Subscriptions for the year beginning April 2012:** The committee recommends that subscriptions remain at the current level of \$20 per person and \$40 per household.

**General Business**

1. Proposed trip to Highland Games at Amulet Winery, Victoria, Australia in August 2012

**Following the meeting you are invited to stay for supper.**

## **Drones & Sticks Pipe Band Annual Report - 2011**

The past twelve months have been another very busy but successful year for the band. The willingness of members to practice and to parade makes for a very strong organisation. The resulting support we get from our wider membership and the public proves that we have a good formula.

As usual the year started with our first major parade being Anzac Day. We know that the RSA in Taradale and in Waipawa appreciate the effort we make to be in attendance. The band also enjoys its trips to Dannevirke, Feilding and Wanganui, where we stage a concert for guests of the Society. The support of the various societies and the opportunity to play for them is much appreciated. Unfortunately during the year the Waipawa & District Society closed. Our long association with them was something we valued so we will miss their events on the annual calendar. We acknowledged the service of Chief Jean Paget in leading the Society for many years and played a tune composed to acknowledge her, 'Jean From Tirimoana'.

We have again paraded at diverse events like the rugby (supporting EIT as match sponsor), the Hastings Blossom Parade, retirement villages, Art Deco events, Ormlie Lodge, Napier Tartan Day, the Hogsnort Rupert concert, Haumoana market day (supporting Napier Boys High School), the Waipukurau Christmas parade, the Hastings Opera House and events at Anderson Park.

In December we said farewell to a long time member, Ian Wilson. Ian joined the Drones and Sticks Pipe Band initially as a bass drummer and then as our Drum Major from 2002 to 2005. He was wonderful in this role as he was meticulous about everything he did and that suited him out front of the band where he was in control. He presented a very professional image at the front of the band and we were always pleased to be following him. Over the years we all had many good times with Ian and Ula: at practice, on parade, at contests or at social events. Ian was a man of good humour – who can forget the one-liners and puns that he seemed to have for any occasion. He put his heart and soul into everything he did but was very passionate about his pipe band activity. He always took an interest in other people in the band, was willing to help others learn and was very encouraging of us all. He will be missed and we hope his memory will live on in the music we play.

A major achievement this year was the decision to purchase new chanters for the pipers. This has had a wonderful effect on the sound that we produce and has enabled us to make a big improvement in our presentation. Pipers and drummers have worked hard to maintain a good standard and that is very much appreciated. We plan to continue to update our repertoire but we will keep playing the tunes that the public appreciates.

The project to purchase Argyll jackets has been completed which, along with the purchase of new sporrans, has added another improvement to our appearance. We appreciate very much the work of our Drum Major, Don Stuart, in carrying out the duties of custodian so efficiently

### **Finances**

Once again the band has had a good year financially. Income in the past year was \$22,662 including \$10,640 in donations and grants while operating costs were \$16,209 including depreciation which is a good result. Band assets now total \$45,028 and we had \$26,800 in the bank. It should be noted that this included \$5,243 received in advance for the April Christchurch concert.

### **Acknowledgements**

Our thanks to the committee for their work and support during the year. We are fortunate to have so many people willing to put time and effort into the band in a variety of roles. There is a lot of experience and a strong base of supporters. We share many good times and fun. Thanks go to all who have again contributed to the success of the Band in the past year.

Harry Renfree (President)

Kerry Marshall (Musical Director)