

# The Drones and Sticks Club Pipe Band

## The Drones & Sticks newsletter November 2011

### Best wishes for Christmas

On behalf of all the committee we wish all our members and supporters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's been another great year for the band and we appreciate very much the hard work done by everyone to make the band the success it is.

### Band Parade Calendar

*Note that times shown are meeting times*

Dec 3: CHB Xmas Parade, Waipukurau, 12noon

Dec 5: Xmas Lights Bus Trip

Dec 10: Taradale Xmas Parade, 9:30am

Dec 10: Gladys Mary Rest Home, 1:45pm

Dec 12: Competition Night (see notice)

Dec 17: Hastings Ingleside 7:30pm

You can get an update of the parade calendar at any time by emailing [parades @ dronesandsticks.org](mailto:parades@dronesandsticks.org)

### Supporter's Polo Shirts

Band members can order D&S polo shirts by contacting Shona Blank, 843 7233.

### Recent Parades

The concert at the Havelock North Club was very well supported thank you and everyone we spoke to told us how much they had enjoyed the show.

Our final Supporters' Night at the Taradale RSA at the start of the month was another success with 19 pipers and heaps of drummers putting on a great show for all the people that came along to hear us. Progress with the new tunes has been good and we really appreciated having such a strong contingent of younger members playing as well

At the Napier Caledonian Society's November Ingleside Kurt Thompson was presented with the Society's cup for the most improved youngster. Kurt has only been playing since the beginning of the year and is showing us all what commitment and enthusiasm can do. Congratulations Kurt.

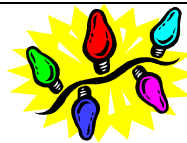
Thanks are due to everyone who is supporting our fund raising efforts for next year's trip to Melbourne.

### Competition Night

You are cordially invited to our annual end of year "Competition" night and wind up on **Monday 12 December at 7:30pm at the whare at EIT**. This is a great night of entertainment and fun with playing members expected to participate in our fun competition. The rules are simple:

- The items must be performed by two or more people (no solos)
- They must include pipes and/or drums and have some element of music
- The objective is to have fun and to entertain
- Every playing member is expected to participate.

Playing members please bring a plate for supper. Supporters please bring family and friends.



### Xmas Lights Tour



Enjoy the spectacle of the Tremain Xmas lights and the decorated homes of the Bay on this guided bus tour of Napier and Taradale on Monday 5th December. Meet at the Assembly of God church, Durham Ave, Tamatea (behind service station) at 7.30 p.m. \$18 per person. This includes a short concert by the band and supper before departing on the tour. Phone Mike or Penny on 8445727 by Friday 2nd December as numbers are limited.

### New Year's Eve

The band will be out and about again on New Year's Eve so if you want to join us for a busy but enjoyable evening celebrating please contact Richard Manning (843 5976) as seats on the bus are limited.

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