

NEW ZEALAND PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS NELSON 2017

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Trafalgar Park, the venue for Tent City and finally the street march course is confirmed, and our team continue to work hard to bring you an excellent National Championship Event.

Accommodation

All bands should have already secured accommodation, if this is not the case let us know ASAP if you would like any help.

Once you have booked, remember to advise the Liaison Officer of the name of the Hotel/Motel for a database of where bands are staying.

Tents at Contest Venue

We have a fabulous new area across a small walking bridge over the Maitai River, for “tent City”. This area will be fenced off with overnight security on Friday Night. Booking of a tent or a tent site will occur after entries have closed. At that stage we will email each competing band with detailed information, including the tent booking process. Prices still to be confirmed.

Friday Night

The beer tent on the grounds will remain open until 8pm. We have a local folk duo, the Gypsy Pickers, performing, and many of the food stalls will stay open. We see this as an easy way to socialize, feed your band, and relax.

Saturday Evening Function

The function organisers have this well under way: The venue is in the Marquee at Trafalgar Park, right on the grounds. You can move from the final prize giving ceremony, to have a refreshing drink, dinner from one of the many food stalls which will remain open and enjoy the entertainment from a Celtic Rock Band, Ceol River. This event is free.

Competitors Wrist Bands

We will be using a similar wrist band system for competitors, as has been used since Tauranga 2014. The number issued to each band will be based on the number of players registered with the RNPBA, so please make sure your membership numbers are up to date on the website well before the contest. Each band will receive wristbands for two additional supporters.

2-day passes for \$15, can be issued to bands who order these by a certain date, and paid for and in our account by 28th February. No delays. These will be issued in their packs like last time. Tickets for purchase at the grounds are \$10 per day for an adult, younger than 18 free.

Merchandisers

The Committee will be approaching businesses who have previously placed an advertisement in National Contest programmes. The Committee also invites any Merchandisers who would like to advertise in the programme or would like to set up a stall at the Nationals venue, to contact us.

Parking and Bus Parking

All parking will be over the bridge on the other side of the river. We will publish a plan on our website, so you can get an idea of how this works.

Food

There will be ample stalls for coffee and food on the grounds. For those wanting to go off-site, there are several great cafe's very close by.

Massed Bands

To make for a seamless, fantastic display for the public and less time for bands personnel to be standing around, we are working on a new format for Massed Bands. To achieve this, the bar will stop serving beer to anyone in a band uniform, 40 minutes prior to massed bands. Bands to be timetabled and scheduled, as if it was a contest event. Line up behind grandstand, in Street March order.

Information

We aim to produce a run sheet for the contest in the form of a 2017 Pipe Major/Band Managers Information handbook.

We welcome your enquiries about any aspect of the Nationals and we are looking forward to an exciting weekend.

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<http://www.celticpipeband-nelson.nz/pipe-band-nationals-nelson-2017>