

Band/Choir Information

The Sydney Welsh Choir has around 80 members and have enjoyed singing in some of the great performance venues around the world. Since 1990 they have made six trips to Wales and parts of Europe. Over a quarter of the songs they sing are in Welsh, a language that looks unpronounceable to most Australians at first glance, but is quite phonetic and soon becomes a manageable challenge.

The Illawarra Pipe Band was formed in 1945 and is currently competing in Grade 4 of the NSW Pipe Band competition. Their Marchs, Strathspey & Reels include Muir of Ord; Aspen Bank; and Baby Johnstone.

The Canberra Celtic Pipe Band was founded in 2001 and are sometimes known as the "Budgie Band" because of the bright yellow hackles adorning their Irish Caubeen bonnets. They play occasional competitions in Grade 4B and play Irish, Scottish and Australian tunes.

Smithfield RSL Pipes and Drums was established in 2015 and their major focus is on training pipers and drummers for future leadership roles. Several members of the band travelled to Scotland to perform in the Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2017. Their repertoire includes varying time signatures from traditional airs and marches to upbeat jigs and hornpipes.

The Sydney Thistle Highland Pipe Band was formed in 1918 and has the unique distinction of having participated in the Victory March of 1918. They wear the Farquharson tartan as part of both a traditional full dress highland regimental uniform, and a modern style Scottish "walking out" dress. The band has held both State and National titles over multiple years and prides itself on high standards of presentation and music.

The Ingleburn RSL Pipes & Drums commenced in 1976 and wear the distinctive "blue and green" Campbell of Cawdor tartan in honour of Mrs Macquarie, the wife of the former Governor of New South Wales Lachlan Macquarie. In 2018 several pipers travelled with other players from NSW RSL bands, to Belgium and France for commemoration celebrations marking 100 years since the end of World War 1.

The Goulburn Soldiers Club Pipes & Drums was established in 1971. They played at the New Zealand Pipe Band Championships in 2008 and also at the World Pipe Band Championships at Glasgow, Scotland in 2013 along with playing at the Isle of Skye Highland Games; Dundonald Highland Games; Crieff Highland Games and the Perth Highland Games.

The St George-Sutherland Scottish Pipe Band was formed in 1946 and are primarily a social band. Over the last year or so with restrictions on band performances and indoor gatherings, they have adopted a weekend routine of playing in various local parks, which has been greatly appreciated by their local community.

The Shoalhaven City Pipes and Drums was formed in 1984 and is non-competitive with a primary focus towards family and tradition. They adopted the Forbes Tartan in recognition of the founders of the Shoalhaven area - David and Alexander Berry whose family name is a sept of Clan Forbes.