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# SOLO DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS





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# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Liam Kernaghan  
**PRESIDENT**

Welcome to the 2025 RSPBA Oceania Solo Drumming Championships. It is a privilege that the Royal New Zealand Pipe Bands' Association can host this event for a second year in a row, and we are grateful to the RSPBA for their support in doing so. In particular, thank you to Sharon Smith who has been the RSPBA Director liaising and working with the RNZPBA on this event.

This year we are delighted to be able to offer a full suite of snare drumming events, right from Juvenile 1 through to Adult. This signifies our intention to continue to grow the Championships while they are still in New Zealand.

I particularly want to welcome Paul Turner and Stuart Coils to adjudicate proceedings. Both Paul and Stuart's bios are included in this programme, and I think you will agree we are incredibly lucky to have their expertise here for the weekend.

Ensuring the future of drumming in New Zealand remains bright is a key focus of the Association. We appointed Adam Alexander in 2022 to lead our drumming workstream, and Adam's enthusiasm and dedication has shone through. Without him, Chairman Allister Macgregor and the committee - Scott Birrell, Ross Levy, Jamie McEwan and Isobel Devery - the event wouldn't be possible.

Our sponsors make a substantial contribution to the financial stability of the event. Hosting the Championships is not a cheap endeavour, and we are thankful for their generous support. I want to particularly acknowledge the Higgs family for their sponsorship of the Juvenile 5 event. Their late son Connor was the inaugural winner of the event last year, and it is fitting we acknowledge him and his skill in this event.

To all of those competing - best of luck. To those supporting and watching the competitors - I know you will get to enjoy some fantastic musicianship.



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## OUR ADJUDICATORS



### **PAUL TURNER**

SCOTLAND

Paul started drumming at the age of five being taught by his father. His first outing with a band, at the age of 10 was with his father and the Saintfield Pipe Band. Paul's career as a Grade 1 Leading Drummer began in 1983 when he held this position with the RUC. Later, this was followed by spells with the ScotRail Vale of Atholl and the Victoria Police Pipe Band in Australia. More recently, he has been a member of the RSPBA adjudicator's panel since 1985 and has served on the music board on a number of occasions. Paul is now a full-time adjudicator with the RSPBA in both Drumming and Ensemble disciplines and a current member of the Adjudicators Panel Management Board. He is also a member of the Adjudicator Training and Development Group and part of the World Solo Drumming Competition development group within the RSPBA Music Board.



### **STUART COILS**

SCOTLAND

Stuart began drumming at the age of 9, inspired by listening to records on the radio. After joining the Boys' Brigade, he progressed into rudimental drumming while listening to drummers like Cozy Powell, Neil Peart, and Phil Collins, who remain his heroes to this day. His involvement in the Pipe Band movement allowed him to advance further, contributing to the success of the Strathclyde Police Pipe Band and ScottishPower, among other bands over the years. After completing 30 years of service in Strathclyde Police/Police Scotland as an Operational Patrol Sergeant, he now shares his drumming experiences with young people and others who have a desire to improve. As the holder of various theory and practical examination certificates, he has been an approved RSPBA drumming adjudicator for 9 years!

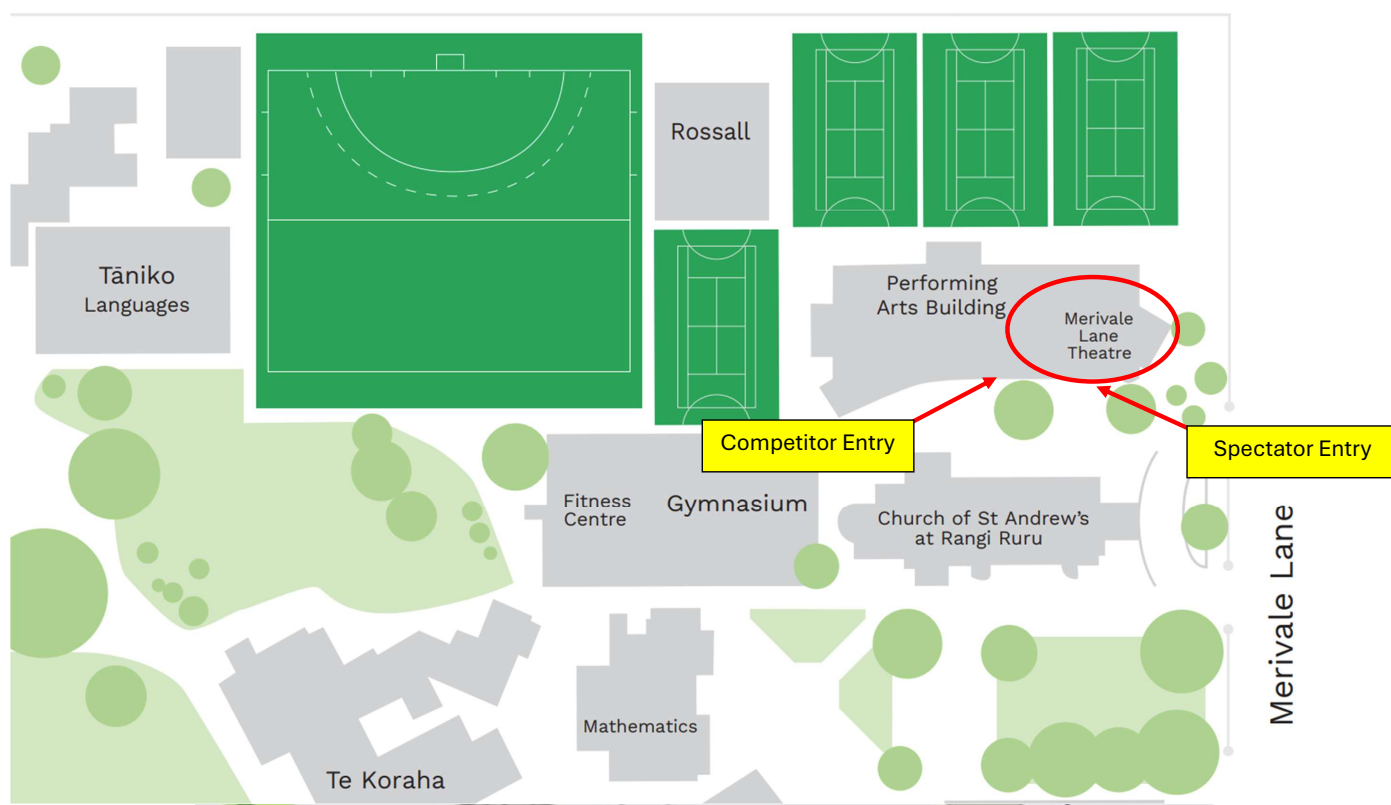
# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**NOTE:** Timings are approximate and are subject to change on the day. Competitors should be at the venue in plenty of time to compete.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2:00pm	RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 1	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru
2:20pm	RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 2	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru
3:00pm	RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 3	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru
3:20pm	RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 4	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru
4:20pm	RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 5	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru
5:00pm	PRIZE GIVING (JUVENILE 1-4)	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru
6:00pm	RSPBA OCEANIA ADULT MSR	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru
7:40pm	RNZPBA ADULT H&J	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru
8:30pm	PRIZE GIVING (ADULT & JUV 5)	Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangī Ruru

# MAP OF RANGI RURU

Rossall Street



## EVENT 1



# RSPBA OCEANIA ADULT SNARE DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

**JUDGES:** PAUL TURNER, STUART COILS

**SPONSOR:** MACGREGOR AND PARTNERS LTD.

DRAW	COMPETITOR
1	<b>GARETH LEWIS</b> Celtic Pipe Band (Nelson) MSR 1: Donald MacLennan of Rothesay, Susan Macleod, Dr MacPhail's Reel MSR 2: PM Jim McWilliams, Dora McLeod, Bessie McIntyre
2	<b>BECKY WEIR</b> Metro Scottish Pipe Band MSR 1: Highland Wedding, Atholl Cummers, Mrs Macpherson of Inveran MSR 2: Lord Alexander Kennedy, Islay Ball, Pretty Marion
3	<b>DOUGLAS BILSLAND</b> Auckland & District Pipe Band MSR 1: Donald Cameron, Shepherd's Crook, Charlie's Wedding MSR 2: The Argyllshire Gathering, The Bob of Feticairn, Pretty Marion
4	<b>STEVEN SHEDDEN</b> Hawthorn Pipe Band MSR 1: Donald Cameron, Cameronian Rant, John McKechnie's Big Reel MSR 2: Lord Alexander Kennedy, Susan McLeod, Thompson's Dirk
5	<b>RICHARD BLACK</b> Hawthorn Pipe Band MSR 1: Lord Alexander Kennedy, The Islay Ball, John McKechnie's Big Reel MSR 2: Donald Cameron, Susan McLeod, Pretty Marion
6	<b>MAXWELL ROBERTSON</b> Canterbury Caledonian Society PB MSR 1: Dugald MacColl's Farewell to France, Caber Feidh, Captain Lachlan MacPhail of Tiree MSR 2: Hugh Kennedy, Maggie Cameron, Brown Haired Maid
7	<b>KAITLYN BRAITHWAITE</b> Canterbury Caledonian Society PB MSR 1: Argyllshire Gathering, Atholl Cummers, Ca' the Ewes MSR 2: Kantara to El Irish, Islay Ball, The Smith of Chilliechassie
8	<b>SCOTT BIRRELL</b> Canterbury Caledonian Society PB MSR 1: Highland Wedding, Blair Drummond, The Smith of Chilliechassie MSR 2: Balmoral Highlanders, Susan McLeod, John Morrison of Assynt House
9	<b>DAVY CLARK</b> People's Ford Boghall and Bathgate MSR 1: Lord Alexander Kennedy, Atholl Cummers, The Sheepwife MSR 2: Balmoral Highlanders, Caledonian Society of London, Pretty Marion



## EVENT 2

# RNZPBA ADULT SNARE HORNPIPE & JIG

**JUDGES:** PAUL TURNER, STUART COILS

**SPONSOR:** WAYNE HOBBS

DRAW	COMPETITOR
1	<b>BECKY WEIR</b> Metro Scottish Pipe Band HJ: Commander Roger Reid, Ross Cowan's 40th
2	<b>DOUGLAS BILSLAND</b> Auckland & District Pipe Band HJ: Tam Bain's Lum, Kenny Gillies of Portnalong
3	<b>STEVEN SHEDDEN</b> Hawthorn Pipe Band HJ: Uphold the Right, Donald Cameron's Powder Horn
4	<b>RICHARD BLACK</b> Hawthorn Pipe Band HJ: Michael Grey, St Ninian's Parish Church Ceilidh
5	<b>KAITLYN BRAITHWAITE</b> Canterbury Caledonian Society PB HJ: Uphold the Right, Bronnie's Blue Brozzie
6	<b>SCOTT BIRRELL</b> Canterbury Caledonian Society PB HJ: The King of Cardenden, The Lark in the Morning
7	<b>DAVY CLARK</b> People's Ford Boghall and Bathgate HJ: PM George Allan, Dunrovin Farm



## EVENT 3



# RSPBA CONNOR HIGGS MEMORIAL OCEANIA JUVENILE 5 SNARE DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

**JUDGES:** PAUL TURNER, STUART COILS

**SPONSOR:** THE HIGGS FAMILY

DRAW	COMPETITOR	
1	<b>JACK SHEARER</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
2	<b>DANIEL LIU</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
3	<b>THEODORE LAGIAS</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
4	<b>ETHAN HIGGS</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band

## EVENT 4

# RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 4 SNARE DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

**JUDGES:** PAUL TURNER, STUART COILS

**SPONSOR:** SCOTT BIRRELL PERCUSSION

DRAW	COMPETITOR	
1	<b>LISA BROWN-HATCHARD</b>	Hamilton Caledonian Society PB
2	<b>RADHA GAMBLE</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
3	<b>ETHAN LAM</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
4	<b>ALICE CHEN</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
5	<b>AIDEN TEVIOTDALE</b>	ILT City of Invercargill HPB
6	<b>LEE PATTERSON</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band



**AUCTION**

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**PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

## EVENT 5



# RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 3 SNARE DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

**JUDGES:** PAUL TURNER, STUART COILS

**SPONSOR:** THE CANTERBURY DRUMMERS CLUB

DRAW	COMPETITOR	
1	<b>ANDREW BRYCE</b>	Canterbury Caledonian Society PB
2	<b>EDDIE PARK</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band

## EVENT 6

# RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 2 SNARE DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

**JUDGES:** PAUL TURNER, STUART COILS

**SPONSOR:** JAMIE MCEWAN

DRAW	COMPETITOR	
1	<b>SAMMY GOUGH</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
2	<b>SAM HALL</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
3	<b>OLI GILBERT</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
4	<b>MORGAN TEVIOTDALE</b>	ILT City of Invercargill HPB

## EVENT 7



# RSPBA OCEANIA JUVENILE 1 SNARE DRUMMING CHAMPIONSHIP

**JUDGES:** PAUL TURNER, STUART COILS

**SPONSOR:** ADAM ALEXANDER

DRAW	COMPETITOR	
1	<b>BEN EDWARD</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band
2	<b>HUNTER DONNITHORNE</b>	St Andrew's College Pipe Band



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