



# The City of Brisbane Pipe Band est. 1950

Tartan: McNeill of Barra

Clan MacNeil Motto - "*Buaidh No Bas*" (Gaelic) "*Vincere Vel Mori*" (Latin)

English Translation "Victory or Death"

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## ST ANDREW'S PIPE BAND & CITY OF BRISBANE PIPE BAND FORM STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

The St Andrew's and City of Brisbane Pipe Bands wish to announce the establishment of a formal alliance between their organisations.

The management of each band acknowledges that many bands within the community are struggling to sustain viable organisations and that cooperation between bands might be the key to overcoming this issue. Both bands have been independently successful in concentrating on their musical success and friendship but have struggled with sustaining and attracting playing numbers.

"There are just not enough human resources available to sustain the number of groups in South East Queensland and certainly not the expertise to go around with regards to tutoring and teaching. We wish to lead by example and demonstrate a positive and forward-looking approach for the good of both organisations and the community as a whole," said Pipe-Major Rod Smith of the City of Brisbane.

Under the new structure, a number of players from the Grade 3 City of Brisbane Pipe Band will bolster the ranks of the existing Grade 2 St Andrew's Pipe Band. This move will see the basis for a rejuvenated City of Brisbane Pipe Band in Grade 4 with access to significant musical expertise and tuition. Ostensibly, and legally, the bands will be distinct, however strategically and musically they will act in a coordinated way. The senior members of St Andrew's are totally committed to the success, integration and ongoing development of the City of Brisbane Grade 4 Band.

"We have agreed to formalise a structure which preserves the significant history and identity of each band, while still capitalising on numerous practical synergies. The bands already had much in common, so this really represents a consolidation of goals within a stronger, better-resourced organisation. It is our hope that the success of this alliance will encourage other bands to look for positive solutions to the big issues facing them, such as fundraising and player numbers," said St Andrew's Pipe-Major, Matthew Supranowicz.

The bands' first public appearance is expected to be at the Maclean Highland Gathering over the Easter weekend.

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