



# SPORRAN CORRESPONDENT

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## Gearing up for the Kremlin Zoria

Since the last edition of *Sporran Correspondent* the Band has been busily fundraising for the impending *Kremlin Zoria* Military Tattoo to be held in Moscow's famous Red Square in September.

The rock night held in early May turned out to be extremely successful. A mini-band warmed up the crowd early in the evening and then it was over to Paul Spencer's band *Snatch* who took the stage and kept the crowd rocking all night long.

A big thank you to Empire Toys on Hay Street for their more than generous contribution to the night's overall success.



Two weeks later the Band was off to the not so evergreen Kalgoorlie for the opening of the Chinese Garden of Remembrance. The garden was established to commemorate the multiculturalism that has helped establish the mining industry in the Goldfields region.

In addition to performing alongside an Aboriginal Dance Troupe, Highland dancers and an Italian Jazz Band, the Band unveiled their new blue hose. "Whilst they have quite a visual impact, like the change of the police shirt almost two years ago, the new hose are quite aesthetically appealing" said piper Adam Britten.

### Neighbourhood Watch WAonline

A number of Band Officers have become actively involved in supporting Neighbourhood Watch through their involvement in administrating Neighbourhood Watch WAonline (NHW WAonline).

NHW WAonline is a free subscription email service for members of the public, where they can subscribe to receive, based on geographical location, regular informative emails from their local police. Adam Britten and Iain Hamilton coordinate the information distributed to residents including specialist areas such as Marine Watch and Rural Watch.

NHW WAonline can benefit all Western Australian residents. To subscribe, visit [www.nhw.wa.gov.au](http://www.nhw.wa.gov.au)



### Déjà vu

Almost one month ago saw the return to the ranks of Snare Drummer Danny Bowles.

As many may remember Danny left the Band in February 2006 to obtain employment in another field but has returned with immediate impact to the Band's concert repertoire.

# WAPOL Updated

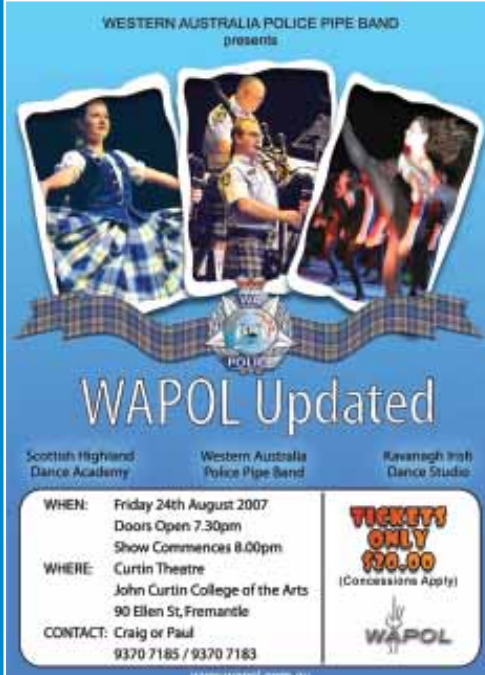
The Band will be presenting a brand new concert on 24 August at the John Curtin College of Arts in Fremantle.

The concert, titled *Updated* is set to showcase the talents of the Band's newer members featuring 13 new music sets blended with some traditional favourites certain to please the crowd.

Performing alongside the Band will be the Scottish Highland Dance Academy and the Kavanagh Irish Dancers.

Funds raised will assist the Band travelling to Moscow in September.

**For more information regarding the concert, including ticket sales, please contact Craig Bailey on 9370 7185 or Paul Giovannetti on 9370 7183.**



WESTERN AUSTRALIA POLICE PIPE BAND  
presents

WAPOL Updated

Scottish Highland Dance Academy    Western Australia Police Pipe Band    Kavanagh Irish Dance Studio

WHEN: Friday 24th August 2007  
Doors Open 7.30pm  
Show Commences 8.00pm

WHERE: Curtin Theatre  
John Curtin College of the Arts  
90 Ellen St, Fremantle

CONTACT: Craig or Paul  
9370 7185 / 9370 7183

TICKETS ONLY \$70.00 (Concessions Apply)

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## Championship winners

The WA State Solo Piping and Drumming Championships were held in June with a number of Band members entering and playing very well on the day.

Pipers Ben McLaughlan, Lindsey McNicholl and Pipe Major Alisdair McLaren took the top three places in Open Piping respectively and snare drummer Dougal McConnell won the Open Snare prize.

## Anyone seen the keys??



*Don't ever let it be said that the members of the Band aren't diversely talented. Seen here are the talents of piper Craig Bailey resulting from a joint effort between Craig and Alisdair in locking both sets of keys inside the car.*

## From the OIC... Sergeant Peter Bannister

It is not long now before the band will be taking off for Moscow to perform alongside the walls of the Kremlin on Red Square, to participate in the *Kremlin Zoria*. A prerequisite for a band to attend an event of this nature is Number One or full ceremonial uniform, and whilst not worn often, it is acknowledged by all that there is no substitute for the impact and spectacle it creates.

Maintaining this uniform however takes considerable effort as most items are only obtainable overseas and consequently quite expensive. With this in mind and after close to 30 good years of service, the band is at long last replacing its plaids. The feather bonnets, which are of a similar age, are also due for replacement, and this is being considered as we go to press. We certainly look forward to wearing these new uniform items.

The replacement of red tunics is next on the cards however this will be tackled after our return from Russia. Ready for 2009!

With 23 members in the travelling party, ticketing is a challenge but the transportation of uniforms and instruments is the biggest test. With excess baggage being so exorbitantly expensive it is crucial to stay within the guidelines and to identify a travel agent and airline, conversant of our needs. We are lucky to have found both.

To find out more about the *Kremlin Zoria 2007*, please visit [www.kremlinzoria.ru](http://www.kremlinzoria.ru)

For those of you making long term holiday plans the band has accepted an invitation to be part of the 2009 Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Stay tuned for more info.