

Australia 2011

The band has been invited by the University of Western Australia to participate in its 100th. Anniversary Celebrations in the summer of 2011.

The band has decided to seek expressions of interests in such a trip before making a final decision.

Outline of Trip

- Each member would be required to pay in the region of **€1400** up front. **€100 deposit** within four weeks of us making the decision to go and the remainder through a monthly direct debit of €80. Current subscriptions and direct debits would be included into this payment.
- Where there is more than one family member in the band under the age of 18 , only one member would be asked to pay.
- Where there is a parent and child playing in the band- only the adult would be asked to pay.
- Partners and wives would be asked to pay at the same rate as a player.
- Where a parent who is not a player decides to travel, the parent would be expected to pay at the same rate as a player.
- The visit would last three weeks (see provisional dates below). The band would perform approximately 10 concerts over the three weeks with the proceeds of the concerts paying for food and accommodation.
- Guest musicians would be invited to travel with the band at the same rate as member musicians.
- Any surplus of funds remaining after the trip would be used to fund trips to compete in Scotland during the following summer . (2012 is our target year for competing in the World Championships, the Scottish Championships , etc.) or a decision could be made to reimburse players some of the initial expense incurred.

Notes:

- The above costing includes return flight to Australia, internal flights within Australia (Perth to Brisbane and Brisbane to Sydney) . Food and accommodation would be provided for the duration of the trip. 21 nights accommodation.
- The trip is certainly a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience Australia. Although €1400 is a lot of money, it is a very reasonable cost for 21 days in Australia including food and accommodation.
- No decision has yet been made . That depends entirely on there being sufficient interest levels to proceed. If there isn't sufficient interest, then the entire idea will be abandoned.

Provisional Itinerary

1. Depart Dublin Wednesday 20th. July. Arrive Perth Thursday 21st. July
2. Depart Perth Wednesday 27th. July . Arrive Brisbane same day.
3. Depart Brisbane Wednesday 3rd. August. Arrive Sydney same day.
4. Depart Sydney Tuesday 9th. August. Arrive Dublin Wednesday 10th. August.

Expression of Interest Australia 2011

Please sign and return by next week.

Musicians

Name: _____

Tick **one** box.

I would be interested in traveling as a player on the proposed pipe band trip to Australia. (€1400)

I would **not** be interested in traveling on the proposed pipe band trip to Australia.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (where player is Under 18)

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Parents / Partners , etc.

Name: _____

Tick one box.

1. I would be interested in **traveling with the pipe band** to Australia in 2012 .
(€1400)

2. I would **not** be interested in traveling with the pipe band to Australia in 2012 .