

Welcome to our first publication for 2015. What a year of celebration and wonderful music-making the 30th Anniversary was. Thank you for your support and for attending those fantastic concerts and celebrating with us. The New Year's Eve concert was certainly one of the great highlights of 2014 and preparations have started for 2015.

I'd like to welcome yet another group of people to the ever growing list of Friends of the Pops. Our hope is to meet lots of new concert going people who have discovered the enjoyable and unique experience that only the Pops delivers.

We have an exciting year planned for you. The opening concert 'With Honour We Serve' will take you on a journey through the many conflicts Australia has been involved in since the formation of the ANZACs in 1915. There will be much of the music you have come to know and love, as well as new music written to take you through the various cultural developments of the last 100 years. Of special note is the new musical composition 'Larrikins and Legends' written by our Composer in Residence Sean O'Boyle.

The highlight will be singer/songwriter Darren Coggan who will not only sing the songs you know, but he will also perform songs from his award winning album 'Songs of War'. Darren will be joined by Deb O'Toole, who is a serving soldier. She has performed all around the world entertaining the Defence people on deployment as well as those affected by war and civil unrest. This magnificent voice will stun you all and her finale will stir your patriotic passions beyond words.

To bring this together we will again feature the Queensland Police Pipes and Drums and a Bugler from the Australian Army. There may well be some additional bits of fun thrown in for good measure. We will also have a guest appearance by Chad Sherrin, story-teller, poet and actor and winner of the Military Medal whilst serving with the 3rd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment. (See his story in another part of this newsletter.)

There is so much more to tell you all but it will have to wait until next time. I look forward to again meeting many of you at the concerts or the Friends of the Pops social events and don't forget I am available to come to your club as a guest speaker.

Warmest regards
Patrick Pickett CSM



The many faces of Jason Barry-Smith

A 'baby-boomer', **Chad Sherrin** was born in Korumburra, Victoria and grew up on a soldier settlement dairy farm near Cobram in Victoria's Murray Irrigation Area.

Following secondary schooling at Shepparton High School, in 1965 he enlisted in the Australian Regular Army, serving with the 8th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment in Malaysia and South Vietnam. During his tour of duty in South Vietnam he was awarded the Military Medal.

In 1976 Chad was selected for commissioning as an officer and retired from the Army as a major in 1990 from the position of Battalion Second-in-Command of Brisbane's 8th/9th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment.

From here followed a five year career in real estate, and from 1995 to 2006 he took employment in the community sector as Development Manager at the Queensland Muscular

Dystrophy Association and later Brisbane Legacy.

Guest Narrator

Chad Sherrin

A keen adventurer, Chad now guides groups of trekkers across Papua New Guinea's famed Kokoda Trail. His knowledge of the jungle and its surrounding flora and fauna, and his detailed knowledge of the Kokoda campaign and the battles fought along the track ensure a special experience for all who trek with him.

Chad is a great raconteur with a keen interest in Australia's rich history and bush poetry, which he combines as a speaker, story-teller and poet in Queensland and interstate.



Advance Australia Fair Larrikins & Legends

The ANZAC

Vera Lynn Medley

Mad for a Fight

And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda

Pack up Your Troubles.....

Charleston

Scotland the Brave

With Honour We Serve

Black Bear

Changi Banjo

Andrews Sisters Medley

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

Glenn Miller Medley

ACT II

A Life on the Ocean Wave

Colonel Bogey

Dam Busters

Hector The Hero



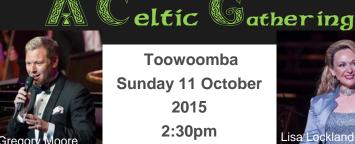
This is a wonderful photo of the Queensland Police Pipes and Drums in full dress at the Opera House during the 2005 Edinburgh Military Tattoo, A Salute to Australia.



Regional Performances 2015



Tell your friends in these regional areas Caloundra & Toowoomba to come to a Pops concert and be entertained.



Lisa Lockland-Bell

Tickets are on sale now

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http://www.empiretheatre.com.au/whats-on/shows/view/535/gueensland-

Saturday 16 May 2:30 & 7:30pm **Concert Hall QPAC Book No 136 246**

Saturday 10 October 2:30 & 7:30pm **Concert Hall QPAC Book No 136 246**

A date for your diary: Sunday 21 June 2015 2pm

Grande Soiree & High Tea at Tatt's



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