

Applications open for annual Cook piping scholarship

Applications for the 2020 Peter Cook Scholarship to assist in the encouragement and advancement of pipers will close on 30 June.

The scholarship was established last year with the bequest from Peter's estate and is jointly administered by Pipe Bands Australia and Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association. Awards totalling up to \$2000 being made over at least the next 10 years.

Peter Cook tragically lost his life in a car accident just days before the 2014 Australian Pipe Band Championships. He had been secretary of Pipe Bands Victoria for more than a decade at the time of his death and had been recognised with life membership of Pipe Bands Australia through the branch.

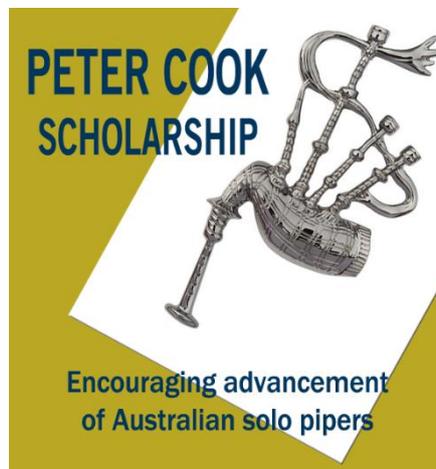
He had a lifelong passion for piping and pipe bands, but in particular, solo piping and was heavily involved with the former Pipers' Club of Victoria as an executive member.

His passion for piping and bands was unwavering, and he dedicated much time to the function of every organisation promoting piping with which he was involved.

Peter bequeathed a sum of money for the advancement of solo piping, and his family have elected to establish the Peter Cook Memorial Scholarship in his honour and perpetually acknowledge Peter's love of bagpipes.

Donations to extend the life of the scholarship fund are to be made by branches, bands, kindred organisations and individuals with a keen interest in supporting the advancement of pipers in Australia.

Applications for the 2020 scholarships are now open and will close on 30 June 2020 and are to be made on the official form, emailed to scholarship@pipebands.asn.au



ELIGIBILITY

The Peter Cook Memorial Scholarship for the advancement of solo piping is open to all registered and financial members of Pipe Bands Australia or an affiliated organisation.

The scholarship may be used for any approved accredited educational and training activity that will assist in the musical advancement of the applicant. It may also include solo piping competition entry fees for the following 12 months in the applicant's home state and membership of Pipe Bands Australia or an affiliated organisation.

Recipients are reasonably expected to continue with their current band, if applicable, for the duration of the scholarship – changes in employment and study excepted.

DURATION

The scholarship is for a tenure of 12 months only and may be awarded to a person only once.

SELECTION PROCESS

The Selection Panel shall comprise the President of Pipe Bands Australia, the President of Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association and the Principal Piping – Australian Pipe Band College or their nominated representatives.

The Panel shall consider:

- The endeavours and commitment of the applicant as provided in the official application form
- Purposes for which the scholarship is to be applied and likely outcomes
- References

ACQUITTAL

The successful applicant/s will be required to provide a written report on the activities undertaken with support of the Peter Cook Memorial Scholarship.

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SCHOLARSHIP**



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OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM 2020

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 JUNE 2020 [-scholarship@pipebands.asn.au](mailto:scholarship@pipebands.asn.au)

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____ DOB: __/__/__

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Band: _____

1 – Details of your musical career to date (including tuition received, examinations completed)

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2 – Your educational and training plans for the next 12 months (to 30 June 2021)

Please include indicative costs of attendance/participation, travel and accommodation

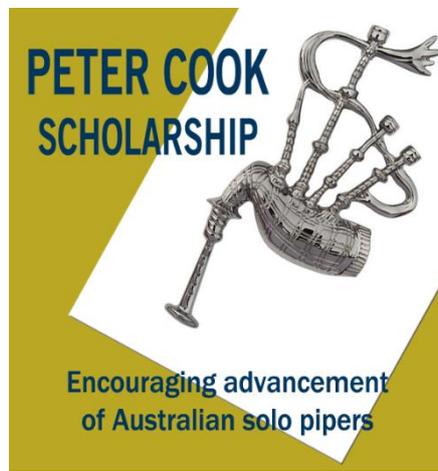
3 – Your aspirations as a bagpiper

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4 – Please explain in 500 words why you play bagpipes and/or play in a pipe band



5 – References

- 1 – Current pipe tutor/pipe major
- 2 – Personal reference (not family)
- 3 – School or community representative

Please provide contact details and attach references with application

6 – Agreement and consent

I [insert name] make application for consideration of a Peter Cook Memorial Scholarship and grant the scholarship fund administrators permission to contact referees and band leaders for the purposes of verifying any information contained in the application.

Should my application be successful, permission is also granted to use details in this application together with my name and any photographs or other images for the purposes of promoting the scholarship and piping through Pipe Bands Australia and Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association.

I acknowledge decisions of the assessment panel are final and no feedback will be provided on the application now on the awarding of any scholarship.

I also undertake, if successful, to provide the scholarship fund administrators with a report on activities undertaken and financed through the scholarship no later than 30 May 2020.

Signed _____

Date ____/____/2020

Consent and approval of parent/guardian Name _____

Signature _____

Date ____/____/2020

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Only applications received on this official form and lodged in the correct manner will be considered