

News Release

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COMBINED RSL CENTENARY OF ANZAC PIPES & DRUMS At The Bundanoon Highland Gathering Bundanoon is Brigadoon Saturday 9 April 2016

The Bundanoon Highland Gathering is extremely proud and honoured to present the **Combined RSL Centenary of ANZAC Pipes & Drums** to perform at Brigadoon.

During the Centenary of ANZAC various NSW RSL Pipe Bands came together as we each wanted to honour and recognise our ANZACs who served in World War I in a special way.



Being members of RSL bands, we were in a unique position to show Australia and the world that these were important historical events which shaped Australia and New Zealand as nations. This is why the **Combined RSL Centenary of ANZAC Pipes & Drums** was formed. The performing Combined Band is more than 30 strong and is drawn from the RSL Pipe Bands of Burwood, Castle Hill, Cessnock, Ingleburn and Newcastle. The overall group tallies nearly 50 with flag bearers, audio/visual recording operators and other support.

The Combined Band is **self-funded** as we are not part of any government funded celebration but we do have the support of the Returned & Services League of Australia and approval from DVA to use the title ANZAC. Our aim is to perform at ceremonies in France in July 2016 to mark the centenary of the first major battles in which Australian troops fought on the Western Front, in particular the battles at Fromelles and Pozieres, the two bloodiest battles in which ANZACs fought. Between the 17th and 25th July 2106, the Combined Band is travelling with Military History Tours who have been instrumental in putting our program together.



Whilst in Belgium and France, the Combined Band will be conducting services at Fromelles and Pozieres on the centenary anniversaries of those battles. We will play at the Menin Gate as part of the nightly commemoration there. We will also be performing at Peronne, Kortrijk and at various war cemeteries and possible



performances at Amiens Cathedral and Villers-Bretonneux.

You can follow our progress on our Facebook Page. During the tour you will also be able to view daily posts and photos on the Military History Tours website of our tour: www.militaryhistorytours.com.au

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Australia with a “wee” bit of “Scottish Flavour”

Check us out on Facebook and Youtube



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