



# QUEENSLAND PIPE BAND ASSOCIATION INC

## Statement from the Secretary

### Resignation of Treasurer

As some of you may have heard, from your colleagues and on social media, the Treasurer of the past nine years has recently resigned as Treasurer of Pipe Bands Australia, PBA Qld Branch and of our state association (QPBA).

Her resignation comes following the appointment of a new PBA (Qld Branch) Executive in November last year.

During the PBA Branch AGM, the audited financial statements for Qld Branch were not available and it was agreed that the new Executive would follow the matter up as a matter of urgency. Those audited accounts were provided to the Qld Branch Executive in the week before the Qld Branch Council Meeting on 24 January 2017.

The contents of those accounts, the Treasurer's continuing absence from Qld Branch and QPBA meetings and a variety of other information caused the Qld Branch Executive, and myself on behalf of the QPBA, to agree that evening to seek her resignation and also to audit her conduct. Pipe Bands Australia (Qld Branch) also advised the President of Pipe Bands Australia at that time.

As a result, she has resigned as Treasurer of each organisation.

The matter has also been reported by QPBA to the Qld Police.

Against the above background, both our and the police investigations are ongoing and we will report back to our members fully in the upcoming AGM which is scheduled for 21 February 2017.

We would therefore ask that members do not participate in social media "gossip" surrounding the matter.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Alex McConnell  
Secretary