



## QUEENSLAND BRANCH

### Statement from the Qld Branch Executive

#### Resignation of Treasurer

As some of you may have heard, from your colleagues and on social media, the Treasurer of the last nine years has recently resigned as Treasurer of Pipe Bands Australia and also as the Qld Branch Treasurer.

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

During that 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 the accounts, the Treasurer's continuing absence from Qld Branch meetings and a variety of other information caused the Qld Branch Executive to resolve that evening to seek her resignation and also audit her performance in the role. We also advised the President of Pipe Bands Australia at that time.

As a result of the Executive's actions, she has resigned as Treasurer of both National and Qld Branch of the PBA.

Further, the National Management Committee has confirmed to the Qld Branch Executive that they are responsible for management of all matters of finance of the PBA and have directed that the Qld Branch not take actions without their direction. We have therefore written to the National Management Committee suggesting a number of actions that we consider should be taken as a matter of urgency.

The matter has also been reported to both Qld and Victoria Police.

Against the above background, the PBA and Police investigations remain ongoing and we will report back to our members fully in the near future and we encourage you to attend Council meetings for updates.

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

If you have any questions please contact either of us.

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Chairman

Alex McConnell  
Secretary