

COMPETITOR INFORMATION



AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

PERTH APRIL 11 2026



An aerial photograph of the Subiaco Oval stadium in Perth, Australia. The stadium is a large, oval-shaped green field with a concrete track around the perimeter. In the background, there are several modern buildings and a city skyline under a clear blue sky. The sun is low in the sky, creating long shadows on the grass.

WELCOME TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA

This is Subiaco Oval, once Perth's premier football stadium, and now the home of the 2026 Australian Pipe Band Championships.

This information document is to help you plan your day, so please read it carefully and share with your band members and supporters.

APBC 2026 Overview

- We have 27 band contest entries for the Championships
- There will be 2 circles with 2 adjudicator panels
- It is a one-day event, starting at 9am with massed bands at 4:25pm
- Tuning is at Mueller Park, beside Bob Hawke College and Subiaco Oval. See map on page following...
- Fine tuning is near the North East entry to Subiaco Oval
- Band shelters are along the East end of the Oval
- Food and drink vans, plus stall holders, are along the West end
- Note water bottle filling stations on map
- Portaloos are at the fine tuning area
- Change rooms and toilets in the pavilion
- The 'beer tent' bar is in the pavilion
- The First Aid tent is at the West end





SUBIACO RD

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To tuning area on Mueller park

Emergency vehicle access NW Exit

Water

Food Seating

Bar

Toilets

Water

Spectator Seating

Water

Spectator Seating

Fine Tuning Area

MUSTER POINT

Toilets

Standing spectators

Contest Circle 1

MC Live Stream

Judges' Shelters

Contest Circle 2

Standing spectators

NE Entry/Exit

Food & coffee vendors

FIRST AID

Stallholders & Clan / Cultural Groups

Band Shelters

Standing spectators

Standing spectators

Highland Games

SE Entry/Exit

Southern Entrance & Exit

10m

10m

Bob Hawke College

Coaches Drop-off

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EVENT PROGRAM

- The table on the right shows the broad timings for the day
- On the day, check in with the Contest Supervisor at the judges' tent to register your attendance
- Contest Marshals will help you prepare and get to the circle on time!
- Check the contest rules by [clicking on this link](#)
- NOTE: There is a compulsory March Past Contest at approx. 3:40pm in lieu of a Street March. Each band will march from the North East oval entry, past the Pavilion and left wheel to Southern end. Read Street March guidelines in Chapter 7 of the [contest rules](#)
- For any queries on rules, please email rules@pipebandsaustralia.com.au

TIME	EVENT
8:55am	Highland Games events, all day until 3:45pm
9:00am	Pipe Band Contests in Circle A and B
11:50am	Drum Majors Flourish Contest
12 noon	Opening Ceremony
12:30pm	Scottish Country Dancing display in Pavilion
1pm	Pipe Band Contests in Circle A and B
3:40pm	March Past Contest
4:25pm	Massed Bands step off
4:40pm	Presentations

TRANSPORT

- Consider arriving by train to avoid parking hassles. The West Leederville Station is perfect. Buses also stop at Subiaco Oval. See [Transperth Journey Planner](#)
- Some limited spaces for coach parking are on Coghlan Rd between the College and Mueller Park
- Coach drop-off bays are at the front of Bob Hawke College on Roberts Rd
- Car parking is available around Mueller Park and various public parking stations. Visit [See Subiaco](#) for parking info
- For those staying at Vibe Hotel, it's a nice stroll to the oval



BAND COMFORT / SAFETY



- Band leaders should remind players to bring sunscreen, wide brimmed hat, and refillable water bottles. There are water stations for refills on both sides of the pavilion (see map).
- Most bands have hired their sun shelters, which will be installed and waiting the band name displayed. To hire one, visit <https://events.humanitix.com/apbc26/tickets>
- Organisations hiring shelters will have premium positions. Some bands have asked to bring their own shelter. Please have these set up by 8:30am. You are responsible for securing it with water-filled weights, sandbags or cement blocks that won't damage the sub-soil reticulation mesh. **Tent pegs and star pickets are strictly prohibited (\$1100 penalty).**
- Band leaders should move their band as a group from the Mueller Park tuning area to Subiaco Oval, and take caution crossing Coghlan Road. (See photo on left.)
- We have organized food trucks, a cold drinks stall, coffee vendors, and a licensed bar area. Please support these stallholders rather than bringing your food. BYO alcohol is NOT permitted.
- Please be aware that the event will be captured by videographers for live-streaming and a photographer will also be taking pictures on the day.

MASSED BANDS & AFTERS

- Massed bands will form at the South end of the oval for step-off
- Under the direction of the Senior Drum Major, the massed bands will march toward the pavilion to Green Hills and Battle's O'er. [Download drum scores here](#)
- The results of the Championships will be announced in a presentation
- At the conclusion of announcements, the 1st placed band in each grade will play themselves off the oval
- The Senior Drum Major will fall out all remaining bands
- The bar will be open until 6pm
- [Subiaco Night Markets](#) will be open in the Market Square grassed park West of the oval with food trucks, music and entertainment
- Or kick on to Subiaco's [restaurants, bars and cafes](#)

The Green Hills Of Tyrol

Retreat

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When The Battle's O'er

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<https://pipebandsaustralia.com.au/apbc>

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