



## NATIONAL CONTEST COMMITTEE 2010



### Newsletter



Hello All

Just a quick update on progress for the Nationals 2010 in Masterton.

The venues, Queen Elizabeth Park for the Friday, and Cameron Memorial Park for the Saturday, have been booked. the street march route is the same as used previously and Drum Majors should be aware that it has raised pedestrian crossings and finishes with a right wheel constricted by a raised island.

Organisers are aware of some 26 bands that have/sought accommodation, and while there is still some accommodation available as time goes on it will be further out of Masterton and bands who have not arranged accommodation are urged to do so. It is hoped to update the Fern & Thistle website ([www.fernandthistle.orconhosting.net.nz](http://www.fernandthistle.orconhosting.net.nz)) shortly with what is still available.

A function is being organised for the Saturday night, and a further activity for the younger participants.

It would be helpful if bands could provide some matters of interest which would be suitable for publication in the programme e.g. history of the band tartan, interesting individuals in the band etc.

A number of bands have indicated on their entry form that they require band hosts. Please be sure to let the Committee know should you require a host.

For those bands who do not yet have accommodation, an accommodation up-dated will be made to the Fern & Thistle website shortly [www.fernandthistle.orconhosting.net.nz](http://www.fernandthistle.orconhosting.net.nz).

Bands are reminded that entries close on 12 November 2009. Entry forms are also available on the national website [www.nzpipebands.org.nz](http://www.nzpipebands.org.nz).

The Committee are planning to have a good selection of food and refreshment stalls at both venues, and it is also hoped to have some merchandise stalls. Any band that may wish to set up such a stall should contact the Committee.

There have been a number of enquires from overseas bands and these entries should add to the occasion.

#### **Wellington/Hawke's Bay Centre Contest Masterton 20 February 2010**

These entry forms have been posted and are available from the Kim Perreux office [tcsurvey.co.nz](http://tcsurvey.co.nz) or the Fern & thistle website [www.fernandthistle.orconhosting.net.nz](http://www.fernandthistle.orconhosting.net.nz).

