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# THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO

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*Dear Dina,*

## THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO 2017

Thank you for your recent correspondence. I am writing to extend a formal invitation to The Australian Federal Police Pipes and Drums to perform at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2017 as part of the Massed Pipes and Drums.

It would be an honour to welcome back The Australian Federal Police Pipes and Drums to the Edinburgh Tattoo.

The outline details are as follows:

- a. The commitment, including rehearsals, is 31 July - 26 August 2017.  
Assemble by 30 July 2017.
- b. We will fund all food and accommodation in Edinburgh.
- c. We will fund all local transport (including meeting at airport) during the band's stay.
- d. As we are a charity, we have to ask all overseas groups to fund their travel to and from Edinburgh.
- e. We will offer a donation to the band at the end of the Tattoo of around £1,500.

- f. As the Pipe Band is invited to perform as part of the Massed Pipes and Drums, they will require Full Dress uniforms and to provide the following playing strength: 12 Pipers, 4 Side, 2 Tenor and 1 Base Drum with the Drum Major being optional. Including reserves and administrative staff the band strength should be no more than 25 personnel.
- g. We will provide the necessary support to allow the contingent to give their best on the Esplanade of Edinburgh Castle.

Please let me know if you need any more detail.

Some facts about the Tattoo to date:

- a. We entertain ¼ million people over 25 public performances each year.
- b. Our productions have been sold out for the last 15 years.
- c. BBC Television broadcasts The Tattoo to 6 million viewers in the UK and approximately 100 to 300 million people world-wide.
- d. We donate surplus monies to Service charities, including those in the Commonwealth.

I do very much hope that you are able to accept this invitation.

We look forward to welcoming your band back to Edinburgh.

Your Aun

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