



Pipers of the Durban Regiment Pipe Band, (from right), Ken Mustard (pipe major), Roland Murray, Billy Ansell, Andrew Mustard, Grant McLeod and Mike Munro (pipe sergeant) invite interested people between 14 and 35 years old to a free music programme to boost the number within the band.

Pied pipers wanted for pipe band

THE Durban Regiment Pipe Band has been around for a number of years, continuing to fill the hills and sand dunes with the fine tunes of its music, but the band's numbers are slowly dissipating.

The band is currently trying to launch a music programme to recruit and train new pipers and drummers to replace those that have been lost to emigration over the past two decades.

"Sadly, the rate of emigration has been far greater than the rate at which the band has been able to recruit new people, and without your help,

I fear that the band may disappear in the near future," said the band's Billy Ansell.

In the hopes to increase the Durban Regiment Pipe Band's numbers it has launched a groundbreaking new music programme, which offers free music lessons to all genuinely interested and able people between the ages of 14 and 35.

If you have ever wished that you could learn an instrument, and become a part of the excitement and camaraderie of a band in your spare time, then these lessons offer a fantastic opportunity.

Pipe bands draw together the best of history,

tradition, friendship, and music, and this powerful combination has stirred emotions and inspired greatness across the centuries.

The lessons will be held on a selected evening once a week in Durban Regiment Band's room at Lords Ground Military base in Durban.

In the event that large numbers come forward, then slots will be allocated on a waiting list and first come first serve basis.

Visit the bands website at www.pipeband.co.za, e-mail drpb@mweb.co.za or contact the band's pipe major, Ken Mustard on 082 4575 541.