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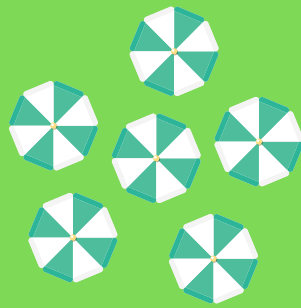
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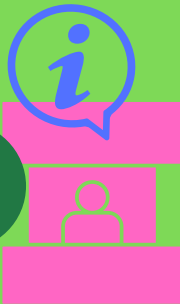
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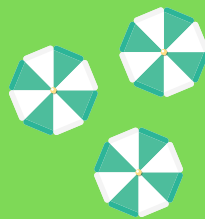
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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

On behalf of the Canberra College of Piping & Drumming I extend to you all a very warm welcome to this our 10th Canberra Highland Gathering. After three years of no Gathering due to the impacts of first COVID and then inclement weather, we are excited to once again be hosting this event. We look forward to welcoming back our sponsors, vendors, Clan groups, pipe bands, highland dancers, the Kilted Warriors, community groups and of course those many members of the public that come and enjoy a day of Scottish culture and entertainment.

I want to acknowledge the support of the ACT Government who have again provided financial assistance to help us continue to improve and grow our event. Without the Government's ongoing support, the Highland Gathering would not have become the event you see today. I also want to acknowledge and thank our many other sponsors. The Canberra Burns Club has again agreed to be our naming rights sponsor. We are delighted to have the Club's strong and ongoing support. We also welcome and thank those long-term sponsors who have been with us on the journey for most of the 10 years - Capital Honda, Scottish Accessories, St Kilda Retail and BentSpoke Brewing Co.

A big thank you also to our VIP guests for the day. Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for the Arts in the ACT Government has accepted our invitation to officiate at the opening of the Gathering at the 10.00am massed pipes and drums. And Gordon Ramsay, CEO of the ACT Cultural Facilities Corporation will officiate at the closing massed bands at 4.30pm. Gordon has been a strong supporter of the Gathering for many years. And finally a thank you to my organising Committee and the many other volunteers who have worked hard for many months and who make this day possible.



We have introduced a couple of program changes this year which we hope will enhance the Scottish cultural experience of the day. First we have decided to change the pipe band format from the competition focus of previous years to one of free style performance. This means that we have bands here today who do not play in competitions and as such have never attended a Canberra Highland Gathering before. I welcome those bands, I trust you enjoy your day, and I hope this is the first of many years attending our Highland Gathering. Second we have decided this year to introduce solo piping and drumming competitions as part of the day. These competitions will run from midday and throughout the afternoon and add an event that is common in many Highland Gatherings in Scotland. These band and solo competition changes mean there are many more pipers and drummers here than usual. This will ensure the sounds of pipes and drums will fill the air throughout the entire day!

Finally, if a day of Scottish culture is not enough, please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of a traditional Scottish Ceilidh being held in the evening at the Burns Club (opposite the Gathering Oval) from 7.30pm. Entertainment will be by "Humbug", one of Canberra's best known and finest Celtic music groups. Entry is free. And weather permitting the Ceilidh will be held in the Burns Club's outdoor entertainment area which is appropriately called "The Glen."

Thank you for your support, and "lang may your lum reek." (translated – "long life and prosperity")

Athol Chalmers
President
Canberra College of Piping & Drumming





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PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- 9am – 4pm Highland Dancing Competition**
- 10.00am Opening Ceremony and Massed Pipes & Drums**
- 10.45am Solo piping & drumming competition commences**
- 11.30am – 4pm Pipe band displays**
- 11.30am Kilted Warriors Heavy Events display**
- 2.00pm Kilted Warriors Heavy Events display**
- 3.30pm Kilted Warriors Heavy Events display**
- 4.30pm Closing Ceremony and Massed Pipes & Drum**



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

PIPE BAND

SCHEDULE

11.30am Canberra College Pipe Band

The Canberra College of Piping & Drumming was formed in 1999 with the mission being to teach and promote piping and drumming in the Canberra region. In its near 25 years of operation, the College has taught many hundreds of students, held 14 Workshops with leading world players as instructors, and is now running its 10th Highland Gathering. In 2022 the College learner program had become so strong that it was able to form its first ever pipe band. So the band you see out here today are all students and instructors of the College. And you will see that we have students of all ages, boys and girls, men and women. The College program is very inclusive and welcoming. If you are interested in learning pipes or drums please wander over to the College tent located at the southern end of the ground need and speak with our learners and instructors. Piping & drumming in the Canberra region is healthy and we like to think that the College has played an important role in achieving that outcome.

Midday Bateman's Bay Soldier's Club Pipe Band

12.30pm Canberra Burns Club Pipe Band

For over 80 years, the oldest pipe band in Canberra has been enchanting audiences with their rich heritage and vibrant Scottish tradition. This band never fails to enthral its listeners with the soulful sound of authentic Scottish music in their captivating performances. The band performs at local events and competitions, as well as international events such as the World Pipe Band Championships. With members ranging from young beginners to seasoned performers, the band has a thriving and inclusive culture that celebrates Scottish traditions and music. The band currently competes at grade 4A level, and has previously competed at competitions across Australia, the Asia Pacific region and Scotland.

1.00pm Canberra City Pipes & Drums

Canberra City Pipes and Drums are the ACT's premier ceremonial Pipes and Drum band, and proudly wears the City of Canberra Tartan. For over 30 years, Canberra City has, and still regularly performs at community and ceremonial events around Canberra and New South Wales. You will find them every year at the Bundanoon Highland Games and of course the Canberra Highland Gathering. Canberra City also has a long standing relationship with the AFP, providing specialist commemorative and ceremonial support as the AFP Pipes and Drums. The band has performed in Switzerland, Russia, Canada, China, Dubai, and of course, the most iconic Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in Scotland. Membership of the volunteer band is diverse, comprising current and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Force, sworn members of the Australian Federal Police, APS employees, students, professionals, and many more. Follow the band on Facebook to stay up-to-date, and feel free to tag their Facebook page with any photos or film you take today.

1.30pm ACT ESA Pipes & Drums

2.00pm Canberra Celtic Pipe Band

*The Canberra Celtic Pipe Band is a self-funded & community based family Pipe band. Founded in 2001, Band members wear the Irish National Tartan and perform Irish and Scottish tunes and dances. The band is unique, with band members playing instruments as well as dance. Interested in joining a FUN Band??? Contact any band member for information.
Pipe Major: Daryl Potts. Drum Sergeant: Alex Crawford.*

2.30pm Bundanoon Pipe Band

The Bundanoon Pipe Band is a relatively new community band based in Bundanoon in the Southern Highlands of NSW and is part of the village community association. Quite a few of the members have only been playing pipes or drums since joining the band and this is only the third Highland Gathering that they have performed at. The band uniform is the official registered Bundanoon Tartan. Today the band has joined forces with the Ingleburn RSL Pipes and Drums with whom they have played at other gatherings. Ingleburn RSL Pipes and Drums were formed in 1976!

3.00pm Southern Cross Pipes & Drums

LCC Southern Cross Pipes and Drums was initially formed as the City of Bankstown RSL Community Club Pipes and Drums in 1992. We have regularly competed in NSW, interstate and overseas at places like New Zealand and Scotland. In 2007, the band moved to our current home at the Liverpool Catholic Club and was renamed as the LCC Southern Cross Pipes and Drums. We practice at the Liverpool Catholic Club Sports Complex on a Wednesday night. Our most recent achievements at an Australian Championships include Australian Champions in Grade 3 in 2008 and Australian Champions Grade 4 (Number 2 Band) in 2010. We have continued as a competition band and have won many competitions in NSW since 2010. Our Pipe Major is Brett Muller and Drum Sergeant is Dean Muller. The band's tartan is Hunting Stewart.

3.30pm Sydney Thistle Pipe Band

There have been many top class Pipe Bands in Australia, but few have stood the test of time better than Sydney Thistle Highland Pipe Band. Sydney Thistle was formed in 1918 by a group of servicemen returning from World War I, and has the unique distinction of having participated in the Victory March of 1918, and has continued without a break since its formation. The band regularly competes in pipe band competitions, and has held both State and National titles over multiple years. Just as importantly, the band provides extensive service to the community, including participating in every Anzac Day march since its formation, and a range of public events such as festivals, street parades, sporting events, and other private engagements. Sydney Thistle prides itself on high standards of presentation and music. The band plays a wide range of music, including complex competition marches, strathspeys and reels, popular traditional tunes and modern hornpipes and jigs. It regularly incorporates new compositions by members, piping harmonies and drumming ensembles into its repertoire to produce innovative music. The band wears the Farquharson tartan as part of both a traditional full dress highland regimental uniform, and a modern style Scottish "walking out" dress.



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The Scottish Club

Solo Piping and Drumming Competition Draw – 7 October 2023

Piping 1

Judge - Nat Russell

Event 3 C Grade March

11.30 Robert Potter
11.35 Simon Fraser
11.40 Cameron Lyon
11.45 Jess Jeffrey
11.50 Bernie Camejo
11.55 Joel Williams
12.00 Nicholas Goggins
12.05 Andrew Fraser
12.10 Stephen Ladd
12.15 Jen Hamer
12.20 Glynn Potter
12.25 Jonny Coe
12.30 Scott Allen
12.35 Mark Shepheard
12.40 Ian Ticehurst
12.45 Paul Anderson
12.50 Zygmunt Gray

Event 7 B Grade H/J

01.00 Graham Durant-Law
01.10 Michelle Hodder
01.20 Alaine Cole

Piping 2

Judge - Sam Young

Event 11 A Grade Piobairachd

10.45 Liam Nicolson

11.00 Stephen Ross

Event 6 B Grade MSR

11.20 Zygmunt Gray
11.30 Neil Collie
11.40 Alaine Cole
11.50 Jonny Coe
12.00 Michelle Hodder
12.10 Graham Durant-Law
12.20 Robert Potter

Event 5 C Grade Piobairachd

12.30 Simon Fraser
12.40 Kim Ticehurst
12.50 Duncan Marshall
01.00 Jonny Coe
01.10 Zygmunt Gray
01.20 Scott Allen
01.30 Paul Anderson
01.40 Joel Williams

Drumming 1

Judge - Andrew Womersley

Event 24 Tenor C Grade MSR

11.30 Charlotte Uren
11.40 Lexie Shaw

Event 22 Tenor D Grade March

11.50 Tyson Burgess
12.00 Penny Hall
12.10 Rohan Shaw

Event 14 D Grade March

12.20 Cate Sinclair
12.30 Di Stewart
12.40 Alex Crawford
12.50 Dylan Lee
01.00 Penny Hall
01.10 Iain Wilkinson
01.20 Ashford Thompson
01.25 David Shirley

Event 25 Tenor C Grade H/J

01.30 Charlotte Uren

Event 4 C Grade S/R

01.30 Zygmunt Gray

01.40 Jonny Coe

Event 1 D Grade Slow Air

01.50 Matthew Clark

01.55 Annabel MacDonald

02.00 Mark Shephard

02.05 Joel Williams

02.10 Ian Ticehurst

02.15 Marcelo Alves

02.20 Angus Sinclair

02.25 Claire Perry

02.30 Bernie Comejo

02.35 Duncan Marshall

02.40 Chester Qian

02.45 Stella Fraser

Event 2 D Grade 2/4 March

02.50 Annabel MacDonald

02.55 Marcelo Alves

03.00 Joel Williams

03.05 Mark Shephard

03.10 Matthew Clark

03.15 Angus Sinclair

03.20 Claire Perry

03.25 Bernie Comejo

03.30 Duncan Marshall

03.35 Chester Qian

03.40 Ian Ticehurst

03.45 Stella Fraser

Event 9 A Grade MSR

3.55 Liam Nicolson

Event 10 A Grade H/J

04.10 Liam Nicolson

01.50 Robert Potter

01.55 Jess Jeffrey

02.00 Zygmunt Gray

02.05 Glynn Potter

02.10 Joel Williams

02.15 Mark Shephard

02.20 Stephen Ladd

02.25 Matthew Clarke

02.30 Paul Anderson

02.35 Bernie Comejo

02.40 Jonny Coe

02.45 Nick Goggins

02.50 Andrew Fraser

02.55 Jen Hamer

03.00 Cameron Lyon

03.05 Simon Fraser

Event 8 B Grade Piobairachd

03.10 Kim Ticehurst

03.25 Zygmunt Gray

03.40 Graham Durant-Law

03.55 Michelle Hodder

04.10 Jonny Coe

04.25 Simon Fraser

Event 23 Tenor D Grade 6/8 March

01.35 Tyson Burgess

01.40 Penny Hall

01.45 Rohan Shaw

Event 20 A Grade MSR

01.50 Dean Muller

02.00 Damon Wright

Event 21 A Grade H/J

02.10 Dean Muller

02.20 Damon Wright

Event 15 D Grade 6/8

02.30 David Shirley

02.35 Di Stewart

02.40 Alex Crawford

02.45 Dylan Lee

02.50 Penny Hall

02.55 Iain Wilkinson

03.00 Ashford Thompson



HIGHLAND DANCING

The Joy Reiher School of Scottish Dancing has been teaching students Highland Dancing for over 50 years. Joy, as well as being a qualified teacher, is an Adjudicator with the Australian Board of Highland Dancing and the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing. The school has produced many dancers who have competed successfully at local, National and International level. Two senior dancers have performed at the Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Basel Tattoo in Switzerland, and the Halifax Tattoo in Canada.

Dancers have taken part in events such as the Queanbeyan Ceilidh, the Multicultural Festival, Floriade, St Andrew's nights and Burns Dinners, Bundanoon is Brigadoon, Canberra Pipes and Drums Highland Gathering, Lifeline Gala Ball, and 40th and 90th Birthday Party celebrations.



K I L T E D W A R R I O R S



EVENTS

McGlashen Stones

Commonly known as Atlas Stones. This comprises of 5 Stones ranging in weight from 100kg to 145kg. They are to be lifted on to barrels 5 meters apart fastest time wins.

Caber Toss

The caber is typically 5.94 m tall and weighs 79 kg.

The objective is to toss the caber so that it turns end over end, falling away from the tosser. Ideally it should fall directly away from the tosser in the "12 o'clock" position. The distance thrown is unimportant.

Weight for Height

This is a traditional event where a box weight of 56lbs is tossed up over a bar that is progressively raised until all competitors have been eliminated. Each competitor has three attempts to clear each height.

COMPETITORS

Kurt Livens - has been competing in Highland games for 7 years now. 2019 achievements include placing 3rd at the East Coast Championship in Port Stephens. 2nd place at Aberdeen Highland games and winning the Ipswich Highland games in July this year. November 2018 he placed 3rd at the Oceanic Championship in New Zealand. 2023 achievements include 3rd Bundanoon, 2nd Aberdeen and 5th at the National Highlander Games.

Benny Chesum - Age 46. Benny has been competing in strongman for 7 years and has competed at 2 Highland Games events. He has competed at the Arnold Sports Festival Australia in open men's 2019 and the Official Strongman Games in 2019 and 2022, for Masters World's Strongest Man. His favourite events are stones and throwing.

Macauley "Big Mac" Tinker - is a strongman from the northern beaches of Sydney. He is 2023's third strongest man of Australia, claiming bronze at Australia's strongest man in March. He has travelled abroad to Uzbekistan & China competing in the international strongman circuit claiming 1st and 2nd in the international strongman games, and in China's international strongman open. He is the Aberdeen games champion, national highlander champion, and runner up at the 2023 bundanoon games.

Aidan Canini - 29 years old. Retired from strongman, and currently playing rugby league. Hi Scottish ancestors have been in Australia since 1840. This will be his first Highland Games. He currently hold's the Australian record of atlas stone to shoulder, which is 170kg for 3 reps in a minute. Aidan's biggest accolade in strongman is Australia's strongest man runner up in 2022.

NATIONAL MILITARY RE-ENACTMENT GROUP

The National Military re-enactment group (1815) is a living history group that represents Scottish Highland soldiers of the famous Black Watch Regiment as they were during the Napoleonic Wars against France.



KID'S ZONE

Visit the Kid's Zone where the Gecko Gang will be providing face painting, balloon modelling and the jump 'n slide.



SCOTTIE DOGS

The Canberra Scottish Terrier Group was created in the late 1990's for people in Canberra with Scottish Terriers to meet socially. The members are not breeders or show dog people, just pet owners who love to get together with their Scotties for fun. They enjoy attending Scottish events with their dogs. The contact is Jan Phillips. Please visit their tent to meet their furry friends.



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SCOTTISH CEILIDH NIGHT

It is traditional at most Highland Gatherings that once the day's events and activities are over it's time to relax, party and enjoy the camaraderie that is so much at the heart of Scottish cultural events. The Canberra Highland Gathering is no different. So at 7.30pm on 7 October the Ceilidh night kicks off at the Canberra Burns Club, our naming rights sponsor. The Club, which is across the road from the Gathering oval, will host the event on its spectacular outdoor entertainment area – The Glen. The band for the evening will be Humbug, one of the very best folk music bands in the Canberra region. There will also be a highland dancing display, some bagpiping and then of course the usual impromptu and inclusive dancing of Strip the Willow, singing of Flower of Scotland and other such Scottish favourites. Entry is free and the Ceilidh continues until you have had enough!

For those of you thinking you may have a meal at the Club pre the Ceilidh, one option is a sit down meal at the Club's famous Star Buffet venue. Bookings however will be essential. Or you can choose bar snacks such as pizza, chicken wings etc which will be on sale throughout the evening.

We look forward to seeing you at the Ceilidh!



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- F5 Foodie Lads
- 26 Burns Club Football Club BBQ
- F10 Emily Pedan Ice Cream
- F3 David's Larder
- F7 Gumtee Australia
- F4 Riverbourne Distillery
- 28 Cafe Loko

CLANS

- 2 Clan Campbell
- 3 Clan Davidson Society in Australia
- 3A Clan Buchanan
- 6 Clan Edmonstone and Clan Douglas
- 7 Clan Farquharson Association Australia
- 4 Scottish Aust. Heritage (SAHC)
- 8 Clan Gregor
- 5 Clan Donald
- 11 Clan MacAulay Clan in Australia
- 8 Scottish Aust Heritage
- 9 Clan Hope
- 10 Clan Macarthur
- 12 Clan Macewen
- 13 Clan Macpherson
- 14 Clan Macrae
- 15 Clan Sutherland

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