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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 11th Canberra Highland Gathering.

We have a very busy and entertaining program planned for the day. The solo piping and drumming competition and the ACT Highland Dancing Championships commence at 9am and run throughout the day. Opening massed bands will kick off at 10am after which we move into a program of constant entertainment around the ground. In the southern corner of the ground individual pipe band performances will run from 11.30am until around 4pm.

This year for the first time we have introduced an additional four new events. Dog sports displays from the Canberra Sled Dog club and the Tuggeranong Dog Training Club; a soccer skills session run by the Burns Football Club; and a Kilted Dash which is a traditional element in Scottish Highland Gatherings. We hope you enjoy these additions to our program.

We also have 17 food vendors in attendance, as well 12 Clan Tents and almost 30 market stalls. So lots of food and beverage options as well as multiple and mixed outlets where you might want to buy those Christmas presents or Scottish items of interest.

All of this entertainment comes with no entry fee to the ground. This reflects our philosophy that we want the Gathering to be easily accessible to everyone who has or may have an interest in Scottish culture and cultural activities.

However it is not possible to run an event of this size and with no entry fee without generous and supportive sponsors. Accordingly I want to acknowledge and extend a very big thank you to the following organisations - the Canberra Burns Club who has once again agreed to be our naming rights sponsor, Capital Honda, St Kilda Retail, BentSpoke Brewing Co, Canberra City Pipes & Drums, and The Happy Neurons Company. I want to also thank the many individuals who made smaller financial contributions which have been important in helping us fund and stage this event.

A thank you also to our VIP guest for the day, Matt Anderson PSM, Director of the Australian War Memorial. Matt will officially open the Gathering at the opening massed bands and is our Chieftain of the Day.

A thank you to my organising Committee and the many other volunteers who have worked hard today and for many months in the lead up to make this day possible. Each of you have made enormous contributions and you should be proud of what you have done to make this such a large and successful celebration of Scottish culture. Volunteers play a critical role in our community and today's event is just one further example of what volunteers do to help promote community wellbeing and social interaction.

Finally, if a full 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.

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

Athol Chalmers
President
Canberra College of Piping & Drumming



PROGRAM OF EVENTS

9am – 4pm	Highland Dancing competition
9am - 4pm	Solo piping & drumming competition
10am	Opening Ceremony and Massed Pipes & Drums
11am	Canberra Sled Dog Club demonstration
11:30am – 4pm	Pipe band displays
11.30am	Kilted Warriors Heavy Events display
12pm	Flyball demonstration
12:30pm	Soccer skills
1:30pm	Kilted dash
2.00pm	Kilted Warriors Heavy Events display
2:30pm	National Military re-enactment display
3.30pm	Kilted Warriors Heavy Events display
4.30pm	Closing Ceremony and Massed Pipes & Drums



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.



KILTED WARRIORS



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 - Kurt is a high school PE teacher from the Hunter Valley. He is the 2020 Winner of the Newcastle Highlander Championship; 3 time Australian Brick Throwing Champion; placed 4th at the Oceanic Championship in NZ; 2nd at the East Coast Championship 2023; 3rd at Aberdeen 2023; 3rd at the Canberra Gathering 2023; 4th at the Oceanic Championships in Hororata 2023; 2nd at the East Coast championships 2023 and 5th at the National Highlander Championships at Saltire estate this year.

Andrew Fraser (Frazer the Amazer) - A proud Ngunnawal-Wallabalooa man with ancestral ties to Fife Shire, Scotland, hence Fraser. Andrew is 32 years old and has been competing in Strength Sports since 2014. Mainly Strongman, some Powerlifting, and a few Highland Games. His achievements include 5 times NSW Strongest Man podium; 2019 NSW Strongest Man; Top 10 Australia's Strongest Man; Australian representative Powerlifting Champion, multiple federation state and national champion; Multiple highland games and stone lifting champion.

Aidan Canini - 29 years old. Retired from strongman, and currently playing rugby league. His Scottish ancestors have been in Australia since 1840. This will be his first Highland Games. He currently holds 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.

Robbie Braithwaite - 42 years old. Relatively latecomer to highlands and strength sports in general. He has trained for Highland Games for just over 24 months and competed in strength sports for 5-6.

First year in Highland Games,

First comp - hayland gathering 2nd masters

Second comp - Melbourne Celtic festival 3rd masters

Competed at Australian nationals 2023

-Weight over bar champion - masters

Royal Adelaide show 2023 highlander challenge

South Australian championships 2023

Hayland gathering 2nd place 2024

Melbourne gathering 2nd place 2024

Recently returned from competing in Scotland, throwing with the big boys at the Braemar Gathering.

CANBERRA SLED DOG CLUB

Dry Land dog-sledding is a sport with clubs all over the world, including Scotland!. The Canberra Sled Dog Club was formed in 1996. Club members train during the colder months every weekend at Kowen Forest just near Queanbeyan. The annual Canberra Classic is held over the third weekend in August every year. If you have an enthusiastic Dog over 12kgs you might like to come and have a go and see if this sport is for you and your best fur-friend. Find out more at www.canberrasleddogclub.com and catch the demonstration at 11am.



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.

FLYBALL

Flyball is a canine team sport which is founded on the activities that dogs love to do – run, jump, fetch, retrieve, compete and most of all: their desire to please their owners.

There is no discrimination in Flyball. Any dog; regardless of breed, size, shape or formal training, can participate and join in on the fun. The Tuggeranong Dog Training Club will be demonstrating this fast-paced sport at midday.



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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.



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SCOTTISH CEILIDH NIGHT

It is traditional at most Highland Gatherings that once the day's activities are over it's time to relax and enjoy the camaraderie that is at the heart of Scottish cultural events. The Canberra Highland Gathering is no different. So at 7.30pm on 12 October the Ceilidh night kicks off at the Canberra Burns Club, our naming rights sponsor. The band for the evening will be Humbug, one of the very best folk music bands in the Canberra region. There will also no doubt be some impromptu highland dancing and bagpiping. 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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- F4 Le Petit Breton
- 47 Bakers wanna Bake

CLANS

- 13 Clan Innes
- 3 Clan Maclaren
- 4A Clan Buchanan
- 6 Clan Edmonstone and Clan Douglas
- 4 Scottish Aust. Heritage (SAHC)
- 8 Clan Gregor
- 9 Clan Hope
- 12 Clan MacEwen
- 7 Clan Macpherson
- 5 Clan Macrae
- 11 Clan Sinclair
- 10 Clan Mackenzie

MARKET STALL'S

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