

**THE 74th**  
**HAWKE'S BAY EASTER HIGHLAND GATHERING**  
CONDUCTED UNDER THE RULES OF THE PIPING AND DANCING ASSN OF NZ (Inc)

**SOLO PIPING EVENT**

**THE MURRAY HENDERSON CLASP TO THE CNP  
GOLD MEDAL**

**FRIDAY EVENING 3rd April 2026 (5.30pm)**

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Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals  
NZ Championship Piobaireachd Under 21

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Lindisfarne Dirk and Sgian Dubh  
Double March Strathspey and Reel

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My Own Tune Open

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**NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN Solo Piping**

**SATURDAY 4 April 2026 and SUNDAY 5 April 2026**

Commencing from 9.00 am

LINDISFARNE COLLEGE - PAKOWHAI ROAD, HASTINGS

**ADJUDICATORS**

|                  |              |                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
| Mr James Murray  | Australia    | Mr Iain Hines    | Wellington   |
| Mr Richard Hawke | Christchurch | Mr George Mason  | Wellington   |
| Mr Bain McGregor | Waipu        | Mr Peter MacLean | Christchurch |

**DIGITAL ENTRY VIA:**

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/HawkesBayEasterHighlandGames/The74thHawkesBayEasterHighlandGatheringSoloPipingEvent2026> (link to be loaded on our FB page)

**Entries close: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (Please no late entries, date has been extended)**

**Queries: [Email:highlandgamespipingentries@xtra.co.nz](mailto:highlandgamespipingentries@xtra.co.nz)**

**CANCELLATION OF ENTRIES:** 80% of entry fee only will be refunded if doctor's certificate is produced. Refunds will not be made on the day and will be ratified by the committee.

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Centre Hawke's Bay  
Approved  
Date 18/2/25



## FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2026 EVENING EVENT – 5.30pm (approx.)

### 55<sup>th</sup> COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD GOLD CLASP

COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN THE AUDITORIUM LINDISFARNE COLLEGE, HASTINGS

Judges; Mr J Murray, Mr R Hawke

#### Event 1 (AE) THE MURRAY HENDERSON CLASP TO THE CNP GOLD MEDAL

Cash Prizes kindly sponsored by the Clan Donald Trust for the Gaelic Performing Arts

|                                   | 1st    | 2nd    | 3rd    | 4th    | Entry |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD GOLD CLASP | 500.00 | 300.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 25.00 |
| LOUIS MACKINNON CHALLENGE CUP     |        |        |        |        |       |

Important Note: Entry to any of these competitions is restricted to current members of CNP.

The winner receives the First Prize, the Louis MacKinnon Challenge Cup, the Clan Donald Trust Targe and a Clasp to the Gold Medal. The competition is confined to winners of the Society's Gold Medal.

#### **CLASP COMPETITION TUNES FOR 2026**

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| 1. The Finger Lock (#)                     | PS 1, K                            |
| 2. Donald Gruamach's March (#)             | PS 2, K                            |
| 3. Lament for the Earl of Antrim           | PS 3, K                            |
| 4. Lament for the Children                 | PS 3, K                            |
| 5. Patrick Og MacCrimmon's Lament (#)      | PS 3, K                            |
| 6. The Earl of Seaforth's Salute           | PS 5, K                            |
| 7. Lady MacDonald's Lament                 | PS 8, K                            |
| 8. Nameless Cherede Darievea               | PS 8, K                            |
| 9. The Laird of Anapool's Lament           | PS 9                               |
| 10. MacLeod of Colbeck's Lament            | PS 10                              |
| 11. My Dearest on Earth, Give me your Kiss | PS 11                              |
| 12. Lament for the Harp Tree               | PS 12, K                           |
| 13. Port Urlar                             | PS 12                              |
| 14. Lament for Donald Duaghal MacKay       | PS 13, K                           |
| 15. Lament for King George III             | PS 14                              |
| 16. The Phantom Piper of Corrieyairack     | PS 20th Century Piob. 2020 edition |
| 17. A Son's Salute to his Parents          | Donald MacLeod Piob. 2019 edition  |
| 18. The Edinburgh Piobaireachd             | John MacLellan Ceol Mor            |

*Competitors are to submit 4 tunes chosen from the list above, one of which they will be required to play.*

*Competitors are not restricted to settings in the Piobaireachd Society Collection and Kilberry Book. Those who wish to play alternative settings should submit legible scores, indicating the origins of the settings, to the competition organisers.*

*There must be a minimum of 3 competitors, or the event will not be held.*

Adult spectator admission fee will apply – bar facilities available.

# PIPING EVENTS SATURDAY

Event (AE) = Aggregate Events for Grade points trophies

## PREMIER EVENTS BOARD

|   | 1st    | 2nd    | 3rd    | 4th   | Entry |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 2(AE) <b>D GRADE PIOBAIREACHD</b> (Ground plus one variation)   | 40.00  | 30.00  | 15.00  |       | 8.00  |
| 3 <b>NOVICE PIOBAIREACHD</b> (Ground only)  | 30.00  | 20.00  | 10.00  |       | 8.00  |
| 4 <b>NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP UNDER 21 PIOBAIREACHD</b><br>(Qualifying event for William Boyle Memorial Foundation) | 200.00 | 150.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 | 15.00 |

## A GRADE BOARD

**\*\*After playing the 6/8 March, the competitor will remain on the board to retune then play the Hornpipe & Jig\*\***

|   | 1st    | 2nd    | 3rd   | 4th   | Entry |
|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5 <b>HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN 6/8 MARCH</b>          | 120.00 | 80.00  | 50.00 | 25.00 | 10.00 |
| 6(AE) <b>NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP HORNPIPE &amp; JIG</b> | 150.00 | 100.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 |

## SATURDAY EVENING EVENT Approximately 5.30pm

| 7(AE) <b>8<sup>th</sup> The Lindisfarne Dirk and Sgian Dubh</b> | 1st    | 2nd    | 3rd    | 4th    | Entry |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| <b>Double March Strathspey and Reel</b>                         | 500.00 | 300.00 | 200.00 | 100.00 | 25.00 |
| LINDISFARNE DIRK AND SGIAN DUBH TROPHY                          |        |        |        |        |       |
| Kindly sponsored by Scots n Spirit and P & D Hawke's Bay Centre |        |        |        |        |       |

### ***Entry to The Lindisfarne Dirk and Sgian Dubh Double MSR***

- This event is open to all players graded 'A' by the Piping and Dancing Association of New Zealand and any international A Grade players
- Competitors shall submit SIX of each type of tune, of their own choice, one of each to be selected by the adjudicators for the competitor to play
- Each tune is to be played twice over in succession, i.e. March played twice over, then Strathspey etc.
- Tunes are to be submitted with your entry form
- Tunes selected by the judges for each player will be available from the Piping Convenor Saturday morning
- Competitors will have 5 minutes of tuning time on the board.
- This event may be live streamed and or recorded.

## B GRADE BOARD

Two tunes to be submitted for B Grade.

**\*\*After playing the 2/4 March the competitor will remain on the board to retune then play the Strathspey & Reel\*\***

|   | 1st    | 2nd   | 3rd   | Entry |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 8 <b>HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP 6/8 MARCH</b> | 100.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 | 8.00  |
| GOLD MEDAL                                  |        |       |       |       |
| 9 (AE) <b>2/4 MARCH</b>                     | 80.00  | 40.00 | 20.00 | 7.00  |
| 10(AE) <b>STRATHSPEY &amp; REEL</b>         | 80.00  | 40.00 | 20.00 | 7.00  |

## C & D GRADE BOARD

Previous winners of C Grade at Hawke's Bay Easter Highland Gathering are not eligible for D Grade events

|  | 1st   | 2nd   | 3rd   | Entry |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 11 <b>NOVICE SLOW MARCH</b>  | 15.00 | 10.00 | 7.50  | 6.00  |
| GOLD MEDAL   |       |       |       |       |
| 12(AE) <b>C GRADE HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP STRATHSPEY AND REEL</b> |       |       |       |       |
| GOLD MEDAL   | 30.00 | 20.00 | 15.00 | 7.00  |
| 13(AE) <b>D GRADE 2/4 MARCH</b>                                    | 20.00 | 12.50 | 10.00 | 6.00  |
| GOLD MEDAL   |       |       |       |       |
| 14(AE) <b>C GRADE 6/8 MARCH</b>                                    | 25.00 | 15.00 | 10.00 | 7.00  |
| GOLD MEDAL   |       |       |       |       |



## SUNDAY PREMIER EVENTS

Event (AE) = Aggregate Events for Grade points trophies

### PREMIER EVENTS BOARD

|  | 1st    | 2nd   | 3rd   | 4th   | Entry |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 15(AE) 13 <sup>th</sup> <b>BRONZE MEDAL PIOBAIREACHD</b>             | 100.00 | 70.00 | 50.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 |
| COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD (NZ) INC BRONZE MEDAL                         |        |       |       |       |       |
| Event sponsored by Clan Donald Trust for the Gaelic Performing Arts. |        |       |       |       |       |
| The Bronze Medal sponsored by Donald Gannaway                        |        |       |       |       |       |

Important Note: Entry to any of these competitions is restricted to current members of CNP.

**Competitors to submit 2 tunes of their own choice, one of which they will be required to play.**  
**Please submit tunes on the attached Entry Form.**

- a. Entry to the Bronze Medal competition is restricted to pipers with a P & D Assn of NZ 'C' Grade or lower.
- b. **Note that a competitor entered for the Bronze Medal cannot play up in the Silver Medal Event.**
- c. Former winners are not eligible to compete.
- d. No medal will be awarded if the Judges are of the opinion that the standard does not warrant the award.

Competitors are not restricted to settings in the Piobaireachd Society Collection and Kilberry Book. Those who wish to play alternative settings should submit legible scores, indicating the origins of the settings, to competition organisers along with their tune selections.

|   | 1st    | 2nd    | 3rd    | 4th   | Entry |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| 16(AE) 20 <sup>th</sup> <b>SILVER MEDAL PIOBAIREACHD</b>                      | 200.00 | 150.00 | 100.00 | 50.00 | 12.00 |
| COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD SILVER MEDAL and the JOHN ALLAN MACGEE MEMORIAL TROPHY |        |        |        |       |       |

Event sponsored by the Clan Donald Trust for the Gaelic Performing Arts.  
The Silver Medal and Tune book sponsored by Mr Bruce Cawood

Competitors are to **submit 3 tunes** chosen from the list of 6 Silver Medal tunes below, one of which they will be required to play. Former winners are not eligible to compete.

### **The tunes for the 2026 Silver Medal Competition will be:**

- |   |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Lament for the Castle of Dunyveg         | PS 1                              |
| 2. The Rout of Glenfruin (#)                | PS 8, K                           |
| 3. Farewell to the Laird of Islay (#)       | PS 9                              |
| 4. Lament for the Iolaire                   | Donald MacLeod Piob. 2019 edition |
| 5. Lament for John Morrison of Assynt House | Donald MacLeod Piob. 2019 edition |
| 6. Marquis of Argyll's Salute               | PS 10                             |

Please submit tunes on the attached Entry Form.

- a. Entry to the Comunn na Piobaireachd Silver Medal competition is restricted to pipers who have not won the Comunn na Piobaireachd Silver Medal and who are pipers with a P & D Assn of NZ B Grade.
- b. Previous winners of the Comunn na Piobaireachd Bronze Medal are eligible for entry to the Silver Medal.
- c. Competitors are not restricted to settings in the Piobaireachd Society Collection and Kilberry Book. Those who wish to play alternative settings should submit legible scores, indicating the origins of the settings, to the competition organisers.
- d. No medal will be awarded if the Judges are of the opinion that the standard does not warrant the award.

PS = Piobaireachd Society Collection

K = Kilberry Book of Ceol Mor

(#) = indicates a crunluath a mach movement is required

|     |     |     |     |       |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Entry |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|

COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD (NZ) INC GOLD MEDAL, THE HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF LONDON TROPHY  
IAN CAMERON CHALLENGE CUP

Event sponsored by Clan Donald Trust for the Gaelic Performing Arts.

Important Note: Entry to any of these competitions is restricted to current members of CNP.

### The tunes for the 2026 Gold Medal Competition will be:

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| 1. Nameless Hiharin dro o dro          | PS 4, K |
| 2. The Pride of Barra (#)              | PS 5, K |
| 3. The King's Taxes                    | PS 5, K |
| 4. The Earl of Seaforth's Salute       | PS 5, K |
| 5. Beloved Scotland                    | PS 6, K |
| 6. The MacDonalds are Simple (#)       | PS 9    |
| 7. The Battle of Bealach nam Brog      | PS 9    |
| 8. Lament for Captain Donald MacKenzie | PS 15   |

Competitors are to **submit 4 tunes** chosen from the list of 8 Gold Medal tunes above, one of which they will be required to play. Please submit tunes on the attached Entry Form.

Entry to the Comunn na Piobaireachd Gold Medal competition is restricted to pipers who have not previously won the Comunn na Piobaireachd Gold Medal event and who are:

- Pipers with a P&D Assn 'A' Grade, or
- Pipers who have been awarded a prize (other than first prize) in a previous Comunn na Piobaireachd Gold Medal competition since 1990, or
- Pipers who have previously won the Comunn na Piobaireachd Silver Medal competition.
- No medal will be awarded if the Judges are of the opinion that the standard does not warrant the award.

### 5th Open Event (Run under HB Centre P&D Rules)

|  | 1st    | 2nd   | 3rd   | Entry |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 18 My Own Tune   | 120.00 | 80.00 | 50.00 | 10.00 |
| Pipers to play their own composition in any time signature. (Piobaireachd or light music). Event to be played after the B Grade Medley in the Atrium Sunday afternoon. Can be played on any pipe including electric. |        |       |       |       |

### A GRADE BOARD

\*\*After playing the 2/4 March, the competitor will remain on the board to retune then play the S & R\*\*

|   | 1st    | 2nd    | 3rd   | 4th   | Entry |
|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 19(AE) HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN 2/4 MARCH          | 120.00 | 80.00  | 50.00 | 25.00 | 10.00 |
| 20(AE) NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN STRATHSPEY & REEL | 150.00 | 100.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 | 15.00 |

### B GRADE BOARD

Two tunes to be submitted for B Grade and Under 21 Events

\*\*After playing the MSR the competitor will remain on the board to retune then play the H & J\*\*

|   | 1st    | 2nd   | 3rd   | 4th   | Entry |
|---|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 21(AE) HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP MARCH STRATHSPEY & REEL   |        |       |       |       |       |
| GOLD MEDAL  | 100.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 |       | 8.00  |
| CLAN GUNN SOCIETY CHALLENGE CUP                           |        |       |       |       |       |
| 22(AE) HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP HORNSPIPE & JIG           | 100.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 |       | 8.00  |
| GOLD MEDAL  |        |       |       |       |       |
| 23 UNDER 21 STRATHSPEY & REEL                             | 80.00  | 40.00 | 20.00 | 10.00 | 7.00  |
| (Qualifying event for William Boyle Memorial Foundation)  |        |       |       |       |       |
| 24 MEDLEY (min. 5 tunes competitors' choice, max 5 mins). | 100.00 | 50.00 | 25.00 |       | 8.00  |



## C & D GRADE BOARD

Previous winners of C Grade at Hawke's Bay Easter Highland Gathering are not eligible for D Grade events

|        |  | 1st   | 2nd   | 3rd   | Entry         |
|--------|--|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| 25     | <b>NOVICE 2/4, 3/4, or 4/4 MARCH</b> (Minimum two part tune, once through only)                              |       |       |       |               |
|        | GOLD MEDAL   | 15.00 | 10.00 | 7.50  | 6.00          |
| 26(AE) | <b>C GRADE 2/4 MARCH</b>   | 25.00 | 15.00 | 10.00 | 7.00          |
|        | GOLD MEDAL   |       |       |       |               |
| 27     | <b>D GRADE SLOW MARCH</b>  | 20.00 | 12.50 | 10.00 | Entry<br>7.00 |
|        | GOLD MEDAL   |       |       |       |               |
| 28(AE) | <b>D GRADE HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP STRATHSPEY &amp; REEL</b><br>(Minimum two part tunes, once through each) |       |       |       |               |
|        | GOLD MEDAL   | 30.00 | 20.00 | 15.00 | 7.00          |

## WILLIAM BOYLE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION UNDER 21

The following U21 events are included in the WBMF U21 competition:

|          |   |   |
|----------|---|---|
| EVENT 4  | - | <b>UNDER 21 NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP PIOBAIREACHD</b> |
| EVENT 23 | - | <b>UNDER 21 STRATHSPEY &amp; REEL</b>                 |

Terms and conditions for the WBMF U21 Competition can be viewed at [www.pipersclub.co.nz/william-boyle-memorial-foundation](http://www.pipersclub.co.nz/william-boyle-memorial-foundation)

## GENERAL PIPING CONDITIONS

1. All competitors to be suitably attired in Highland dress.
2. Competitors **MUST** report to Board Stewards prior to **EACH EVENT** otherwise their right to compete may be forfeited.
3. **Competitors will play in order as listed in programme** and should have their pipes tuned in readiness unless special circumstances occur. Any changes to be arranged with stewards prior to each event.
4. Pipers should have their pipes tuned in readiness when called on to compete and shall have for tuning at the competition platform such time only as the judge's discretion may allow, normally within the time limit of three (3) minutes for light music and five (5) minutes for Piobaireachd.

## 2026 SOLO PIPING CHALLENGE TROPHIES

HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF LONDON TROPHY  
and the IAN CAMERON CHALLENGE CUP

*Gold Medal Piobaireachd*

L. MACKINNON CHALLENGE CUP

*Gold Clasp Piobaireachd*

JOHN ALLAN MACGEE MEMORIAL TROPHY

*Silver Medal Piobaireachd*

And the 'BINNEAS IS BORERAIG' TUNE Book

COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD (NZ) INC Medal

*Bronze Medal Piobaireachd*

LINDISFARNE DIRK AND SGIAN DUBH TROPHY

*Double MSR*

BARRY BROUGHAM MEMORIAL QUAICH

*My Own Tune*

MASTER SHOWMEN'S ASSN CHALLENGE CUP

*Most Points A Grade Piping during event*

MICHAEL GORDON CHALLENGE CUP

*Most Points B Grade Piping during event*

CLAN GUNN SOCIETY CHALLENGE CUP

*B Grade MSR*

AGNEW'S CHALLENGE CUP

*Most Points C Grade Piping during event*

CITY OF HASTINGS PIPE BAND TROPHY

*Most Points D Grade Piping during event*

*Points Trophies are awarded on a 5 - 3 - 1 ratio for the first three places*