

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

P'DANZ
Centre Hawke's Bay
Approved
Date 18/12/25

SOLO PIPING EVENT

THE MURRAY HENDERSON CLASP TO THE CNP GOLD MEDAL

FRIDAY EVENING 3rd April 2026 (5.30pm)

Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals
NZ Championship Piobaireachd Under 21

Lindisfarne Dirk and Sgian Dubh
Double March Strathspey and Reel

My Own Tune Open



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.cognitoforms.com/HawkesBayEasterHighlandGames/The74thHawkesBayEasterHighlandGatheringSoloPipingEvent2026> (link to be loaded on our FB page)

Entries close: 1st March 2026 (Please no late entries, date has been extended)

Queries: Email: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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FRIDAY 3rd APRIL 2026 EVENING EVENT – 5.30pm (approx.)

55th 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 LOUIS MACKINNON CHALLENGE CUP	500.00	300.00	200.00	100.00	25.00

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 Duagh 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)	D GRADE PIOBAIREACHD (Ground plus one variation)	40.00	30.00	15.00		8.00
3	NOVICE PIOBAIREACHD (Ground only)	30.00	20.00	10.00		8.00
4	NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP <u>UNDER 21</u> PIOBAIREACHD (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	HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN 6/8 MARCH	120.00	80.00	50.00	25.00	10.00
6(AE)	NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP HORNPIPE & JIG	150.00	100.00	60.00	30.00	15.00

SATURDAY EVENING EVENT Approximately 5.30pm

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Entry	
7(AE)	8th The Lindisfarne Dirk and Sgian Dubh Double March Strathspey and Reel	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	HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP 6/8 MARCH	100.00	50.00	25.00
	GOLD MEDAL			8.00
9 (AE)	2/4 MARCH	80.00	40.00	20.00
10(AE)	STRATHSPEY & REEL	80.00	40.00	20.00
				7.00
				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	NOVICE SLOW MARCH	15.00	10.00	7.50
	GOLD MEDAL			6.00
12(AE)	C GRADE HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP STRATHSPEY AND REEL	30.00	20.00	15.00
	GOLD MEDAL			7.00
13(AE)	D GRADE 2/4 MARCH	20.00	12.50	10.00
	GOLD MEDAL			6.00
14(AE)	C GRADE 6/8 MARCH	25.00	15.00	10.00
	GOLD MEDAL			7.00

SUNDAY PREMIER EVENTS

Event (AE) = Aggregate Events for Grade points trophies

PREMIER EVENTS BOARD

		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Entry
15(AE) 13 th BRONZE MEDAL PIOBAIREACHD	COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD (NZ) INC BRONZE MEDAL	100.00	70.00	50.00	20.00	10.00

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 th SILVER MEDAL PIOBAIREACHD	COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD SILVER MEDAL and the JOHN ALLAN MACGEE MEMORIAL TROPHY	200.00	150.00	100.00	50.00	12.00

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
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17 68th GOLD MEDAL PIOMAIREACHD

350.00 250.00 150.00 100.00 17.50

COMUNN NA PIOMAIREACHD (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:

- a. Pipers with a P&D Assn 'A' Grade, or
- b. Pipers who have been awarded a prize (other than first prize) in a previous Comunn na Piobaireachd Gold Medal competition since 1990, or
- c. Pipers who have previously won the Comunn na Piobaireachd Silver Medal competition.
- d. 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	100.00	50.00	25.00		8.00
	GOLD MEDAL					
	CLAN GUNN SOCIETY CHALLENGE CUP					
22(AE)	HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP HORNPIPE & 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	NOVICE 2/4, 3/4, or 4/4 MARCH (Minimum two part tune, once through only)				
	GOLD MEDAL	15.00	10.00	7.50	6.00
26(AE)	C GRADE 2/4 MARCH	25.00	15.00	10.00	7.00
	GOLD MEDAL				
27	D GRADE SLOW MARCH	20.00	12.50	10.00	Entry 7.00
	GOLD MEDAL				
28(AE)	D GRADE HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP STRATHSPEY & REEL (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	-	UNDER 21 NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP PIOMAIREACHD
EVENT 23	-	UNDER 21 STRATHSPEY & REEL

Terms and conditions for the WBMF U21 Competition can be viewed at 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

Gold Medal Piobaireachd

and the IAN CAMERON CHALLENGE CUP

L. MACKINNON CHALLENGE CUP

Gold Clasp Piobaireachd

JOHN ALLAN MACGEE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Silver Medal Piobaireachd

And the 'BINNEAS IS BORERAIG' TUNE Book

COMUNN NA PIOMAIREACHD (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