

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

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Centre Hawke's Bay  
Approved  
Date 18/02/25

## 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.cognitoforms.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.

*If you elect not to grant the Association/Society the right to use your image, it is your responsibility to remove yourself from situations where photos are likely to be taken, such as at presentation time. The Association does not guarantee that your image will not be published as part of a larger group or performance photograph, and by participating in the competition or event you automatically waive your rights in respect of such image.*

## 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> (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

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Entry	
7(AE)	<b>8<sup>th</sup> The Lindisfarne Dirk and Sgian Dubh</b> 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	<b>HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP 6/8 MARCH</b>	100.00	50.00	25.00
	GOLD MEDAL			8.00
9 (AE)	<b>2/4 MARCH</b>	80.00	40.00	20.00
10(AE)	<b>STRATHSPEY &amp; REEL</b>	80.00	40.00	20.00

### 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
	GOLD MEDAL			6.00
12(AE)	<b>C GRADE HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP STRATHSPEY AND REEL</b>	30.00	20.00	15.00
	GOLD MEDAL			7.00
13(AE)	<b>D GRADE 2/4 MARCH</b>	20.00	12.50	10.00
	GOLD MEDAL			6.00
14(AE)	<b>C GRADE 6/8 MARCH</b>	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)	<b>13<sup>th</sup> BRONZE MEDAL PIOBAIREACHD</b> 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	100.00	70.00	50.00	20.00	10.00

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)	<b>20<sup>th</sup> SILVER MEDAL PIOBAIREACHD</b> 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

17	68 <sup>th</sup> GOLD MEDAL PIOMAIREACHD	350.00	250.00	150.00	100.00	17.50
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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:

- 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.

<b>5th Open Event</b> (Run under HB Centre P&D Rules)		1st	2nd	3rd	Entry
18	<b>My Own Tune</b>	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\*\*

19(AE) HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN 2/4 MARCH		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Entry
		120.00	80.00	50.00	25.00	10.00

20(AE) NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP OPEN STRATHSPEY & REEL		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Entry
		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\*\*

21(AE) HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP MARCH STRATHSPEY & REEL		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Entry
	GOLD MEDAL	100.00	50.00	25.00		8.00
	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	<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> GOLD MEDAL	25.00	15.00	10.00	7.00
27	<b>D GRADE SLOW MARCH</b> GOLD MEDAL	20.00	12.50	10.00	<b>Entry</b> 7.00
28(AE)	<b>D GRADE HAWKE'S BAY CHAMPIONSHIP STRATHSPEY &amp; REEL</b> (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 PIOBAIREACHD**  
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](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**

<b>HIGHLAND SOCIETY OF LONDON TROPHY</b> <i>and the IAN CAMERON CHALLENGE CUP</i>	<i>Gold Medal Piobaireachd</i>
<b>L. MACKINNON CHALLENGE CUP</b>	<i>Gold Clasp Piobaireachd</i>
<b>JOHN ALLAN MACGEE MEMORIAL TROPHY</b> <i>And the 'BINNEAS IS BORERAIG' TUNE Book</i>	<i>Silver Medal Piobaireachd</i>
<b>COMUNN NA PIOBAIREACHD (NZ) INC Medal</b>	<i>Bronze Medal Piobaireachd</i>
<b>LINDISFARNE DIRK AND SGIAN DUBH TROPHY</b>	<i>Double MSR</i>
<b>BARRY BROUGHAM MEMORIAL QUAICH</b>	<i>My Own Tune</i>
<b>MASTER SHOWMEN'S ASSN CHALLENGE CUP</b>	<i>Most Points A Grade Piping during event</i>
<b>MICHAEL GORDON CHALLENGE CUP</b>	<i>Most Points B Grade Piping during event</i>
<b>CLAN GUNN SOCIETY CHALLENGE CUP</b>	<i>B Grade MSR</i>
<b>AGNEW'S CHALLENGE CUP</b>	<i>Most Points C Grade Piping during event</i>
<b>CITY OF HASTINGS PIPE BAND TROPHY</b>	<i>Most Points D Grade Piping during event</i>

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