

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

SOLO PIPING EVENT

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

**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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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 UNDER 21 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

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

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| 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 PIOBAIREACHD

350.00 250.00 150.00 100.00 17.50

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	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 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

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