



74TH DAYLESFORD HIGHLAND GATHERING



SATURDAY DECEMBER 6TH 2025

Pipe Band Street March 9AM VINCENT ST
Highland Games Highland Dance Championships
Pipe Band Contest & Massed Bands Clan Tents
Barwon Academy of Arms Challenge
Highland Cattle & Highland Breed Dogs on show
Food & Market Stalls 9AM-4.30PM VICTORIA PARK

TICKET ENTRY: Adults- \$15 Kids 16 & Under- FREE

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Hepburn Shire Council is on Dja Dja Wurrung Country.

Hepburn Shire Council acknowledges the Dja Dja Wurrung as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waters on which we live and work. On these lands, Djaara have performed age-old ceremonies of celebration, initiation and renewal. We recognise their resilience through dispossession, and it is a testament to their continuing culture and tradition, which is strong and thriving. We also acknowledge the neighbouring Traditional Owners, the Wurundjeri to our South East and the Wadawurrung to our South West and pay our respect to all Aboriginal peoples, their culture, and lore. We acknowledge their living culture and the unique role they play in the life of this region.

Daylesford Highland Gathering

Saturday 6th December 2025

Sequence of Events

09.00 am	<i>Pipe Band – Street March</i>
09.30	<i>Highland Dancing Commences</i>
09.30	<i>Vic Highland Heavy Events</i>
10.00	<i>BAA Scathach Challenge – Broadsword Tournament</i>
10.30	<i>Pipe Band Competition Commences</i>
11.00	<i>Highland Dogs Display - Q & A</i>
11.30	<i>Light Hammer Throw</i>
12.30	<i>Heavy Hammer Throw</i>
12.45	<i>Official Opening</i>
1.30	<i>Caber Toss Events</i>
1.45	<i>BAA Broadsword Final</i>
3.00	<i>BAA Grand Final Broadsword Match</i>
3.55	<i>Caber Toss – Main Arena</i>
4.00	<i>Massed Bands & Presentations</i>





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HEAVY EVENTS SCHEDULE

9:30AM	STONE PUT
10:30AM	WEIGHT FOR DISTANCE
11:30AM	LIGHT HAMMER THROW
12:30PM	HEAVY HAMMER THROW
1:30PM	CABER
2:30PM	WEIGHT OVER BAR



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Official Opener: Catherine King MP

Federal Member for Ballarat



"It is an enormous privilege representing our community and one I never take for granted.

I am focused each and every day on helping people in our community. Whether it's providing a service through mobile offices and market stalls, advocating for funding, or speaking about the amazing achievements of our community in Parliament.

I am all too aware that many people are doing it tough. Which is why I am proud to be part of a government that is delivering fairer tax cuts to every single taxpayer, funding Urgent Care Clinics and improving access to Medicare bulk billing and cheaper medicines. We're also increasing Commonwealth rent assistance and investing in public housing and homelessness services, getting wages moving again with pay increases for aged care workers and people on award wages.

There is always more to do."

Chieftain for the Day: Mr Donald Blair OAM

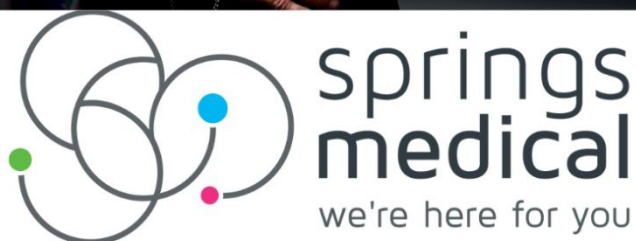


Donald started piping at a young age. He inherited a passion for the instrument from his father James, a Scottish immigrant who landed in Australia with nothing except his bagpipes. It's this very instrument Donald still plays and has done so for decades.

For more that 75 years Donald has devoted his time to passing on his love for the instrument, it's heritage and links to Scottish culture. He has generously taught generations of players in Warrnambool and around the country, was Pipe Major of Warrnambool Pipe

Band for over 40 years ensuring it's continued viability and success. Donald's students are highly regarded in the piping scene, for technical accuracy and musicality, and many have played at the highest level in Australia and overseas.

At 87 his enthusiasm continues unabated. Band members, friends and associates, past and present, applaud his remarkable achievements and contribution to the band, and the piping scene here and overseas.



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Pipe Bands Australia – Pipe Bands Victoria

CONTEST ELEMENTS - TIMETABLE & ORDER OF PLAY

Bands	Circle A	Circle B
Novice A	MSR/DI	Medley
Haileybury Pipes & Drums No.1	10.30	10.50
Scotch College Pipes and Drums No. 1	10.40	11.00
Novice B	SOM/DI	Medley
Haileybury Pipes & Drums No.2	10.50	11.10
PLC Pipe Band, Melbourne	11.00	11.20
Scotch College Pipes and Drums No.2	11.10	11.30
Ballarat Grammar	11.20	11.40
Scotch College Pipes and Drums No.3	11.30	-
Haileybury Pipes & Drums No.3	11.40	-
Grade 4A	MSR/DI	Medley
City of Melb. Highland Pipe Band No.2	11.50	12.10

Lunch and Official Opening Ceremony 12.15pm – 12.45pm

Duty bands: Warragul RSL Pipes & Drums - Daylesford & District Pipes & Drums,
Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band – Ambulance Victoria Pipes & Drums

SWCPDD 2026

WARRNAMBOOL PIPE BAND & SOUTH WEST COAST PIPER DRUMMER DANCER ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE DATE FOR THE 2026 WORKSHOP:

September 19th & 20th 2026

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SOUTH WEST COAST PIPER DRUMMER DANCER

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CONTEST ELEMENTS - TIMETABLE & ORDER OF PLAY

Bands	Circle A	Circle B
Grade 4B	MSR/DI	Medley
Haileybury Pipes & Drums No.2	12.45	13.05
Warrnambool Pipe Band	12.55	13.15
Haileybury Pipes & Drums No.3	13.05	13.25
Eastern Districts Pipe Band	13.15	13.35
Ballarat Grammer	13.25	13.45
Watsonia RSL Pipes & Drums	13.35	13.55
PLC Pipe Band, Melbourne	13.45	14.05
Scotch College Pipes and Drums No.2	13.55	14.15
Old Scotch Pipes & Drums No.2	14.05	14.25
City of Melb. Highland Pipe Band No.3	14.15	14.35
Golden City Pipe Band	14.25	14.45

Grade 2	MSR/DI	Medley
City of Melb. Highland Pipe Band No.1	14.35	14.55
Moorabbin City Pipe Band	14.45	15.05

Grade 3	MSR/DI	Medley
Haileybury Pipes & Drums No.1	14.55	15.15
Scotch College Pipes and Drums No.1	15.05	15.25
Old Scotch Pipes and Drums	15.15	15.35
Victoria Scottish Pipes and Drums	15.25	15.45

Massed Bands and presentations 16.00

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The Committee 2025

President – Cr Brian Hood, Vice President – Chris Sinclair

Secretary– Jess Mackenzie Wyer, Treasurer – Jeff Thornycroft

Committee Members – Jo Barron, Brad Wyer, Fran Fitzpatrick,

Jasmine Sinclair & Anthony Parker

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following for their generous support

Hi Paws Dog Training – Kyneton – Rough Collie Dog Display

Scottish Terrier Club of Victoria and West Highland White Terrier Club of Victoria

Ambre Bennett – Poll Highland Cattle Society

Daylesford Girl Guides

Springs Medical Centre



29th March 2026



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Presents

The Scáthach Challenge

Invitational Broadsword Tournament



Event Times

9:00 March

9:30 Sign up and safety briefing

10:00 Competition Starts

12:15 Break for lunch/demos, info session

1:00 Honour Guard

1:45 Finals

3:00 Grand Final Match

3:30 Awards Ceremony

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THE VICTORIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

and Supporting Competitions

ABHDI Reg No C21/2025,

VSCHDI V11/25

VSDMAI and LLHDA V12/25

All platforms commence at 9.30am

7 - 11 Years Victorian Championship

12 - 15 Years Victorian Championship

16 – 18 Years Victorian Championship

19 Years & Over Victorian Championship

Adjudicators:

Justine Banks, NSW. Justine Daly, NSW. Trish Ghiradello, ACT

NATIONAL PREMIER COMPETITION

Barracks Johnnie (4 Steps)

for dancers entering in the Championships

AGE GROUPS TO BE DECIDED ON RECEIPT OF ENTRIES

Prizes: Individual Dances: 1st \$10.00; 2nd \$8.00; 3rd \$6.00

VSCHDI Aboyne Premier Title

Open to all Premier dancers

Scottish Lilt

Blue Bonnets

Village Maid

All Dances, 4 Steps

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