

A THOUSAND WELCOMES

The Lower Clarence Scottish Association's annual gathering is the prime activity of our association and focuses on providing opportunities for pipe bands, solo pipers, drummers, dancers, sports men and women to participate in their chosen Scottish cultural heritage.

This Easter we present our Gathering and I trust that it will be enjoyed by all who attend.

To all who participate, I thank you for your continuing support and look forward to seeing you at the gathering. I wish you luck in the contest you compete in and once again, *a Thousand Welcomes!*

Chief Peter G Smith
Lower Clarence Scottish Association



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29-30 March 2024

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FRIDAY 29th MARCH 2023

AFTERNOON - from 12pm*

Solo Piping - (Grades B to D) and Drumming (Grades A to D)

Maclean Showground

Surround yourself in the enlivening sounds of the pipes and drums on the banks of the majestic Clarence River as you watch solo contestants compete across a number of events.

Gold coin donation.

EVENING - from 6pm*

McSwan Family Gold Medal A Grade Piping

Former Maclean Services Club, Salvation Army Hall & Clarence Valley Council Foyer

Listen to some of Australia's best solo pipers as they vie for the coveted **McSwan Family Gold Medal**, competing across three demanding disciplines of Piobaireachd, March, Strathspey and Reel and Air, Hornpipe and Jig.

Gold Coin donation.

Ceilidh in the Park - from 7pm*

McLachlan Park, Maclean

Enjoy all the colour and excitement of a **Scottish Ceilidh** with the music of the pipes and drums, Scottish folk performers, singing and traditional Highland dancing in a **relaxed family atmosphere** in picturesque riverbank setting.

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*All Times in Daylight Savings Time



SATURDAY 30th MARCH 2023

MORNING - from 8.30am*

Pipebands on Parade

River Street, Maclean

Join the crowds lining River Street when **Australia's Scottish Town** comes alive with the spectacular colour and sound of the **Pipe Bands on Parade**. Be early to get a great spot!

ALL DAY - from 9am*

119th Maclean Highland Gathering – Main Day

Maclean Showground

Choose a great vantage point under cover on the hill or mingle around the arena to experience a genuine gathering of the clans with **Scottish gift, music and clan stalls, great food and a public booth**.

See the **Highland dancers** as they test their agility, stamina, strength and creative expression, watch the thrill and spills of the **Highland sports** and delight in the sounds of the pipes and drums, as some of Australia's leading bands compete across six grades to be crowned the **119th Maclean Highland Champion**. Witness the stirring sounds of the Massed Pipe Band Display as up to 500 performers combine for a memorable finale to a magical day.

GATE ADMISSION

Adults \$15, Aged Pensioners \$10, School Students \$5

EVENING - From 7.30pm*

Former Maclean Services Club

Appreciate **solo piping at its finest** as you listen to some of the world's finest exponents of the Great Highland Bagpipe play a recital in immersive surroundings. Our previous guest pipers come from as far away as **Scotland, Canada, New Zealand**, all around **Australia**, winners of Gold Medal events in **Inverness, Oban** and the **Glenfiddich Piping Championship**. Check our website and follow us on Facebook to find out more.

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