

# A HUNDRED 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 Hundred Thousand Welcomes!*

**Chief Peter G Smith**  
**Lower Clarence Scottish Association**



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## THE 121<sup>st</sup> MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING

**3-4 APRIL 2026**

**EASTER LONG  
WEEKEND**

**SOLO PIPING  
PIPEBANDS ON PARADE  
HIGHLAND DANCING  
HIGHLAND SPORT  
PIPE BAND COMPETITION**

All times in Australia Eastern Daylight Time (AEDT)

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## FRIDAY 3 APRIL 2026

### AFTERNOON - from 12pm\*

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

##### Maclean Showground

Be enlivened by the sounds of the pipes and drums on the banks of the majestic Clarence River as you watch solo contestants compete in a tradition going back to 1893

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.

Gold coin donation

\*All times in AEDT



## SATURDAY 4 APRIL 2026

### 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\*

#### 121<sup>st</sup> 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 **121<sup>st</sup> 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 8pm\*

#### International Piping Recital - Former Maclean Services Club

Experience one of the world's finest exponents of the **Great Highland Bagpipe** in immersive surroundings. This year's guest, **Willie McCallum** is a generational talent, having won the Bratach Gorm, Argyllshire and Northern Meeting Gold Medals & Former Winners MSR, Silver Chanter, US Metro Cup and Donald Macleod Memorial competitions – many on multiple occasions. He has won the prestigious Glenfiddich Championship a record nine times. Check our website and follow us on Facebook to find out more.

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