

News Release

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BUNDANOON HIGHLAND GATHERING Inc. BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON Saturday 5 April 2014

The Tartan Warriors are celebrating *22 years* of continual participation at Brigadoon, this is an outstanding achievement and the Brigadoon committee would like to express their deep appreciation and congratulate David the his Warriors for their continual support at Bundanoon



At 3.10pm, on the oval, David Huxley and his Tartan Warriors lifting the Bundanoon Stones of Manhood. *Could this be the best challenge ever.* The weight of the stones are 100kgs 115kgs 125kgs 140kgs and 165kgs. This is an event not to be missed

Jordan Steffens

Jordan who was making his first appearance at Bundanoon last year went on to lift all 5 stones in a spectacular performance and took out the 2013 championship. Jordan comes from Adelaide and

is making his second appearance as the defending champion. We should once again witness another fantastic performance this year.

Luke Reynolds

Luke while just returning from injury will be sure to put on another fine performance having lifted all five stones last year and just being pipped by Jordan for the championship. Luke at over 2 metres in height could upset the field this year.

Aaron Monks

Aaron the most experienced international competitor and a veteran of Bundanoon and should once again put in a very solid performance. Having been a previous champion at Bundanoon he will ensure all competitors will need to be at their best if they are to win.

Morgan Westmorland

Morgan who last year came out as the first competitor and lifted all 5 stones in what was his best ever performance and set a new standard in Lifting the Bundanoon Stones. We will again see another fantastic performance this year.

We may have fifth competitor, Ruben from NZ, Ruben stands at well over 2 metres in height and has lifted the stones on several occasions, Ruben comes from NZ and has competed in several Highland Games and Strength events David has run over there. Craig Reid is trying to finalise his travel arrangements so at this stage he is only tentative.



History of the Stones

Modelled on the MacGlashen Stones from Scotland they consist of a set of five round stones ranging from 90 kgs to 165 kgs in weight.

Only five of the stones are used at any one time with the current competition set comprising the 115kgs, 120kgs, 125kgs, 140kgs and 165kgs.

The stones vary in size from 43 centimetres to a massive 50 centimetres or half metre in a diameter.

The history of the stones goes back over one thousand years to the highlands of Scotland when a boy was considered to have reached manhood when he could lift two stone in weight from the bare ground onto the top of a stone dyke or fence as we know it. Most villages took part in this exercise and the stones varied from village to village.

In the late 1970's the lifting of the stones was brought back to life in Scotland with the introduction of the MacGlashsen Stones. A set of five round stones ranging in weight from 90 kgs through to 165 kgs.

The stones are laid out five metres apart lightest to heaviest with each competitor having to lift all five stones on top of a wooden barrel four feet in height.

The person who can lift all five stones on top of the barrels in the fastest time is declared the champion of the day.

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