

[Return to site](#)

August 19, 2015

---

## Brigadoon

In the Southern Highlands of New South Wales lies the sleepy little town of Bundanoon. Once per year this country hamlet explodes and transforms into the fabled Brigadoon; Out of the mist from whence it came.



Upwards of 20,000 people descend upon the *Bundanoon is Brigadoon*

Gathering, making this the largest Highland Gathering in the southern hemisphere.

The inaugural event was on 21st October 1978. It then quickly moved for its second outing to 28th April 1979, adopting the tag from then on of "Always in April".

## The Early Years

The story of the Bundanoon Stones of Manhood, begins in the early 1990's when Australian Highland Games legend, strongman and Guinness world record holder, David Huxley was enlisted to perform at the Gathering.

In addition to various demonstrations of strength and Caber tossing, he introduced stone lifting demonstrations in 1993 along with Edwin Sergeant, a professional rower and stonelifter. The following year saw the addition of World's Strongest Man competitor and world Highland champ Joe Quigley to the lineup and the athletes demonstrated fine skills in throwing and lifting to an appreciative crowd

The stones used in the contest were a beautiful set of Sandstone McGlashen stones, made and quarried locally at the Bundanoon sandstone quarries. This set of stones became Known as the Bundanoon Stones of Manhood.

*Note: The McGlashen stones are named after the Scotsman who created the first ever set of round carved lifting stones. They were used in early strongman competitions. There were two sets made. One set remains in Markinch in Fife, Scotland. The name "Atlas Stones" is now more commonly used. Most likely due to marketing reasons and the global name recognition of Charles Atlas and also Atlas from Greek mythology.*



1995 saw the return to Bundanoon of David Huxley and his promotions group, the Tartan Warriors. The Tartan Warriors had been formed by Harry Mitchell and David Huxley the previous year, following a tour of the Scottish circuit. This saw for the first time the stones being performed at Brigadoon in a competitive format between an invitation only line-up of international strongman stars.

The line up for 1995 included World's Strongest Man, Gary Taylor of Wales, South Africa's strongest Man, Wayne Price, Joe Quigley of Australia, David Huxley, Andy Andersson of Scotland and Colin Cox from New Zealand.



The Strongman Superstars were in Australia for the Weet-Bix sponsored World Series Strongman challenge being held at the Sydney Royal Easter show. This was an event that would endure, after an initial commitment of three years from the title sponsor, they instead stayed on for six years, appearing most notably on the Wide World of Sports telecast.

***"Great Days Indeed! The World Series strongman challenge was being held at the Royal Easter show in Sydney and the competitors would make their way to Brigadoon on the Saturday, compete (the world's***

*best, mind you) and bring that little amphitheatre to the biggest crowd roar you have ever heard! Unbelievable!!! Only we could do that Luke my boy!"- Harry Mitchell*

## The World's Best Tackle The Bundanoon Stones

Other Strongman stars would come to Australia in those early years, many of whom would compete at Bundanoon. These included World's strongest man winners Magnus Ver Magnusson, Magnus Samuelsson, Svend Karlsen, Jamie Reeves and also World's strongest man competitors Mark Phillipi, Torfi Olafsson, Grant Edwards and Derek Boyer.

In the late 1990's founding member of the Tartan Warriors, Harry Mitchell, made his first emceeing appearance at Brigadoon. After several years of clashing commitments, Harry was finally free to lend his skill and professionalism with a microphone to the event. To this day, Brigadoon would not be the same without Harry's excited tones inspiring the crowd and athletes to cheer louder and perform harder.

**Below:** 1998 World Series Strongman at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The Stones used are the Bundanoon stones of manhood.

Moving forward into the 2000's, new competitors were welcomed into the Tartan Warriors fold. Names like Grant Edwards, Mike Sidonio, Derek Boyer, Craig Reid became commonplace at Bundanoon and later Aaron Monks (2009 champ), Stephen Diffy, Joe Heffernan, Luke Reynolds, Morgan Westmoreland, Lance Holland-Keen, Steve Tye (2012 champ), Kiwis Mick Cottrell and Reuben DeJong and current three time champion, Jordan Steffens would take their place in the Bundanoon history books.

## Local Rivalry

During the 2000's, a particularly fierce rivalry developed between locals Derek Boyer and Craig Reid, with the two of them holding the fastest times ever recorded on the current 'Heavy' set of stones.

By 2010 Both Derek Boyer and Craig Reid held four championships each.

David felt it only right to draw these two champions together one last time for a reckoning of sorts. Joining them that year were 2009 champ Aaron Monks and Luke Reynolds.

After a slight fumble early in his run, Craig turned in a quick five stones, but the window he left was too big. Derek capitalised on Craig's earlier mistake and was just too fast on that day, claiming his 5th and record setting title.

A disappointed Craig would wait another twelve months before securing his own 5th title in what would be his final Brigadoon appearance.

At the time of publishing the record time for loading the five stones is held by Derek Boyer at 19.8 seconds.





**Above:** Five times Brigadoon Champion, Craig Reid loads the 5th and final stone in 2010 whilst Brigadoon stalwart, Alastair Saunders, keeps a close eye on the stopwatch.

## The Vital Statistics

The format used at Bundanoon is of five McGlashens stones of ascending weight placed at five metre intervals. The stones are to be loaded onto barrels. The athlete who loads the most stones in the fastest time is declared the Brigadoon Champion.

The current competition set of stones weigh 110, 115, 120, 145 and 165kg. The final stone in particular is a tricky beast. It is not perfectly round like a typical atlas stone and has surprised many an accomplished stone lifter in the heat of battle.

**Below:** Video of Luke Reynolds, Reuben DeJong and Jordan Steffens- 2015 Brigadoon stones of manhood. *Thanks to Boris Zemljacenko.*

# Have Stones. Will travel.

The set of stones used in the Bundanoon is Brigadoon contest also make appearances at a number of other gatherings around the country. Including, Berry Celtic festival, Aberdeen Highland Gathering, Canberra Highland Gathering and more recently at the Hawkesbury show.

This particular competition set are not the only Bundanoon sandstone McGlashen stones in existence as David had several made. The competition set of stones used at the Hororata Highland games each year just outside Christchurch, New Zealand are another of the Bundanoon stone sets. The Hororata Bundanoon stones were even transported to Queenstown, New Zealand in early 2015 for use in the New Zealand Rural Games heavy events contest.

Another of the Bundanoon stones lives on the gold coast and was included with a series of concrete atlas stones used at the Australia's strongest man contest in 2010. This particular stone is a close match to the current 165kg Brigadoon stone, however weighs slightly less at 155kg.

## Recent Competition Results

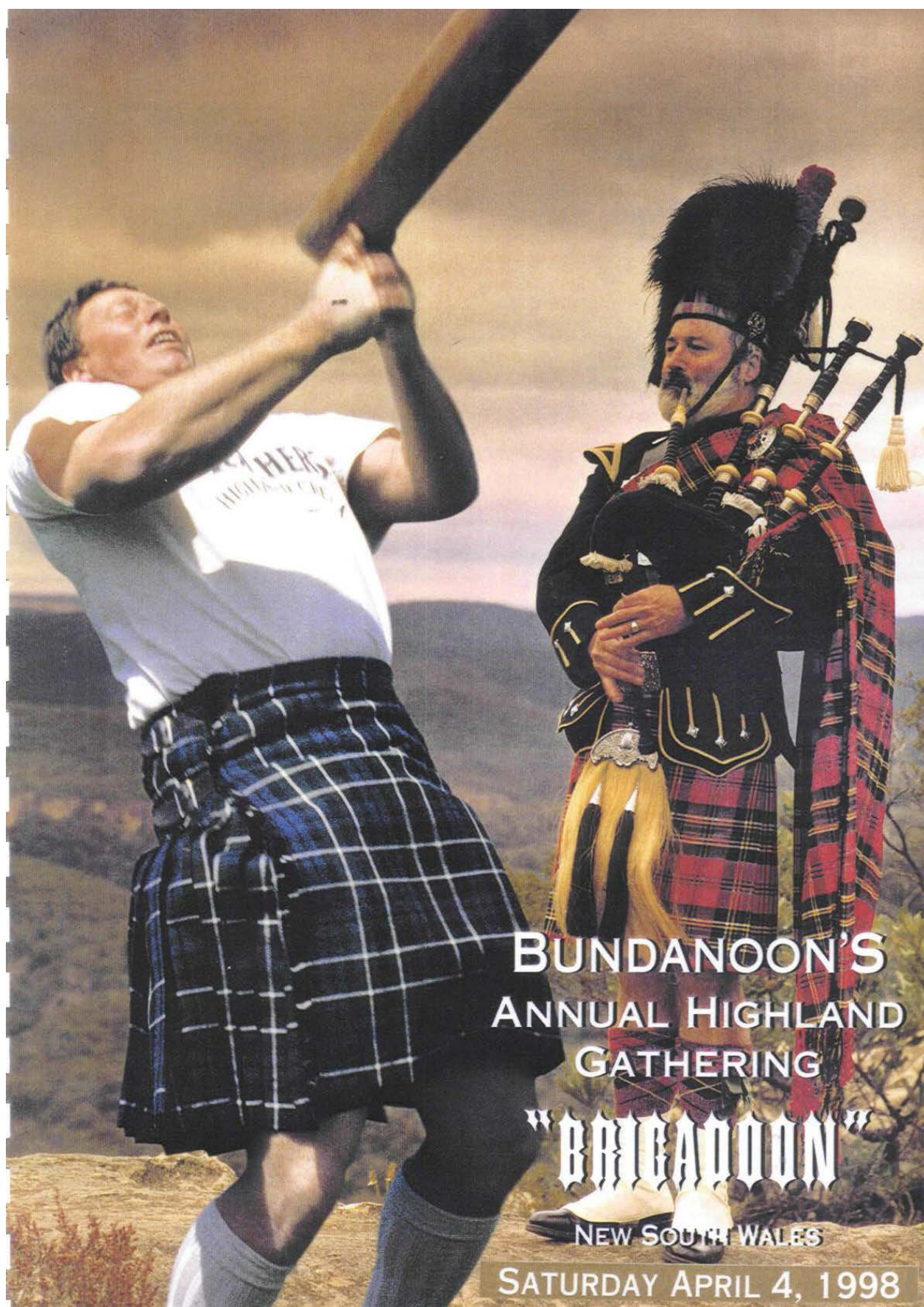


Year	Placing
2015	1 <sup>st</sup> Jordan Steffens 2 <sup>nd</sup> Luke Reynolds
2014	1 <sup>st</sup> Jordan Steffens 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Monks
2013	1 <sup>st</sup> Jordan Steffens 2 <sup>nd</sup> Luke Reynolds
2012	1 <sup>st</sup> Steve Tye 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Monks
2011	1 <sup>st</sup> Craig Reid 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lance Holland-Keen
2010	1 <sup>st</sup> Derek Boyer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Craig Reid
2009	1 <sup>st</sup> Aaron Monks 2 <sup>nd</sup> Craig Reid
2008	1 <sup>st</sup> Craig Reid 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aaron Monks

Recent Repeat Champions	No#
Derek Boyer	5 times
Craig Reid	5 times
Jordan Steffens	3 times

# Press Cuttings

The competition enjoys much deserved press coverage. Some examples below.



**Above:** The man himself, David Huxley on the caber toss. The piper pictured has attended every single Brigadoon from 1978, right up to the present day.



THE DISTRICT TIMES WED, JAN 25, 1995

# Highland meet to remember

By KATRINA ADAMSKI  
BUNDANOON Oval is a natural amphitheatre surrounded by trees making it the perfect location for the annual highland gathering of Brigadoon.

The 18th Annual Bundanoon is Brigadoon is expected to attract 20,000 people to the tiny village on April 8, and this year, the Bundanoon Highland Gathering Committee will aim to make it a weekend of celebrations.

Publicity officer Jim Thomson said the gathering will be expanded to take in the whole weekend so the Southern Highlands can benefit from visitors to the area.

"We start planning for the next Brigadoon almost as soon as the gathering finishes and accommodation at Bundanoon is always full," he said.

"There has been a good response from the hotels association and local chambers of commerce to make it a full tartan weekend.

"People can book into hotels from Friday to Sunday and be served Scottish food by waiters in tartan dress."

And because Brigadoon was drawing more people to the area each year, Mr Thomson said the oval will be improved in stages.

He said the committee will terrace the west bank and add concrete steps with rails and grassed turf. "The west bank could



STRONG man Jim McGoldrick, who holds the world title for heavy events in highland games, and Australia's own David Huxley

then take 3000 extra people," Mr Thomson said.

"The oval is an attraction because it is a natural amphitheatre and Scottish people like it because it reminds them of a glen."

Last year's problem of congestion at the street parade has also been

solved; 1000 people took part in the parade with more than 3000 locals and visitors looking on.

Everyone then had to cross the narrow walkway from the railway station to the oval in single file and it reportedly took one woman two hours.

Mr Thomson said this

year three sections of fencing will be taken down and a special walkway will be built across the line so people can comfortably cross to the oval.

And a big drawcard on the activities list will be some of the world's strongest men, making their

first appearance as the Tartan Warriors.

They will lift the Bundanoon Stones of Manhood, which are solid round balls of sandstone weighing up to 140 kilograms.

David Huxley is Australia's world heavy events

champion and he will be tossing the caber and lifting stones with six other strong men.

The day will start with the street parade at 9.45am with chieftain of the day, Ian MacNeacail of MacNeacail and Scorrybreac, who is the chief of the MacNicol clan.

## 14 feature



The sleepy southern town of Bundanoon will wake from its slumber for one explosive day of celebration next month as it kicks up its heels for a good auld Scottish fling.

A CELTIC revival will be in full force come April in the beautiful Southern Highlands. The annual Bundanoon Highland Gathering will be celebrating its 18th year in existence in true Scottish and Australian style. For a day,

Bundanoon will be transformed from a sleepy country town to a Scottish village, with the cosmetic changes enhanced by a backdrop of mist-covered hills. The day was born out of a need to centralise the fund-raising efforts for

the local district. The charities and community groups of the Southern Highlands were staging different events throughout the year that were successful without being overly profitable. So the people of the area got together and decided that by pooling their resources, one annual event could be staged that would raise money for all of them, including the bush fire brigades, Lifeline and the State Emergency Services.

The next step was to decide what type of celebration would suit the area and at the same time attract people. After much deliberation a highland gathering seemed an ideal choice. The area's geographic resemblance to southern Scotland, the prominence of Scottish people within the area, the opportunities such an event would give for charities to raise



money and importantly, the enjoyment it would bring for all who attended made a highland gathering a perfect choice.



Sydney News March 29, 1995

## Mythical

town called Brigadoon, awoke for a day of celebration each century in the month of April. The myth was slightly modified for Bundanoon, but basically apart from waking every year instead of every century the day remains the same: one of



## BULGING MUSCLES - CENTRE OF ATTENTION

# Strongmen at Brigadoon

Six of the world's strongest men, also known as the Tartan Warriors will show the power they pose at this year's Bundanoon Brigadoon Highlands Gathering.

The Highland Gathering is being held for the 18th time and is sure to be the biggest ever according to committee member Jim Thomsen.

"With the strongmen here for the first time as a group, they should draw a crowd on their own. We are hoping for over 20,000 people to come through the gates on April 8," Jim said.

The strongmen's team, put together by Australia's world record holder David Huxley comes from throughout the world, with the six members the most powerful in their events.

Gary Taylor from Wales was the 1993-94 World's strongest man and Wayne Price is South Africa's strongest man.

The Viking, Andy Anderson from Denmark will be at Brigadoon, along with the winner of the New Zealand strong man competition

Joe Quigley from Melbourne, who ranked number one strongman in 1994 for Highlands Games Heavy events, along with other Aussie strongman David Huxley is the other two to compete at Brigadoon.

Huxley, who put the team together, at a lot of expense to himself, as an entertainment group, has many world records, including pulling the Concorde, pulling a Jumbo Jet, and a Darling



Six of the strongest men in the world will be displaying their strength at the Bundanoon Highland Gathering.

Harbour ferry unaided.

"Although he is ranked fifth or sixth strongest in competition, David has an incredible strength in his legs and lower back which enables him to pull or tow very large objects," Jim said.

"A funny story occurred when he was to tow the Concorde. Firstly the plane almost did not stop in Australia due to poor

conditions, then with a 30 strong crew from the BBC ready to film the event down came the rain.

"With poor conditions under foot David was unable to move the plane an inch. Then his team realised that the plane's wheels were up against the rubber in the concrete, and once the plane was moved to another strip he towed it unaided to every-

one's relief," Jim said.

With the Tartan Warriors appearing at the Brigadoon Gathering, it will be the first time an international competition is being in the Southern Hemisphere. The stone lifting competition sure to draw a huge crowd.

As a major sponsor of the Tartan Warriors, Bundanoon Quarries Pty Ltd. supply the sandstone

rocks to be lifted.

There are five stones ranging from 100kg through to 150kg, with the lighter 80kg stone no longer in use.

"The major sponsor of the strong men is Teacher's Whisky, and instead of the 40 gallon drums used last year, there will be Whisky barrels for placing the stones on.

The five Bundanoon Stones of Manhood, as they are known have to be lifted onto the barrels, and the man who can complete this task in the least amount of time is the victor," Jim said.

With David Huxley and Joe Quigley both putting on an exhibition of strength in 1994, Jim believes the people who attend Brigadoon this year are very lucky indeed.

"It was only by luck that the two Australian came to Brigadoon last year.

"I knew that David Huxley was very good at tossing the caber, and after phoning him up, arrangements were made with John Parkes from Bundanoon Quarries, and the stones were made for the event.

"The stones even appeared on Hey Hey It's Saturday, where there was a demonstration," Jim said.

When the Tartan Warriors leave Brigadoon they will embark on a tour of NSW, putting on exhibitions at the Sydney Royal Easter Show as well as throughout the Westfield Shopping Centres.

HIGHLANDS POST, WEDNESDAY MARCH 22, 1995

THE LARGEST PAID CIRCULATION OF ANY NEWSPAPER IN THE BERRIMA DISTRICT

LAWN MOWER  
AND CHAINSAW

SALES  
SERVICE  
SPARES

**BOWRAL  
MOWER SERVICE**

250 Bong Bong St,  
Bowral  
ph: 613487

**SOUTHERN  
HIGHLAND**

**80c**

**NEWS**

Incorporating "The Four Mails" and "The Mittagong Star"

28 WINGECARRIBEE STREET, BOWRAL  
Telephone Bowral 612333 FAX (048) 613749

**abc**

**BERRIMA  
COACHES**

Theatre Tours  
Timetable

Ring  
(048)  
713211  
(048)  
71 3211  
Licence  
2TA 001116

Registered by Australia Post  
Publication No. NAC 0581

Friday, April 8, 1994

Published Monday, Wednesday and Friday



### Huge stones for Highlands Strongmen

Some may think you'd have to have rocks in your head to go around lifting great round boulders of sandstone weighing 75 kilograms, but the strongmen competing in the inaugural "Putting the Stones" event at this year's Bundanoon Highland Gathering regularly lift these stones weighing up to 120 kilograms onto the top of a large barrel as a test of strength.

The stonemasons at Bundanoon Sandstone Quarries are working on the large sandstone spheres which take up to two days to chisel down to size and will provide four stones which will become known as the Bundanoon Stones and will be used for competitions both here and overseas.

"It's a spectacular thing. You don't see these guys ever day walking around lifting these things up onto barrels," said general manager of the quarry, John Parkes, (pictured left) as he tried out one of the stones for size.

<http://www.australianheavyevents.com/blog/bundanoon-manhood-stones>[20/08/2015 8:58:11 AM]



SOUTHERN NEWS  
HIGHLAND

WEDNESDAY MARCH 16  
1994



• One of the strong men who will be at this year's Brigadoon - David Huxley recently breaking his record by towing a Boeing 767-300 unaided.

## WORLD CHAMPIONS AT BRIGADOON

This year's Bundanoon Highland Gathering — Brigadoon will offer a unique opportunity to see two of the strongest men in the world competing in the legendary games on Saturday, April 16.

This special feature will see demonstrations of caber tossing and other heavy events by David Huxley and Joe Quigley, world ranking champions of the Highland Games Heavy Events.

Joe Quigley is ranked the world number one and the "Best Overall Competitor in the World".

David Huxley from Canberra is the strong man who recently pulled one of the Darling Harbour Ferries and a Jumbo Jet unaided. On Wednesday, March 9, David beat his own existing world record by pulling a 105 tonne jumbo jet over 60 metres across the tarmac of the Qantas Sydney Jet Base.

Joe Quigley is also an Australian from Melbourne and is aged 31. He weighs 19 stone and is 6'3". David is aged 35 and weighs in at 20 stone and is 6'4".

In addition, to seeing these strong men at Brigadoon the 17th annual Highland Gathering offers pipe band performances, Highland and

Scottish Country dancing and various games such as Haggis Hurling and Caber Tossing can be enjoyed by everyone. The day starts off with a street parade at 9.45am.

The hereditary Chieftain of the day will be Chieftainess this year, Lady Kirsty Faggers — Chieftainess in Clan Graham. Lady Kirsty's brother is the present Duke of Montrose.

A wide variety of stalls (over 80 in total) will display and sell everything from original Scottish shortbread to clan tartans, plus lots to eat and drink.

Admission to the grounds is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and concessions, and \$12 for a family of 2 adults and 2 children. The day ends with massed pipe bands and the lone pipe at approximately 4pm.

There is a special steam train leaving Sydney Central at 8.10am — bookings are essential and can be made by phoning 02 6992737.

For lovers of all things Scottish, a visit to the Brigadoon Festival is a must — a great day for the young and the young-at-heart. For further information, please phone the Southern Highlands Visitor Information Centre on 048 712888.



SOUTHERN HIGHLAND NEWS WED APRIL 13, 1994.

# BRIGADOON



• One of the strong men who will be at this year's Highland Games - David Huxley recently breaking his record by towing a Boeing 767 - 300 unaided.

## STRONG MEN AT BRIGADOON

This year's Brigadoon will offer a unique opportunity to see two of the strongest men in the world competing in the legendary Highland Games.

This special feature will see demonstrations of caber tossing and other heavy events by David Huxley and Joe Quigley, world ranking champions of the Highland Games Heavy Events.

Joe Quigley is ranked the world number one and the "Best Overall Competitor in the World."

David Huxley from Canberra is the strong man who recently pulled one of the Darling Harbour Ferries and a Jumbo Jet unaided. On March 9, David beat his own existing world record by pulling a 105 tonne jumbo jet over 60 metres across the tarmac of the Qantas Sydney Jet Base.

Joe Quigley is also an

Australian from Melbourne and is aged 31. He weighs 19 stone and is 6'3". David is aged 35 and weighs in at 20 stone and is 6'4".

The Cabers (small tree trunks like telegraph poles) that Joe and David will lift and toss are 5.35 metres (17'7") long and weigh 78 kilos (175 pounds).

BUNDANOON  
IS  
BRIGADOON



17th  
Annual  
Highland  
Gathering

## Programme of events



9.45 a.m. Street Parade.  
10.30 a.m. 1st Massed Band.  
11.00 a.m. Opening Ceremony.  
11.15 a.m. Southern Highlands Kennel Club - Obedience Display.  
11.15 a.m. Demonstration Heavy Events by World Champions.  
11.15 a.m. Bonnie Bains Highland Dress Competition.  
11.30 a.m. Killed Dash-Lassies.  
11.35 a.m. Bands Display.  
11.45 a.m. Killed Dash-Laddies.  
12.30 p.m. Demonstration Heavy Events by the World Champions featuring Caber Toss.  
12.45 p.m. Killed Dash - Womens.  
12.55 p.m. Scottish Highland Dancing Demonstration.  
1.30 p.m. Killed Dash - Mens.  
2.05 p.m. Scottish Country Dancing Demonstration.  
2.30 p.m. Killed Dash - Granny's.  
2.55 p.m. Demonstration Heavy Events by the World Champions featuring Caber Toss.  
3.00 p.m. Southern Highlands Kennel Club Demonstration, Obedience Display.  
3.05 p.m. Killed Dash - Grandpa's.  
3.20 p.m. Scottish Country Dancing invites you to join them in "The Dashing White Sergeant".  
3.30 p.m. Killed Dash Finals.  
3.40 p.m. 2nd Massed Bands.  
4.00 p.m. Closing Ceremony.  
4.05 p.m. Lone Piper.  
**Competitive Events:**  
11.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.: Shot Putt, Tossing the Caber, Hurling the Haggis, Water Toss, Egg Toss, Hay Toss, Killed Dash.



THE LARGEST PAID CIRCULATION OF ANY NEWSPAPER IN THE BERRIMA DISTRICT

LAWN MOWER  
AND CHAINSAW  
SALES  
SERVICE  
SPARES  
**BOWRAL  
MOWER SERVICE**  
250 Bong Bong St.  
Bowral  
ph: 613487

**SOUTHERN  
HIGHLAND**

**NEWS**

**80c**

Incorporating "The Four Mails" and "The Mittagong Star"

**28 WINGECARRIBEE STREET, BOWRAL**  
Telephone Bowral 612333 FAX (048) 613749

**abc**

**BERRIMA  
COACHES**  
Disney on Ice  
29-5-94  
A Chorus Line  
29-6-94  
**(048)  
71 3211**  
Licence  
27A 001116

Registered by Australia Post Publication No. NAC 0581 Monday, April 18, 1994 Published Monday, Wednesday and Friday

# Fun and games at Brigadoon



• Both the old and the new activities at Saturday's Brigadoon enthralled the crowds from the spectacle of the new lifting of the stones event, seen here with strongman Edwin Sargeant, and the refined skill of Scottish Country Dancing.

## HIGHLAND GATHERING A HIT

Bagpipes played, the haggis hurled, tartan kilts swirled and the sun shone as thousands enjoyed the Scottish traditions that gather once a year in Bundanoon for Brigadoon.

The 17th annual Bundanoon Highland Gathering once again proved a massive success and one of the Southern Highlands premier tourist attractions.

Brigadoon Publicity Officer, Jim Thomson said on Saturday afternoon, "officially at this time the word is it's the same crowd as last year, if not more".

Last year, over 18,000 people were enthralled by the celebrations at Bundanoon.

Saturday went off perfectly for Brigadoon with established traditions such as the caber toss and massed bands proving popular, and the introduction of new events such as the lifting of the stones entrancing the crowds.

Mr Thomson said the organisers breathed a sigh of relief with the good weather on the day, and Brigadoon president Warren Glasco said "the big man must be a Scot".

Mr Thomson said last year's improvements to Bundanoon Oval, a dish drain around the grounds, ensured the oval stood up well to the day long activities and demonstrations.

He estimated the traditional Bundanoon street parade contained 1000 people, and there were "double the number watching the parade compared to last year".

The parade was a spectacle of colour, as well as Bundanoon and Scottish pride.

The Gathering was officially opened by Chieftain the Lady Kirstie Saggors from the clan Graham, who oversaw the day's proceedings, and was attended by Premier and Local Member John Fahey, Wingecarribee Mayor David Wood and Federal Member for Gilmore Peter Knott.

Mr Fahey told the crowd, he was once again delighted to attend the Gathering, adding "it seems to increase in numbers each year and is never deterred by the weather".

He said Brigadoon is an important tourist attraction and a gathering of families, "what could be more appropriate than in the year of the family than the Scottish family to come together at Brigadoon".

• Continued on page 4



(From a recent Readers Digest.)

*Brigadoon 1994 Special Feature*

### Highland Games Heavy Events Champions

**David Huxley – AUSTRALIA**  
World Ranking 5  
Age 35 Weight 125kgs (20 stone) Height 192cm (6'4")  
Record Holder: 56lb Weight over the Bar  
strongman and world record holder for pulling planes and ships  
Public relations consultant and promoter.

*Will give demonstrations of tossing the caber and other heavy events.  
The caber they will use will be 5.35m (17'7") long and weigh 78 kilos (175 lbs).*

## 11.30-3.00pm

## CABER TOSS

This sport has been practised in Scotland from the very earliest Highland Games where it was known as 'Ye casting of ye bar' and the character of the sport has remained unchanged. Caber tossing is one of the most skillful of all sporting events. It also requires strength, power, speed and stamina. The caber is tossed for accuracy, not for distance. The idea is to toss the caber and have it land in a 12 o'clock position. A perfect throw would see the thrower standing at 6 o'clock and the caber pointing at 12 o'clock.

*Certificates will be awarded to the junior under 14, Intermediate 15 to 19 and Open Champions.*

*Cabers supplied by Penrose Pine Products.*



## EGG THROWING

Entries are invited from teams of two people. Partners face each other, one partner armed with a fresh raw egg. At a given signal the egg is thrown to your partner and hopefully caught unbroken. Couples with unbroken eggs will each move one pace apart following each successful catch until a winning couple emerges.

*A certificate is awarded to each of the Junior (14 and under) and Senior (15 and Over) champions.*



## HAGGIS HURLING

*Certificates will be awarded to the Junior (14 and under), Open male (15 and over) and Open female (15 and over) champions.*



## HAY TOSS

Standing back to the bar and using a pitchfork, the contestant tries to throw a hay bag over a pole vault-like bar as far as possible. Each contestant has three tosses. The best of three to count. During the toss the bag must not be touched with hands. The bag must pass over the bar without touching it. Distance is measured from the bar, the furthest distance thrown wins.

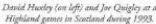
*A certificate will be awarded to the Junior (14 and under), Open male (15 and over) and Open female (15 and over) champions.*



### SHOT PUTT

The shot is putt from in front of the shoulder, with one hand only, without follow through and within a defined area. Each competitor is allowed three putts, the best of three to count.

*Certificates will be awarded to junior (14 and under), Open male (15 and over) and Open female (15 and over) champions.*



## WATER TOSS

*Cost 20 cents per balloon.*  
Partners face each other, one armed with a water filled balloon. Couples throw the balloon to each other taking one step apart after each successful catch.  
*Certificates will be awarded to the champion pair.*

## KILTED DASH

Events for men, ladies, lads and lassies. Competitors must be wearing something tartan.  
*Ribbons awarded to the winner of each event.*

Quotes from Brigadoon – The Musical

**MACKEITH** *Ye'll be sure to buy everythin' that's needed for the wedding supper. Remember, jus' what's needed. My intention on this occasion is to be hospitable, not philanthropic.*

MEG *An when I look at ye lying on that cot I  
feel wee tadpoles jumpin' up and down  
my spine.*

**JEFF** You know if sex were a hobby, you'd be a collectors item.

DONALD *I dinna think Charlie'll have much trouble with Miss Jean here. She's a good*

**MACKEITH** *Donald, all lassies are good. So do you ken where all the bad wives come from.*

# Summary

The stones at Bundanoon have been manhandled by the best strongmen and Highland Heavies from across the world. Sometimes tacky is used and sometimes it is not. Sometimes it's 40 degrees centigrade and other times it's raining. Brigadoon goes ahead regardless of weather conditions every year with the Tartan Warriors and the Bundanoon Stones of Manhood featuring prominently. There really is something special about lifting these stone in this place. Sometimes they fly. Other times you would swear they're bolted to the ground. But such are the trials of stonelifters.

Regardless, lifting 5 stones, from grass, in front of 20,000 spectators is a test that some of world's best stone lifters have enjoyed and shall continue to enjoy in the years to come.



---

[\*« Return to  
site\*](#)

---

[\*« Previous  
Post\*](#)

---