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142nd Annual Turakina Caledonian Highland Games

Sweltering heat and sunny skies greeted competitors and spectators for the Don Fitchett Memorial Games at the 142nd Turakina Caledonian Highland Games. There were good entries throughout the many events. This year's host clan was Clan MacKenzie. The bard was Jock Hannaford from Wanganui while Stuart Easton of Dunedin performed a spirited piping recital, enjoyed by the evening crowd.

A real highlight of the day was the Youth Pipe Band Event, which attracted four Bands and was won by Scots College of Wellington. The Pipe Bands saw the Taranaki Competing Band win the grade 4 Set and Medley events. The City of Hastings band won the Grade 4 Set while Manawatu Scottish Development Band won the Medley. The overall Champion Pipe Band was the Manawatu Scottish Society Grade 1, concluding a successful Turakina Caledonian Games.

C Scott was the girl's Primary School Field Events Champion and Brogan Hancock was the Primary Boys Champion. Peter Hartnell from Levin was the Novice Boys Champion and also the Ben Nevis Hill Race winner. Elizabeth and Danny Wilton from Masterton were Ladies and Men's Champions. The Hill Race 12 year old winner was Grant Harvey of Takapu and the 8 year old winner was Max Chamberlain.

In the Piping & Dancing Association Dancing Championships the North Island Open Sword Dance was won by Shelly Reid of Hastings. The N. I. Reel O' Tulloch under 18 was won by Samuel Tait of New Plymouth. The N. I. Sean Truibhas under 16 was won by Jayden Withington. The Wellington Centre Championships saw the Open Sailors Hornpipe won by Samuel Tait. The Under 18 Highland Fling was won by Paula Thomas of New Plymouth, the under 16 Irish Reel was won by Jayden Withington of Hawkes Bay, the under 13 Sword Dance winner was Brighid Blackman of Tauranga, while Mikayla Cadman of Normanby won the Under 10 Sailors Hornpipe.

The Games Dancing Champions were Hayley Luckin of Wellington in the Novice Dancing and under 6 classes, Mikayla Cadman in the under 8, Nicole Harvey from the Hawkes Bay in the under 10. The under 12 Champion was Catherine Pretty of Palmerston North, while Stafford Horman also of Palmerston North and Leana Atkenson won the under 14 overall and Jayden Withington won the under 16 overall events. The Open Highland events champion was Shelly Reid and the Open Events Champion was Olivia Sands of New Plymouth.

In the Scottish Official Board Dancing Events beginner classes, the overall grade winners were Abby-Jane Taylor of Waipukurau, the novice classes Alwyn McCallum of Wellington and the Intermediate classes was Madison Lander. In the Premier 13 and under overall winner was current under 12 World Champion Morgan Bamford of New Plymouth. In the Premier 14 and over dancing classes, Shelly Keating of Australia won the National Dance Events while Nicole McCallum of Wellington was the overall points Champion.

In the A Grade piping, George Mason from Wellington won the North Island Open Piobaireachd Championship. In the Piping and Dancing Association Wellington Centre Piping Championships, the A Grade 2/4 March was won by Marion Horsburgh of Wellington, the B Grade Strathspey & Reel and Under 21 Jig & Hornpipe were won by Sian Lancaster of Tokoroa. In the C grade

Strathspey and Reel, Matthew Lind won. While the D Grade Wellington Centre Slow March winner was Mikaela Guy of Palmerston North.

In the solo piping and drumming the chanter class winner was Alex Withington. The Novice March winner was Kris Nielson, while Neil Marriott was the D grade champion, while Matthew Lind was the C-grade champion. Sian Lancaster was the B Grade Piobaireachd and overall B grade Champion. Stuart Easton was the A Grade Champion. Cameron Hurn from Palmerston North was the Novice Drumming Champion while Walter Crichton from Foxton won both the B grade and Open Medley Drumming Championships.