

# News Release

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**BUNDANOON HIGHLAND GATHERING Inc.  
BUNDANOON IS BRIGADOON  
Saturday 11 April 2015  
THE TARTAN WARRIORS**



The Tartan Warriors are celebrating **23 years** of continual participation at Brigadoon, this is an outstanding achievement and the Brigadoon committee would like to express their deep appreciation and congratulate the Tartan Warriors for their continual support at Bundanoon

At 3.10pm, on the oval The 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 should

be an outstanding event this year, competitors from NSW, SA, WA and NZ and these are the top athletes in the games at the present time.

### **Jordan Steffens**

Jordan who was making his first appearance at in 2013 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**

- Age: 29
- Height: 6'6"
- Weight: 160kg
- From - Blue Mountains.

2015 is Luke's 8th straight year competing at Brigadoon. He is an International strongman and highland games competitor. In 8 years he has competed across Europe, New Zealand & Australia. His best events include- stones, caber toss, farmers walk and overhead pressing and he holds 2 Australian records in stone carry events. Luke has competed in over 60 strength contests and is a seasoned competitor who has also lifted all 5 Bundanoon Stones several times during the past 4 years. Luke certainly has the potential to be a great champion.



**In 2015 Brigadoon welcomes to TWO new competitors to the 2015 gathering:**

### **Ruben DeJong**

- Age: 35 years
- Height: 6'10"
- Weight: 130kg
- From: New Zealand

Rueben has had an extensive sports Career being New Zealand's Strongest Man Champion, a champion bodybuilder and Highland Games athlete. He has also been a champion in K1 Martial Arts fighting in Japan for a length period. He is the New Zealand Wrestling Champion and spent time in the US Professional Wrestling. Reuben has also held Guinness World Records for running throughout he most glass panels and he is also a regular in various Television and Movies where he performs as an actor and stuntman. Reuben holds the New Zealand Farmers Walk and Stone lifting records so will be a force at Bundanoon for 2015, he has competed in several Highland Games and should provide a real challenge to this year's event.

### **Jeremy Hogg,**

- Age: 42
- Height: 6'3"
- Weight: 140Kg
- From: Western Australia.

Jeremy is a great sportsman having performed at the top level in swimming and Aussie Rules. He became a former national level shot putter in Australia. Of great natural strength he built his strength further in the rugged mines of the Pilbara. Jeremy now competes internationally in both Highland Games and Strongman testing his metal with the best of the world. He has a vice like grip and is fast across the ground and he will push the other three athletes to the extreme.

**This is an event not to be missed**

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### **History of the Stones**

- Modelled on the MacGlashen Stones from Scotland they consist of a set of five round stones ranging from 90 kg to 165 kg 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 MacGlashen Stones. The five round stones range in weight from **90 kg through to 165 kg**.
- 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.

### **Australia with a "wee" bit of "Scottish Flavour"**

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### **FUTURE DATES**

**Sat 9 April 2016 | Sat 1 April 2017 | Sat 7 April 2018 | Sat 6 April 2019 | Sat 4 April 2020**

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