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BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS NOVEMBER AS LX (60)

CALENDAR OF WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Third Sunday of the Month
  2.30pm
  Baronial Meeting
  Ainslie Hall/Zoom
- Third Monday of the Second Month
  7.30 pm
  Baronial Meeting
  Via Zoom
- Tuesday Night 6pm—8pm
  Intermediate Heavy Combat
  Ainslie Hall
  Scout Hall, 1 Hassall St, Ainslie ACT 2602
- First Saturday of the Month
  2pm-5pm
  Scribes
- Sunday
  10am—12noon
  Archery
  Tuggeranong Archery Club
  299 Soward Way, Greenway ACT 2900
- Sunday
  12.30pm—2pm
  Dancing
  2pm
  Rapier Training
  2pm –5pm
  A&S Activities
  3pm
  Heavy Combat
  Ainslie Hall
- First & Third Wednesday
  5.45pm-7.45pm
  Greenhorns Hangout
  Civic Library

From the Baron & Baroness

Greetings to Politarchopolis and to our Cantons Okewaite and Torlyon,

What a packed month! On the back of Queanbeyan Medieval Fair we put on a wonderful display at **St John's Fair**. The conveners were grateful for our continued support and the fairgoers clearly enjoyed engaging with us. Thank you to everybody who gave their time.

We were joined by many members of Okewaite and a few travellers from central Polit as we ventured to Marulan for the **Feast of the White Rose**. Okewaite's renowned hospitality and generosity was on display. The food was delicious and plentiful and we were not left wanting for merriment or cheer.

It was a joy to have the opportunity to induct Yrsa of Okewaite, Hereward Kórtr, and Mikha'il ibn Iskandar al-Tayyib into the Order of the Burley Griffin – Service and Catalina ama el Fuego into the Order of the Burley Griffin – Arts.

This month we farewell the successful reign of King Ariston and King Jochen and witness the coronation of Þorvaldr and Amabilia our next King and Queen of Lochac. Certainly Canterbury Faire promises to be a huge event next year!

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From the Baron & Baroness Cont

This month is another busy month. We travel south to Holbrook on the 8th of November for **Slash and Sash Saturday** a Guild approved rapier event we have been looking forward to for some time. It's a fight-y weekend because in Politarchopolis our Armoured Combatants will be hosting **Fight Like a Knight!**

Fields of Gold (FoG) … it's sooner than you think! Book now if you haven't already, it's going to be a fabulously Royal event!

The **letters of recommendation** that we receive let us see members of our court through eyes other than our own – keep them coming – bandb@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org.

We are looking forward to seeing friends and meeting new folks.

In service to the Barony

Llewellyn and Rosa



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Scribes 2pm **Spring Coronation**	2 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
3	4 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	5 Greenhorns Hangout 5.45pm-7.45pm	6	7	8 Quercus Field Activities **Introduction to Armoured Combat**	9 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
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24	25 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	26	27	28 **Fields of Gold XIII**	29	30

Politarchopolis Awards

Bestowed by Ariston II & Jochen I
Spring War, Mordenvale

Hector

Rhianna verch y Koedwr

Royal Cypher

Clifford Ascheburner

Rhianna verch y Koedwr

Yda Plant

Bestowed by Baron Llewellyn and Baroness Rosa,
Feast of the White Rose, Okewaite

Burley Griffin - Arts

Catalina ama el Fuego

Burley Griffin - Service

Hereward Kórtr

Mikha'il ibn Iskandar al-Tayyib

Yrsa of Okewaite

Politarchopolis Officers

From the Seneschal

Greetings All,

I echo Their Excellencies' thanks regarding everyone's help at the two demos over the past month. Please look out for any new members who may come along!

Several Officer positions are being advertised:

- Deputy Chirurgeon,
- Chandler,
- Constable,
- Rapier,
- Social Media, and
- Webwright.

Please consider applying for one of these positions and help our barony do great things! Come talk to me to offer your services.

I am glad to be able to say that funding for Greenhorns Hangouts has been approved up until Rowany Festival next year. This will no-doubt be welcome news for the under 35s who are attending that fortnighly session at the Canberra Library.

See you all at Fields of Gold!

Crispin Sexi
Seneschal of Politarchopolis



Upcoming events:

2025-11-08	Slash and Sash (Bordescros)
2025-11-08/09	Introduction to Armoured Combat
2025-11-28/29/30	Fields of Gold
2025-12-14	End of Year Sunday Party
2026-02-14	Valentines (proposed)
2026-03-07	Torlyon Pride 30th Anniversary

A&S regular activities at Ainslie scout hall:

1st Sunday:	Choral singing.
2nd Sunday:	Rabbit holes.
3rd Sunday:	Guild guest.
4th Sunday:	Glass workshop.

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Arts & Sciences Musings

Greetings all, thankyou for continuing to inspire me and others, the sharing of knowledge around the Barony and Cantons is so very pleasing to see.

Three cheers to Lord Heinrich and Lady Bel for ensuring quality dance instruction, and to Master Crispin for being the occasional live dance musician.

THL Conciata, as Baronial A&S Champion, is running the A&S at Fields of Gold. Please contact her if you wish to run a class or workshop at the event.

Looking ahead, could the Byzantine potluck on 8 February inspire you to try new flavours or cooking styles? See Mestrez Ysabeau's announcement.

I do have tassles for any who found the Baronial WIP Challenge useful, just ask me for one.

Upcoming Calendar for the Arts & Sciences at Ainslie Hall

First Saturday Scribes - Contact Mistress Rowan for address
Every Sunday 12.30-2 Dance with Lady Bel and Lord Heinrich
First Sunday - Choral singing with Master Crispin
Fourth Sunday - Glass flame working workshop with Master Francois and THL Conciata

Classes at 2.30pm

Guild Guests at 2.30pm
My Guild Guest is a member of one of the Guilds found in Lochac who will chat about the Craft, Art or Science interest they are currently or have been working on. The session could also be a Guild Gathering of local members. It's open to however the Guest wishes to use the corner of the hall.

Rabbit Holes at 2.30

- 9 November 2025 - Fru Ragnhildr - Da Vinci's flying machines
- No December date, enjoy the end of year party.
- 8 February 2026 - Mestrez Ysabeau - Byzantine Food

Research Rabbit Holes chats are short introductions and overviews to a topic that has dragged you down a rabbit hole. They're not expected to be more than four to five minutes. You're not expected to have pictures, handouts or anything formal. You may if you wish, that's up to you.

What are you excited about? Care to see if others could be? Chat/dm with me for a

Rabbit Hole slot, open every second Sunday of the month.

Competitions

Baronial
Fields of Gold - something Gold.
- An item that shows what excited you to craft or make, the inspiration to try something.

Kingdom
November Coronation River Haven - Hairstyles, Medical, Celtic
Autumn Crown Tourney March 2026 Mordenvale - Buttons, Glass, Byzantium

WCoB
November Coronation River Haven - Knots

Autumn Crown Tourney Mordenvale - Islamic Regions

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Arts & Sciences Musings Cont.

Talk about a rabbit hole!

Rather than just talk about Byzantine food, Mestrez Ysabeau invites interested cooks and tasters to join her for a mini pot-luck of Byzantine food at Ainslie Hall on **8 February 2026**. (Yes, this is a not even slightly subtle attempt to get lots of food entries for the Kingdom Arts & Sciences competition at Autumn Crown, and an article for the Cooks Guild newsletter.)

Even if you're not interested in entering the competition, think of the fun you'll have exploring Byzantine cuisine and creating your dish for the pot-luck. And if you do want to enter the competition, please remember to bring your documentation with you. Competition entry forms will be available on the day. And yes, there's separate forms for young people, so the children are most welcome to join in!

To ensure that not everyone prepares honey fritters, we do need some level of control over the dishes. So, unless there's an overwhelming need to do otherwise, please follow the plan below:

Your SCA name begins with	Menu item
A-F	Entrees or Bread
G-M	Vegetable Protein
N -S	Sweet Dish
T-Z	Animal Protein

Attendance at the pot-luck is covered by your regular hall payments. If you don't regularly attend the hall, participating in the pot-luck will attract a $6 fee. If you have questions, or you don't want your photo or a photo of your food included in the Cooks Guild newsletter, please contact Ysabeau at [redacted]

Many thanks to our judges for donating their time and taste buds to allow this pot-luck to happen.

Greenhorn Hangouts

Hi, are you young and wanting to know more about the SCA and join in all the wonderous activities.

Well look forward to new and fun activities at the Civic Library in November AS 60 (2025) Wednesday 5th and 19th of November 5.45pm - 7.45pm **T.B.C.** look out for FB notifications

The Barony of Politarchopolis is looking for all those under the age of 35 to come along to meet others and learn more about the Society and what it has to offer in a comfortable, social and engaging environment.

Each session will have activities where you will be able to learn about a variety of topics from garb, food, entertainment and other fun past-times. Also you will be able to relax and socialise with others while working on any little or large projects you may be doing. There may also be the occasional special guest from the wider Barony.

More details and a program of proposed topics will be out next month. So please keep an eye out for posts on FaceBook and other social media outlets.



Introduction to Armoured Combat

https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/2025/09/introduction-to-armoured-combat/

Politarchopolis, 8-9 November

Other

A beginner friendly introduction and condensed instruction for those interested in Armoured Combat.

Location

Scout Hall, 1 Hassall St, Ainslie ACT 2602

Timetable

Proposed Timetable:

Saturday:

0830-0900	- setup & prep
0900-0915	- sign in
0915-0930	- overview & induction
0930-1015	- introduction to SCA & our combat.
1015-1100	- basic guard & stance & foot work
1100-1115	- break
1115-1200	- power motion & snap to the head.
1200-1230	- defending the snap to the head (line them up)
1230-1330	- lunch break
1330-1415	- Offsides & Range.
1415-1430	- Break
1430-1515	- Defending offsides
1515-1600	- Movement
1600-1630	- Putting it together
1645–1700	- finish up.
1700-1730	- Pack down.

Sunday:

0830-0900	- setup & prep
0900-0915	- sign in
0915-0930	- induction refresh
0930-1015	- introduction equipment and rules
1015-1100	- Overview weapon types & other complex techniques.
1100-1115	- break
1115-1200	- Demos of combat
1200-1230	- SCA as a whole and moving forward
1230-1330	- lunch break
1330-1415	- Option to try combat in loaner armour
1415-1430	- Break
1430-1515	- Drill work
1515-1700	- Option to try combat in loaner armour
1700-1730	- Pack down.

Price

Members $60

Non-members $70.

Contact

Steward: [redacted]

Bookings: Booking Form or for enquiries bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

Bookings Close: 17 October

Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.

Fields of Gold the XIII
http://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/
Politarchopolis, 28-30 November
Other

The gilded gryphon beckons all to join in and celebrate the gold of the ages! Test your skills at combat and crafts, join in the pageantry, feasting and frivolity at Politarchopolis's premier event.

For more information, see http://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/

Location

Bungendore Showgrounds, 71 Matthews Lane Bungendore, NSW.

Timetable

Proposed Timetable:

Friday 28th November

12:00pm Site Opens, Cars allowed for setup

3:00pm Equestrian Practice

7:00pm Games

6:30pm Soup Kitchen

8:00pm Glowstick Archery

Saturday 29th November

7:00am Breakfast

10:00am Opening Court

12:30pm Lunch / Market

7:00pm Feast

10:30am A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

1:30pm A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

9:00pm Tavern Bransles & Luting / Traditional Bird Impression Comp

Sunday 30th November

7:30am Breakfast

9:30am Morning Court

1:00pm Lunch

3:00pm Event close

10:00am A&S / Archery / Rapier / Heavy / Equestrian / Kids

2:00pm Closing Court

Price

Cost PP:

Full Event $110.00

Friday night only $15.00

Saturday daytime $65.00

Sunday $35.00

Saturday/Sunday $95.00

Price after 16 November and at Gate add $10.

Non members (Adults) add $10 (Children) add $5.

Camping $15 per tent, $25 powered site.

Contact

Steward: Countess Beatrice

Bookings: bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

Bookings Close: 16 November

Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.

Torlyon Pride 30th Birthday
Torlyon, 7 March 2026
Feast

Showcasing pride in our Canton and celebrating 30 years as a group

Location
Yass Soldiers Memorial Hall and Banjo Patterson Park
88 Comur St, Yass NSW 2582

Timetable
Proposed Timetable:

8.00am:	Set up
9.00am:	Site Opens
10.00am:	Opening Court.
10.30am:	Armoured Tourney
12.30pm:	Lunch
1.30pm:	Rapier Tourney
4.00pm:	Feast Hall opens
6.00pm:	First Course
7.00pm:	Court
7.30pm:	Second Course
10.00pm:	Lights on
11:00pm:	Site close

Price
TBA

Contact
Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: Miriam [redacted] - Torlyon.canton@gmail.com
Bookings Close: 21 February 2026

Participants are reminded that if they are unwell or showing cold or flu-like symptoms, they must not attend.



Politarchopolis Scribes for November

Check the Polit Scribes FB Page for further details.

Scribes will be on Saturday 1st November

Sunday Activities

Notes about Sunday Activities for 2025

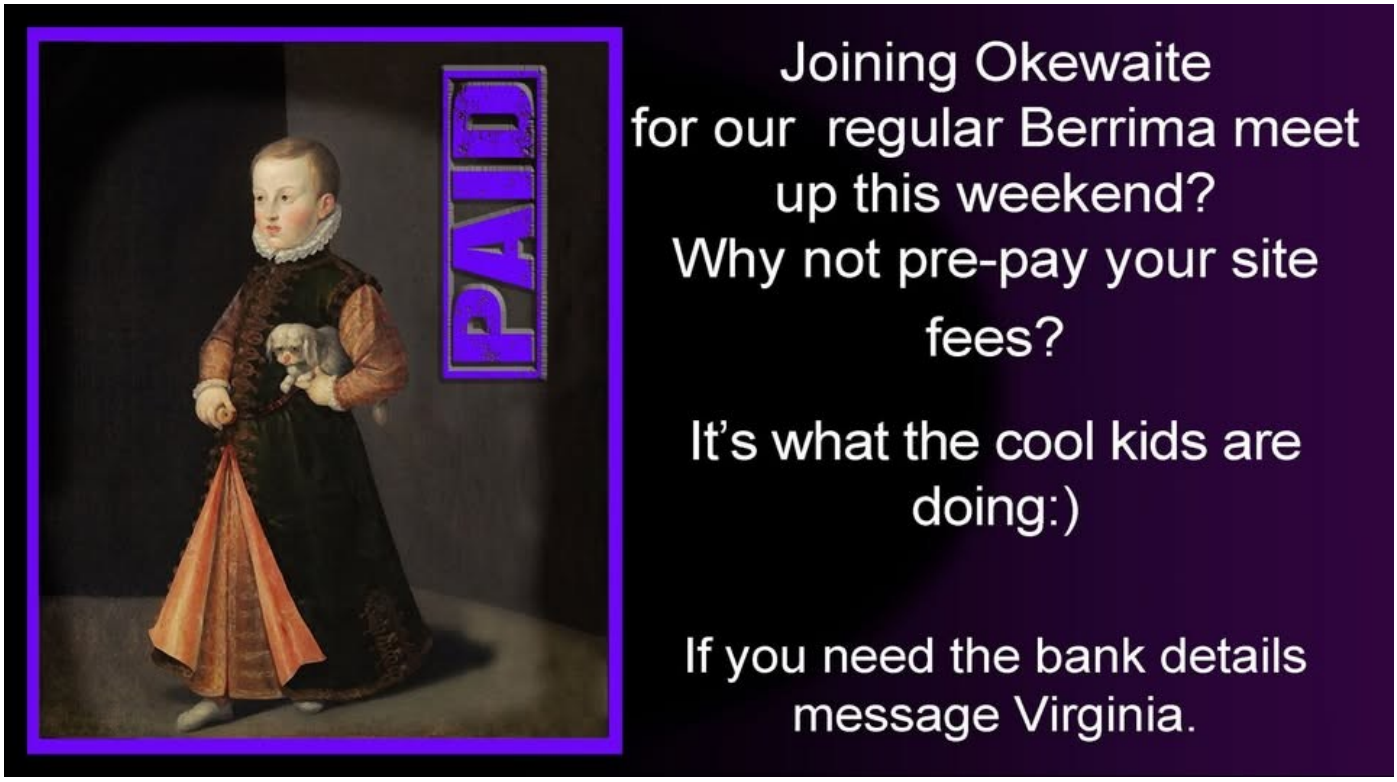
All Sunday Hall Activities are back with Choral, A&S Workshops and Glasswork.

Note: There will be no Sunday Activities on Sunday 30th of November due to Fields of Gold XIII

Okewaite Activities at Quercus Field

Please check the Okewaite FaceBook Page for details and location of Quercus Field, Berrima.

Second Saturday and Fourth Sunday of each month or as notified.



Baronial Awards and Scrolls

The receiving of awards and scrolls is a wonderful occasion. To help celebrate this we would like to include details of these awards and photos of those who have received them.

With more in-person events happening around the Kingdom and within the Barony these should be celebrated.

Please let us know who within the Barony has received any awards at events either locally or outside of our boundaries and we will let all know of their achievements.



Image from the College of Scribes Website

The Scribal Arts are one of the many crafts that are practiced within the Kingdom and Society.

The time and dedication that is put into each and every scroll is often a wonder to behold. Help us to celebrate the works of these artists and those who receive these magnificent scrolls.

Send us pictures of scrolls that you have received and we will proudly display them for all to see.

Please send these to chronicler@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org, include your name, what the scroll was for and when received. Also please include who the illuminator and calligrapher were. This way we can ensure all those whose work has gone into your scroll are recognized for their labours.

Baronial Hall Fees

Hi all, if you attend the Polit hall days at Ainslie, it's time to pay fees for the first quarter or the year, or for the full year if paying yearly.
It costs $200 per year, or $50 for each quarter, or $30 per quarter if you are a pensioner or unemployed (incl students). Pay by direct deposit (BSB 032778, Account 469607, SCA Polit, put "hall [your name]" as the reference).
Make your life and my life easier by paying for the rest of the year now!
If you come rarely, you can pay per time, or consider paying the quarterly fees anyway to support your group.
The daily payment is $6 to help cover our hall costs. If you come on Tuesdays and Sundays, you need to pay each time, or pay the quarterly fee.
If you're not an SCA member, there is an extra $10 adults or $5 kids each visit which is an insurance charge.

Reeve

- January—March
- April—June
- July—September
- October—December

Adult Members and Non-Members can pay fees in the following ways;

• Weekly	$ 6.00
• Quarterly	$ 50.00
• Quarterly Concession	$ 30.00
• Annually	$200.00
• Annual Concession	$120.00

Please remember that Non-Members must also pay an insurance cost of $5 (Minors) and $10 (Adults) per session.

For more information please contact the Reeve at reeve@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

Politarchopolis Baronial Meetings 2025

The Baronial Meetings for 2025 will be both In-person and via Zoom on alternate months.

Please note the change to this schedule

Zoom will still be available for those not able to attend in-person

The meetings both in-person and Zoom are open to all. You don't have to be an officer or member to participate and see how the Barony is run.

January 19th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	February 17th via Zoom at 7.30pm	March 16th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	April 28th via Zoom at 7.30pm Due to Festival
May 19th via Zoom at 7.30pm	June 16th via Zoom at 7.30pm	July 20th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	August 18th via Zoom at 7.30pm
September 21st at Ainslie Hall at 2.30 Zoom available ?	October 20th via Zoom at 7.30pm	**November** **16th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available**	December 15th via Zoom at 7.30pm



Mmmmm, in-person meetings. Maybe not the best idea. Kidding ours are much more civilised



Have you ever wondered what the officers do?

Have you ever wanted to take on an office, but not sure how to go about it?

There are many ways that one can contribute to the running of a group, be it Kingdom, Barony, Shire, Canton or College.

Feel free to contact the office you are interested in to find out more about what is involved.

You may feel that you are not ready or confident enough to take on an officer role, but you could consider becoming a Deputy (it is not always that a Deputy is expected to step up to the Officer role at the end of the incumbent's tenure) and learning more. Deputies also make the officer's role easier, as they can delegate tasks. You will see that many of the Kingdom Offices have Deputies that perform certain roles within the office, allowing others to concentrate on their roles and responsibilities.

Remember we are all here to have fun and make this game enjoyable.

Please reach out to your local Officers or Seneschal for more information.

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Kingdom Events

SPRING CORONATION 2025

BARONY OF RIVER HAVEN

BRISBANE QLD

DATES - Saturday 1st November - Sunday 2nd November 2025

LOCATION - Saturday Kallangur Community Hall
1480 Anzac Avenue Kallangur QLD 4503
Sunday – River Haven Hall, 35 Wesley Street,

STEWARD - Lady Batista di Bardi

https://springcoronation.lochac.sca.org/



AUTUMN CROWN 2026

BARONY OF MORDENVALE

NEWCASTLE, NSW

DATES - 28 February - 1 March 2026

LOCATION - Saturday and Sunday Day Events:
Minmi Progress Hall, 96 Woodford St, Minmi, 2287

Saturday Evening Feast: Cameron Park Community Hall, Northlakes Drive, Cameron Park 2285

STEWARD - Kolfinna Burlufótr

BOOKINGS -
https://forms.gle/AmXBDWTLiNvRcGzz7



AUTUMN CORONATION 2026

BARONY OF ILDAFN

AUCKLAND, NZ - TBC

DATES - May 2026

LOCATION -

STEWARD -





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https://www.meetup.com/Canberra-Medieval-Renaissance-Activities-with-the-SCA/

The Barony of Politarchopolis

is a community group in Canberra and the surrounding region devoted to learning medieval skills and enjoying medieval pastimes. We don't just read about history, we live it!

Fighting, feasting, costuming, crafting, music, dance… if it was done in pre-17th century Europe, we know someone interested in recreating it.

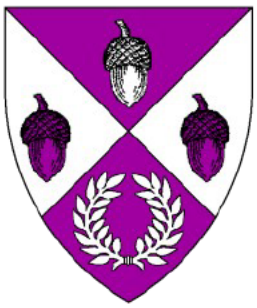
And not just in the ACT! We're part of a global organisation called the Society for Creative Anachronism (the SCA), and we're one of 42 local groups in the Australia/New Zealand chapter: the Kingdom of Lochac.

https://politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org/

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