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BARONY OF POLITARCHOPOLIS APRIL AS LX (60) 2026

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, our Cantons Okewaite and Torlyon, and our Hamlet of Strathcorbie,

It's been a big month of March. Congratulations again to Count Aonghus mac Griogair mhic Raghnaill and Countess Ginevra Lucia di Namoraza on their victory at Crown.
We also celebrated Torlyon's 30th Birthday at the delightful Torlyon Pride event. For those that could not make it we recognised, Lord Tosti Vicherovich Bogolyubskiy with the Order of the Griffin's Wing, Baron Alessandro di Fiorenzo with the Order of the Burly Griffin (Martial) and Master Cristoval Gitano with the Cook's Favour.

April is another big month for the Barony.

Starting with Festival, we're looking forward to our first time camping with Polit. We will be like newcomers though so we are entrusting you, our populace, to share with us some of your favourite Festival customs, rituals or quirks (we absolutely reserve the right of decline for tastings!).
And ending with the relaxed End of Year Tournaments and Picnic at Higgins Park.

We keep our eyes open but we can't see everything, if somebody is doing something cool let us know, send recommendations – bandb@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org.

In service to the Barony

Llewellyn and Rosa

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Greenhorns Hangout 5.45pm-7.45pm	2	3	4	5 Archery 10am Rowany Set-up
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Archery 10am
Rowany Set-up		Rowany Festival				
13 Rowany Festival	14	15 Greenhorns Hangout 5.45pm-7.45pm	16	17	18	19 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm
20 Baronial Meeting 7.30pm via Zoom	21 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	22	23	24	25	26 Archery 10am Dancing 12.30pm Rapier 2pm A&S Activities 2pm Combat Training 2.30pm Quercus Field
27	28 Fighter Training 6pm-8pm	29	30			

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From the Seneschal

ALERT: we don't have the use of Ainslie Scout Hall on Sunday the 5th and 12th April and on Tuesday the 7th and 14th April. This is due to Rowany Festival being on. Regular activities continue after that.

Congratulations to Torlyon on its 30th Anniversary! It was great to see past and present members there celebrating at Torlyon Pride.

We have a bundle of events coming up. The End of Year Tourney and Potluck Picnic, and the New Year's Feast both named because the first ever SCA event was at the beginning of May, and so the SCA year ("Anno Societatis") changes over at this time. And please reach out to Ragnhildr to help with the Tarago Medieval Fair Demo.

Officer positions needing filling at the moment: Chandler, Social Media, Youth Officer. Please volunteer or encourage friends to volunteer.

Crispin Sexi
Seneschal of Politarchopolis

Upcoming events:

2026-04-08 to 2026-04-13	Festival (Rowany)
2026-04-25	End of year tournaments and picnic
2026-05-03	Tarago Medieval Fair Demo
2026-05-23	New Year's Feast
2026-05-30 to 2026-05-31	May Coronation (Sherwater)
2026-08-15 to 2026-08-16	Knight School (Torlyon)
2026-09-05 to 2026-09-06	Spring Crown (Dismal Fogs)
2026-09-12	Archery High Tea (proposed)
2026-09-26 to 2026-09-27	Queanbeyan Medieval Faire (steward needed)
2026-10-17	St John's Fair demo
2026-11-27 to 2026-11-29	Fields of Gold (proposed)

A&S regular activities at Ainslie scout hall:

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

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Arts & Sciences Musings

Greetings all, I hope your Festival planning and or discussions were what you needed and you've been inspired by other's planning, doing and intentions.

My officer warrant is due in July this year, which means I should have a Deputy. Being Deputy doesn't automatically mean you will be the next Baronial Officer, I hasten to add. It is a good way to see how the office works (well, the way I do it), meet many in the Barony, and it's more a record keeping and coordinating role with a dash of general minister for enthusiasm. I may need to be interstate for periods of 2026, so that could be an opportunity for you as Deputy to step in for the experience without the full responsibility. Email me at arts@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org or catch me at Ainslie Hall for a chat.

In Service
Fru Ragnhildr

Upcoming Calendar for the Arts & Sciences at Ainslie Hall

Every Sunday 12.30-2.00 Dance with Lady Joanna
First Sunday - Choral singing with Master Crispin
Second Sunday at 3pm - Performers Guild with Lady Jagwiga
Fourth Sunday - Glass flame working workshop with Master Francois and THL Conciata

Upcoming Calendar for the Arts & Sciences at Ainslie Hall Classes at 2.30pm

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Arts & Sciences Musings Cont:

Upcoming Calendar for the Arts & Sciences at Ainslie Hall

Guild Guests at 2.30pm

[room for you to book in or ask me for a new referral]

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

10 May - Steven - Galileo's telescope and Astronomy

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

Kingdom

Autumn Coronation - May 2026 - Sherwater - A Clerical Document, Silk, Following the Crown- locally judged entries are due by 30 April, contact me if you would like to enter this way.

Spring Crown Tourney - Sept 2026 - Dismal Fogs - Feastware, Footwork, The Holy Roman
Empire

Spring Coronation - Nov 2026 - TBC - For Sleeping in, on or under, Grown, The Far East

WCoB

Autumn Coronation - May 2026 - Sherwater

Spring Crown Tourney - Sept 2026 - Dismal Fogs

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Politarchopolis - Ainslie Hall Fees 2026

Hi all! Fees are happily the same as 2025. However, we're now introducing an event form to register for periodical (quarterly / annual) payments. This comes with a friendly reminder when your next fee is due, and thanks from your reeve for making my life easier!

Single Session Payment Instructions

If you're paying for a single session only - Payment by direct deposit please -
Account: SCA Politarchopolis | BSB: 032778 | Account: 469607
Ref: Hall <your name> - PLEASE do this as exactly as possible so we know who's paying for what!

Questions or need help? Contact reeve@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org

SCA members (adult) - $6
SCA members (under 18) - free

Non-members (adult) - $16
Non-members (under 18) - $5

Unfortunately due to insurance, non-members must pay per attendance (and do not have the option of paying periodically).

Periodical Payment Instructions

Periodical payments are only available to SCA members due to insurance requirements. Members have the option of paying quarterly or annually for convenience and savings!

NEW INSTRUCTIONS! Please sign up for registration at
https://forms.gle/LaVKCnnBSunWUumg9
so we can track who's paying and help remind you when your next payment is due.

Please wait for instructions on payment, but so you can decide, the fees are -

Minors (under 18) - free. (You don't need to register for minors.)

Quarterly	$50
Quarterly (concession)	$30
Annual	$200
Annual (concession)	$120

Quarters are Jan to Mar, Apr to Jun, Jul to Sep, Oct to Dec. Annual is Jan to Dec.
Concessional fees are available to such people as students, people receiving pensions or support or those experiencing financial challenges. Please contact the reeve for a private conversation if you would like more information.

Cheers, Mistress Clara

PLEASE NOTE: For Quarter Two April to June. Please pay your fees using the reference you have received for Quarter One January to March.

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 April AS 60 (2026) Wednesday 1st and 15th of April 5.45pm - 7.45pm 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.

We look forward to seeing you there and at other Baronial Events and Activities

Polit goes to Festival

Festival Campsite and Food Fund

Greetings to the Populace! Firstly, Rowany Festival is only **2 weeks** away!!!! This is "true"! For those Newcomers, that is a saying we have which means – time is getting away from us – and before you know it…it really will be less than 2 weeks away.

So, in preparation – let me say a big thank you to those who have responded to my initial Survey. We have a had a good result! So this is a reminder to fill out this "amended" form. The new form includes "contact information". Master Crispin will reach out to those who have indicated that they will eat with the Polit Food Fund.

I will also reach out to others who indicated they will assist with Campsite Set up and management. Thank you so much in advance. Organising the Polit encampment is a huge task!!!

For now – the link to NEW Survey is here: **https://docs.google.com/.../1sJN.../edit**

Please feel free to add any other information you think we may need.

Yours in Service,
Dame Helouys

Rowany Festival - Politarchopolis Campsite Food Fund information! 🍎🥕🥖🍽️

If you would like to be in the Polit campsite food fund please contact me (Crispin).
Note that if you are camping in the Politarchopolis campsite you don't have to be in the food fund, and there are some people who will be in the food fund who are not camping in the Politarchopolis campsite.

Food Fund pricing per person:
* Sunday is set up day - no food provided, recommend going into town for dinner!
* Monday breakfast to final Tuesday breakfast: $150
* Monday dinner to final Tuesday breakfast: $140
* Tuesday dinner to final Tuesday breakfast: $125
* Wednesday lunch to final Tuesday breakfast: $115
* Thursday dinner to Monday lunch: $81
* Individual meals: $7
* Children eat for half price.

Every adult in the food fund will need to work one or two full meal shifts throughout the event (depending on how much of the event they'll be there for). This involves preparing the food, serving it and cleaning up afterwards. Approximately 2 hours per shift at breakfast and lunch, and 3 hours at dinner.

Rough outline of meals:

Breakfast:	eggs, bacon, bread, fruit, porridge.
Lunch:	meat, salad, bread, cheese, pickles, nuts.
Dinner:	stew, vegetable dish, bread and a dessert.
Snacks:	biscuit, fruit, cordial.

Will attempt to cater for special food needs on request (e.g. dairy/gluten/veg/allergies).

End of year tournaments
Politarchopolis, 25 April
Tournament

Come and join us for a relaxed day in a park, with tournaments (heavy and rapier) and various games, celebrating the end of the Society year.

Bring your food for a relaxing potluck picnic.

Given that it is the end of the year the Heavy tournament will be a test of endurance offering bouts by challenge. If you thought of a P'as D'Armes you wouldn't be too far off the mark. Come prepared for florid challenges, pithy responses and robust exchanges!

If that's not your thing, there will be board and outdoor games set up to test your skills and reasoning.

Location

Gospel Salvation Assembly hall and Higgins park
At Higgins shops off Fullagar Crescent
27 Higgins Pl, Higgins ACT 2615
[disability access yes] [Venue is Alcohol and Tobacco/vape free] In other words dry and smoke free

Timetable

10.00 am	Site opens for setup
11.00 am	Armour inspections and lists open for heavy and rapier
	Field and indoor games available for use
12.00 pm	Tournament commencement (alternating rounds)
3.00 pm	Fighting concludes
4.30 pm	Pack up and site clean commences
6.00 pm	Site closes

Price

Adults: $10
Children <18: Free
Concession (pensioners, unemployed incl students): N/A
Non-SCA-members pay +$20 adults or +$5 minors

Contact

Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: Bookings not required, but requested
[redacted]
Bookings Close: 25 April

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

Tarago Mediaeval Fair Demo

Politarchopolis, 3 May

Other

Come and show the delights of the SCA at a Mediaeval Fair.
Limited entry tickets available for stall personnel.
Overnight stay Saturday night available at the Showgrounds at own cost.
Tarago Mediaeval Fair will have a variety of food vendors, solid lance jousting and a HarnessFechten Tournament, amongst other re-enactment groups.

Location

Tarago Showgrounds Braidwood Road Tarago 2580 NSW Australia

Timetable

Event is open to the public 9-4pm
Stall infrastructure to be in place before 9am. Packup after 4pm.
Friday setup, Saturday setup, morning, afternoon and packup sessions available.

Price

SCA event is free. Contact Steward early for one of the limited fair entry tickets.

Contact

Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org
Bookings Close: 1 May

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

New Year's Feast

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

Politarchopolis, 23 May

Feast

Come join us for afternoon tournaments and an evening feast to celebrate the new year.

Location

St John's Church Hall, 45 Constitution Ave, Reid ACT, Australia.

Timetable

2:00pm	Start,
2:30pm	Heavy and Rapier tournaments, afternoon tea,
5:00pm	Feast hall opens,
6:30pm	First course, then dancing, court and entertainment, second course,
10:00pm	Close.

Price

$28 adult member
$0 minor member
$38 adult non-member
$5 child non-member.

Contact

Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: Bookings via website; queries to bookings@politarchopolis.lochac.sca.org.
Bookings Close: 17 May

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

Knight School 2026

https://tlampasona.wixsite.com/knight-school-lochac

Torlyon, 15-16 August

Collegium

Knight School is a training weekend for the medieval western martial art known as "Heavy fighting" within the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). In August 2026 we will be holding a bootcamp weekend for training the sport.
This weekend is aimed at intermediate fighters, but all levels welcome.

Location

Day (Sat & Sun)
Cootamundra Town Hall
81 Wallendoon St, Cootamundra NSW 2590

Night venue (Sat night)
Cootamundra Ex-Servicemens & Citizens Memorial Club
299 Parker St, Cootamundra NSW 2590

Timetable

Please note: This timetable should be regarded as in draft
Please see the website for more details

Price

Adult whole event - $62.20
Adult NM whole event - $77.20
Adult one day only - $32.20
Adult NM one day only - $47.20
Child (15 and under) whole event - $0.00
Child (15 and under) NM whole event - $5.00
Child (15 and under) one day only - $0.00
Child (15 and under) NM one day only - $0.00
Dinner only - $12.20

Contact

Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: booking form coming soon
Bookings Close: 7 August

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

St John's Fair Display

https://www.facebook.com/events/876467981877829/

Politarchopolis, 17 October

Other

One of Politarchopolis' major recruitment events is St John's Fair. We set up a mini-encampment with Arts & Sciences, rapier & heavy combat, dance, and other displays.

Your presence is welcome, whether you join us for a hour or the whole day.

Location

St John's Church Hall, 45 Constitution Ave, Reid ACT, Australia.

Timetable

Tent set up: Friday night (16/10) at 6pm
Display set up: Saturday morning (17/10) at 8am
Fair opens: 9am
Fair closes: 2pm

Price

Members free, non-members $10

Contact

Steward: [redacted]
Bookings: https://forms.gle/fHd4mpeGBWR6s6rv7
Bookings Close: 16 October

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

Politarchopolis Scribes for April

Check the Polit Scribes FB Page for further details.
Please note there will be no Scribes in April
Next Scribes will be Saturday the 2nd of May

Sunday Activities

Notes about Sunday Activities for 2026

All Sunday Hall Activities will be back on the 19th April back with A&S Workshops and Glasswork.

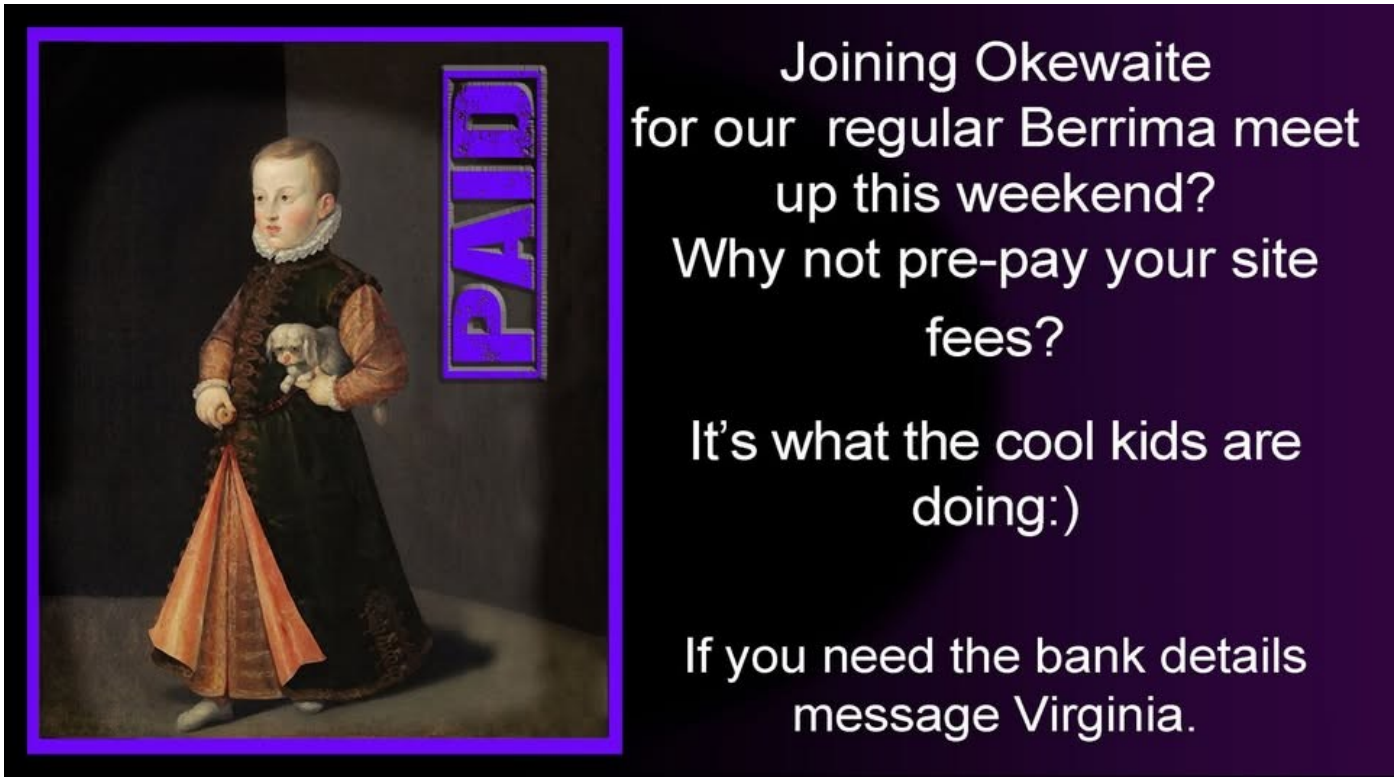
Archery will be continue throughout the month of April

Okewaite Activities at Quercus Field

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

Note NO Activities on Saturday 11th April due to Festival

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,

Please Check Details Page 6

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 2026

The Baronial Meetings for 2026 will be both In-person and via Zoom on alternate months.

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 18th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	February 16th via Zoom at 7.30pm	March 15th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	**April** **20th via Zoom at 7.30pm**
May 17th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	June 15th via Zoom at 7.30pm	July 19th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	August 17th via Zoom at 7.30pm
September 20th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30 Zoom available ?	October 19th via Zoom at 7.30pm	November 15th at Ainslie Hall at 2.30pm Zoom available	December 14th via Zoom at 7.30pm

Our In-person meetings are full of surprises but luckily no assassinations. Well not physically anyway!

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

AUTUMN CORONATION 2026
SHIRE OF SHERWATER
WAIRARAPA AND TARARUA, NZ

DATES - 30-31 MAY 2026 AS LXI (61)

LOCATION - Anzac Hall Complex, 62-64 Bell Street Featherston

STEWARD - [redacted]

https://sherwater.sca.org.nz/lochac-autumn-coronation-2026

SPRING CROWN 2026
DISMAL FOGS
BLUE MOUNTAINS - DUBBO, NSW

DATES - 5-6 September 2026

LOCATION - Blackheath, NSW

STEWARD -

SPRING CORONATION 2026
T.B.A

DATES - AS LXI (61) November 2026

LOCATION -

STEWARD -

We still don't have events locked in for Spring 2026, nor Autumn 2027.
Think of how far that is away, you'll have so much time to prepare for your event!
If you're keen, reach out to the Lochac Seneschal or the Crown Events Deputy with your ideas.

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Meetup
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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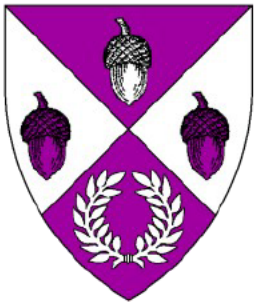

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