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“A taste of Scotland the Highland Games turn 40”

What a spectacle to witness the many tartans, combined with the sounds of hundreds of pipes and drums. See an amazing dog event, their speed is incredible, and the dogs are so enthusiastic about it. Get swept up in the , enjoyment, enthusiasm, and energy of Highland Dancing. A must for any who wish to savour the tastes of Scotland, is the haggis and black pudding sandwich, try if you dare! Finally if you have lasted the distance after your Scottish lunch, try your hand at “Haggis Hurling” and see how far you get. These are the sights sounds and tastes you will experience as you touch a little bit of Scotland at this years 2006 annual Ringwood Highland Games, at its new location Maroondah Secondary College.

The Ringwood Highland Games draw cards include this year:

- Australian Pipe Band Championships
- National Championships in Dog Fly Ball Competition
- Highland Dance Competitions and Scottish Dancing displays.
- Grand March of the Scottish Clans and Societies
- ****New this year are the**** “LIGHT HEAVY GAMES” to be part of the Fun Events Program.
- Farmyard display of regular and not so regular animals along with Scottish Cattle
- Vast arrays of stalls selling everything Scottish including Haggis, Lorne Sausage, Black Pudding, Irn Bru, tablet, and all sweets you miss from Scotland
- The Massed Bands Display.

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**The 2006 Annual
Ringwood Highland Games
Ringwood, Victoria, Australia**

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*Spend a day in Scotland; and come to
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All in all, a day no to be missed.

Free shuttle bus from Ringwood Station.

“BYO CHAIR”

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We play proud host to the Australian Pipe Band Championships, which have attracted Pipe bands from all over Australia as well as internationally. We could see up to 40 pipe bands out on the arena! What a spectacle to witness the many tartans, combined with the sounds of hundreds of pipes and drums, culminating in the massed band displays at 1.40pm and the finally at 4.15pm

Its quite an impressive sight to see the 30 Scottish Clans and Societies present around the ground take part in the Grand March prior to the official opening at 1.30pm.

****New this year are the**** "LIGHT HEAVY GAMES" funded by the Commonwealth Games to be part of the Fun Events Program. Included is the "Caber Toss" and the "Weight Throw" (modified conditions and equipment). Fun to be had by all young, or the not so young claiming bragging rights. Other Fun Events involve the "Wellie Boot Throw" (known here as the gumboot), and if you have lasted the distance after your Scottish lunch try your hand at "Haggis Hurling" and see how far you get.

For the children and young at heart there will be a wonderful farmyard display of regular and not so regular animals together with Scottish Cattle, inclusive of some rides to keep the children occupied.



Ringwood Memorial Clock Tower,
Maroondah Highway



National Dog Fly Ball
Championships



Australian Pipe Band
Championships



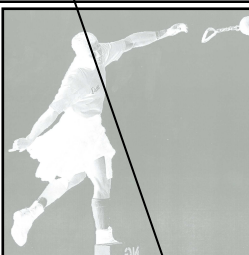
Highland Dance Competitions

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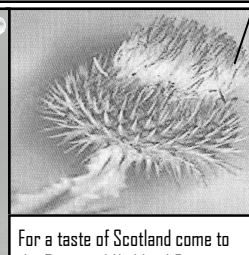


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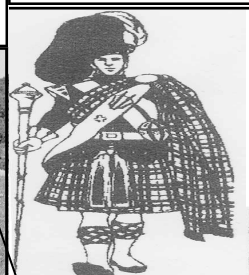
All new Light Heavy Games, with
the Fun Events Program



For a taste of Scotland come to
the Ringwood Highland Games



Scottish Cattle, along with farm
animals for the kids



Scottish Clans and Societies
Grand March

Also we have the privilege of hosting the National Championships in Dog Fly ball Competition. With twenty-five teams of dogs and their trainers coming from all over the eastern seaboard this two-day event on the Saturday and on the Sunday as part of the Highland Games. Many Scottish breeds participate in the amazing dog event, the speed is incredible, the dogs are so enthusiastic about it.

There will be three stages of Highland Dance Competitions and Scottish Dancing displays taking place through out the day, the energy, enthusiasm, and enjoyment is something great to see.

All around the ground there are vast arrays of stalls selling everything Scottish including Haggis, Lorne Sausage, Black Pudding, Irn Bru, tablet, and all sweets you miss from Scotland. You can buy kilts, music, bagpipes, and CD's. Tartan, maps, jewellery, Celtic t-shirts, handcrafts, a vast array of foods, and lots, lots more. My favourite and I strongly suggest it; as a must for any who wish to savour the tastes of Scotland is the haggis and black pudding sandwich, try it if you dare!!!

Admission: Adults \$15, Concession \$12 Children \$8, Family (2 adults/2 children) \$30. Early bird tickets available till Feb 18th with Adults at \$10, just send a self addressed envelope with required payment to Early bird tickets c/of Ringwood Highland Games 92 Wonga Road Ringwood Victoria 3134

Spend a day in Scotland; come to the Ringwood Highland Games *****Free shuttle bus from Ringwood Railway Station** to the games from 10am till 5 pm. All in all, a day no to be missed.

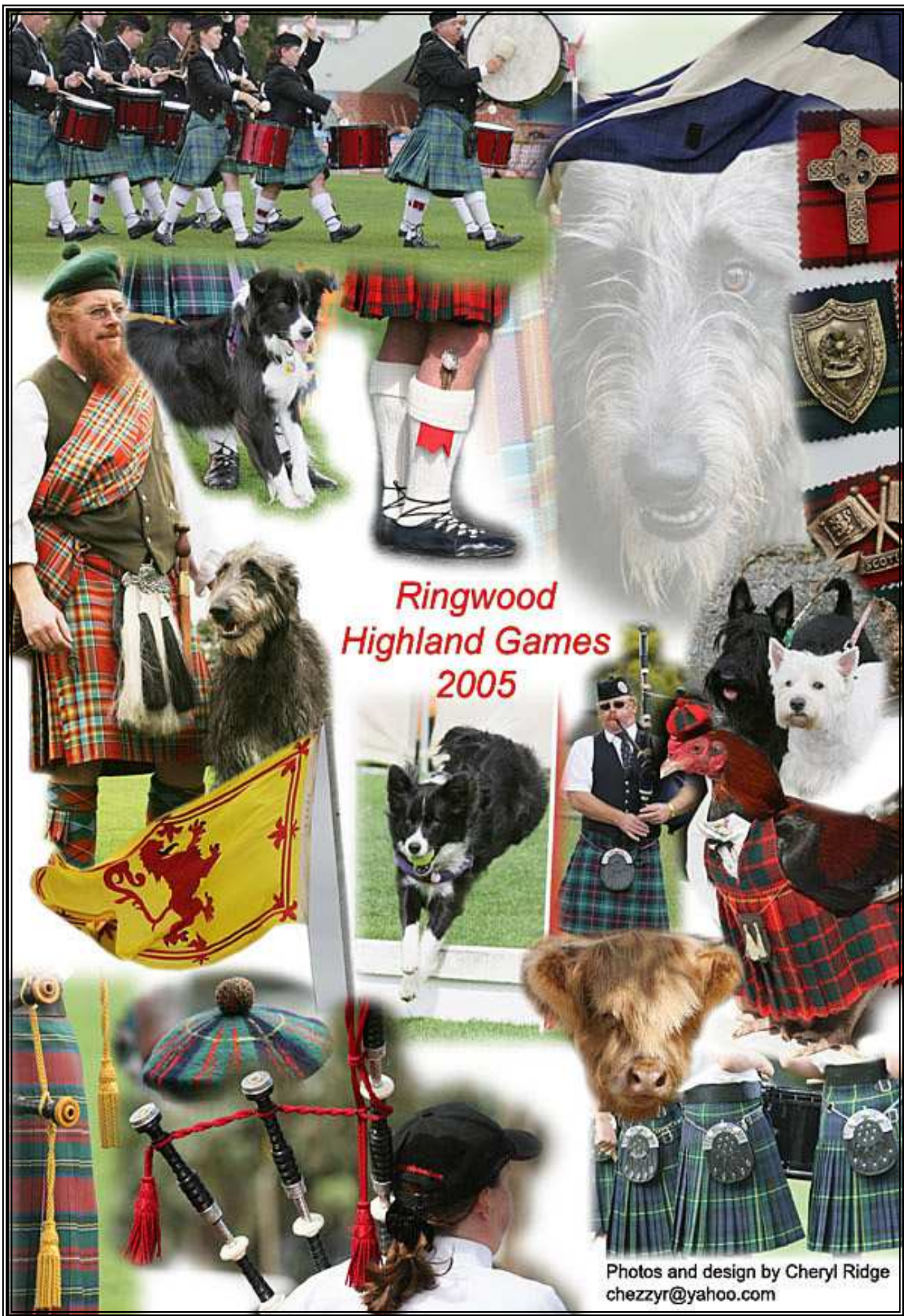
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