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# A great Scot will kick up her heels

THE Highland Gathering, one of Australia's biggest multicultural events, will be held at Castle Hill Showground this Sunday, October 29, from 10am to 5pm.

This will be the 137th time it has been held.

One of the most enthusiastic participants will be Glenda Mason, who lives in Mount Pritchard.

Mrs Mason, a Clan MacFarlane lass, has been kicking up her heels at this Combined Scottish Societies day for 15 years.

Mrs Mason's family stock are from the north-west shore of Loch Lomond.

"The MacFarlanes can trace their heritage back to the early 1200s, and the last chief died in the 19th century," she said.

Mrs Mason is secretary of the Combined Scottish Societies of NSW.

She is also commissioner for the Australasia Pacific Rim, of the International Clan MacFarlane.

Her grandmother came to Australia in 1883.

On Sunday, Scottish people and their descendants from here and overseas gather to celebrate their heritage with music and dance.

The Castle Showground is in Carrington Road, Castle Hill.

There will be Scottish Highland



**Great Scot:** Glenda Mason takes the high road every year, for a Highland fling. She said the society will host the Australasia Pipe Band Championships in 2008.

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dancing and pipe band championships.

There will also be a heavy events challenge, which includes throwing the hammer, tossing the caber and weight over the bar.

Other attractions will be clan tents, a haggis hurl, a tug of war and Scottish stalls, dog displays and vintage cars.

Cost: Adults: \$10; pensioners and students: \$8, children: 5 to 16, \$5. Details: 9871 3593.