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Toys For Tots event - Image by Baron Donnchadh

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SEEKING NEW OFFICERS
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Baronial Missive

Baroness Bella and Baron Donnchadh send enthusiastic greetings to Our beloved populace of Aneala, Dragons Bay and College of Saint Basil the Great.

As 2025 draws to a close We have been reflecting upon all the fun we have had over the last year. We are greatly enjoying the honour and responsibilities of our tenure as your Baron and Baroness.
Some of our highlights have been the privilege of creating Our new awards, the Virtues of Aneala, the absolute joy of giving well deserved Awards to members of the populace, hosting the Crown twice and presiding over Our first Championship weekend to find a shiny new complement of Champions and an utterly delightful Page of Aneala.

Of my personal highlights, the most moving would have to be my Pelican ceremony.
To have my friend Jochen reigning as King for it was the "cherry on top" as he put it.
Heartfelt speeches from my Peer, husband and friends, most of whom caused me and many others to cry, made it such a special moment in time for me.

Other highlights for me were rolling out my little creation of Cygnet Academy for the youth of the Barony, finally running my Halloween Ball after 15 years and the joys of Cygnet Mail, long may it continue!

Last month we had the pleasure of attending the Toys for Tots Charity Tournament.
Due to the generosity of our members we collected 48 toys for Variety WA.

Congratulations to Our tournament winners!

Armoured: Lord Galen Wulfric
Fencing: Varbed Zaven Zeytuntsi

During closing court I was overjoyed to be able to bestow my Baroness' Favour upon my Attendant, Lady Camille Maupin de Francois to publicly and personally show her the depth of appreciation I have for all she has done and continues to do for me.

Looking forwards to 2026, we would once again encourage members of the populace to embrace trying new things. Volunteer to run or assist with an event, take on an office you haven't held before, cook a medieval recipe, try out a new martial art, teach a class, sew new garb, paint a portrait, illuminate a scroll, enter an A&S competition. There are so many options!

This year we are working towards the creation of more opportunities and ways to facilitate the Arts and Sciences throughout Our wonderful Barony. We would love to see more classes for people to share their skills and knowledge and learn new arts.
We also have some ideas for group projects to enhance the ambience of our events.

Have you ever thought about running an event?
We are planning the calendar for 2026. If you are interested, please reach out.
No experience necessary. We can team you up with a mentor to guide and support you through the process of creating a successful event.

Upcoming Events

Midsummer Feast
The Court of Byzantium: Intrigue and Murder Most Foul!
Saturday 17th January, Maddington Community Centre

3 Marshal Stream Team Tourney (Dragons Bay)
Sunday 15th March. Wandi Community Centre. Details coming soon.

This Means War! Camping Weekend
Friday 1st May to Sunday 3rd May. Gidegannup.

Western Raids Camping Weekend
Friday 29th of May to Monday 1st of June, Wandi Community Centre.

We would encourage you all to send us award recommendations as We do love to formally recognise members of the populace for their contributions to Our society.

We look forward to seeing many of you at Midsummer in a few short weeks.
It sounds like it will be a fun event and we are excited to see how the murder mystery theme unfolds during the evening.

We hope to see you all at an event soon!

Donnchadh *Bella*

Baron Baroness

Seneschals Missive

Greetings good populace of Aneala,

It has been my privilege and pleasure to see through another year as your seneschal. Each year brings its own unique challenges, and I for one am glad to wrap up this period and look forward to the next. Fortunately, there are a great many historical traditions with which to do so!

In early English tradition, midwinter and solstice festivals would be celebrated with a 'mummer play', where actors wore masks, participated in duels, and often 'killed off' a character to symbolically end the new year.

In later periods, many areas in Europe would bake a 'Twelfth Night Cake', which included a hidden coin. The person who found the coin in their piece was said to have a fortunate new year.

Even as far back as Ancient Rome, Ovid wrote that honey cakes should be given out in the new year, so that the coming year may be as sweet. A much more pleasant tradition than the alternative of returning to the office and restating oaths of allegiance.

And yet, without those oaths and the work of our officers, we would have no barony, and no wonderful events to look forward to. This year has included many events run by many hands, often for the first time in new roles. But each new steward has been guided by an experienced mentor, and all our events have benefited from their shared knowledge. Well done to our mentors and mentees, and I hope to see this trend continue in the new year.

In this year, we also:

- Ran 8 events, including 3 with royal attendance!
- Attended multiple events with our friends at the College and Canton
- Grown in membership – from 88 to 99 in a year!
    - Maintained our funds from November 2024 $27,030.43 to November 2025 $28,236.80

Behind every event and project that this barony has achieved is the tireless work of our council. I would like to personally thank each and every member, incoming and outgoing officers, deputies, mentors, and supportive friends, for your combined efforts this year.

Aífe ingen Echdach as Reeve

Leoflæda Ælfwynnes dohter as Herald

André de Montségur as Arts & Sciences

Uriangkhai-yin Cirina Soqor as Constable, with her deputy Natalia Webb

Marx Lamprecht as Knight Marshal

Konrad Hildebrandt as Captain of Archers

Camille Maupin d'Francois as Rapier Marshal

Alazais Escoffier De Verdun as Chronicler

Isabel de Annesley as List Keeper

Isolde van Wilravenssijde as Chatelaine

Nathan Blacktower as Webminister, and my own deputy

And our outgoing officers:

William Walford as Captain of Archers

Miloš Boskov as Chatelaine

Victoria of St Basil as Constable

Wolfgang Germanicus as Youth Officer

It is no small task to run a barony like ours, and a constant stream of work is needed. And while I must often remind folks to take breaks and focus on real life, I am nevertheless so grateful you have all chosen to spend your time keeping the barony running, so we all get to enjoy The Game.

However you and yours choose to celebrate the new year, I hope it will be as sweet as honey cakes and enjoyed with good company. May you feel inspired towards new projects, ideas, and roles in the coming year – we do still have 2 open offices! – and refreshed from the holiday break.

Take care, and here's to another year in Aneala.

Yours in joyous service,

Angelo

Officers Missives

Good morning all,

As we will not be able to use Lake Monger Primary School for training over the remainder of January, here are the alternate training locations for the next few weeks.

4 January: Garvey Park
11 January: Spearwood Primary School
18 January: Garvey Park

A venue for 25 January is still to-be-confirmed, as Garvey Park is unavailable for that date.

Unfortunately, we will not be able to do archery at Garvey Park; this alternate location would just be for armoured combat and rapier. Wandi re-opens on 4 January, should any archers wish to shoot.

In service,
Marx Lamprecht
Knight Marshal

Greetings!

Do you like handling money? Know how to read a balance sheet? Understand the difference between surplus and profit?

Then Dragons Bay needs you! Our Reeve is soon to step down and requires a successor to take on the oversight of our group finances.

Key requirements:
- You will need to be a current SCA member, 18 years or older
- Reliable and responsive access to email and internet
- Ability to keep on top of a variety of related administrative tasks
- Some prior relevant experience

Key responsibilities:
- Managing the finances and regular reporting on such
- Managing Dragons Bay accounts, including being involved in checking event/purchase budgets and approval of expenditure
- Maintaining electronic records; familiarity with Xero and Excel is valuable (support/training available!)
- Developing and maintaining appropriate financial procedures, and keeping up to date with relevant financial policies
- Assisting event stewards with the event budgeting and post-event reporting process

You'll find more detailed information about this role in the Officer Job Descriptions document at: https://seneschal.lochac.sca.org/resources#officer

Please send your applications by 18 January 2026 to reeve@aneala.lochac.sca.org, with a courtesy copy to qilichsungur@gmail.com.

Please include your membership number, mundane and SCA names, any relevant financial experience, and your general experience in the SCA - as well as outlining why you think you'd be suitable to the role.

If you have any questions regarding the role, its responsibilities and requirements - or indeed anything else - please don't hesitate to contact me at qilichsungur@gmail.com.

Yours in Service,

Steven Baker

New Officer Progress:
Applications Opened <<< we are here (closes 18 January 2026)
Consideration Period
Shortlist for Commentary
Consultation Period
Notice to Candidates & Scheduling
Confirmation & Handover schedule

Event Pics–Toys for Tots by Baron Donnchadh

Greetings Fair Populous,

Last month We gathered at Garvey Park, under the shade of the trees on the banks of the Swan River, to hold our yearly Toys 4 Tots Charity tournament. The heat decided to stay away and We were delighted to see so many fighters attend. Its pleasing to know that our Barony is so well defended by both the Armoured fighters and Fencers.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. We received many donated toys and thanks to Lady Camille and Lord Crettienne, making the time to join me in the Lists during lunch, where we managed to authorise our newest and youngest Fencer, Eochaid Finn mac Tuatha, just in time for them to join us on the Fencing Field for the tournament.

Last month we also had the pleasure to authorise Renault, at Combined Training at Spearwood, adding to our growing number of Fencers. Thank you to Chrettien and Cirina for fencing his Authorisation.
I am looking forward to more tournaments with more new fighters.

Baron Donnchadh

Event Pics–Toys for Tots by Baron Donnchadh

Events

The Court of Byzantium: Intrigue and Murder Most Foul

Barony of Aneala

Saturday 17 January 2026

Maddington Community Centre - 19 Alcock St, Maddington WA

Join us for a night at The Court of Byzantium
Intrigue and Murder Most Foul!

To enter the shark-infested waters of the Court of Byzantium is to risk a poisoned chalice or a knife in the back—but 'tis riskier far to offend by refusing the invitation!

Join us as we feast on delicious delicacies, but keep an eye out for suspicious activity.
All is not as it seems...who will survive the evening?
Who will fall prey to the deadly political machinations of the court?
And will YOU help bring a killer to justice?

This event is a murder mystery feast.
Please indicate, when booking, if you would like to play a role in the unfolding drama (this will involve being assigned a persona for the evening, with certain tasks to complete in order to set the scene and provide clues to the inevitable murder).

There are both major and minor roles available, so if you don't wish to be a key player with plenty to do, but are happy to contribute modestly to the storyline, that can be arranged.

If you do want to play along, please ensure you book TWO WEEKS before the event (by 4th January 2026) so you have time to prepare for your role!

Hall opens 5:30pm, feast from 6:30pm
Bookings via bookings@aneala.lochac.sca.org - closing 11th January 2026

Adult members: $40 Youth members 5-17yrs: $20 Infant members under 5yo: free
Non-members add $10 insurance levy

Event steward: Leoflaeda AElfwynnes dohter Feastocrat: Slaine inghean ui Ruadhain

Are you wondering how this Murder Mystery Midsummer concept will work?
Here is a brief outline of the fun and excitement you can expect:
Attendees who indicate, when booking, that they'd like to play along (please do! It won't work without a decent number of positions filled!!), will be assigned a persona for the evening ("Charlotte the Charming Chambermaid, Sherwood the Shameless Sherriff"...). At the start of the event, you will then be given a list of tasks or objectives ("Talk to great-uncle Heinrich. Don't mention the war!" "Ask Baron Betelgeuse about the deplorable state of the roads." "Drop this monogrammed handkerchief somewhere near Johann the Jester".).

At some point, I hate to offer a spoiler, but brace yourself, because I have to tell you: Somebody DIES!! After this, everyone (who is still alive) gets a new set of objectives. The overall effect should be enough clues to enable the observant player to deduce WHO DID IT, and WHY! Although there will of course be a grand reveal at the end, just in case we were all too subtle, cunning, underhanded, etc.

In amongst all this, you can expect the usual array of delicious removes of Byzantine delicacies, prepared by the inimitable Mistress Slaine, some dancing, and of course plenty of DRAMA and SUSPENSE - basically, lots of fun and excitement and unless we find ourselves unexpectedly in the middle of an Agatha Christie novel, nobody ACTUALLY dies and everyone goes home in the same condition in which they arrive, except in high good spirits and well fed. Huzzah!

P.S. - Send your booking to bookings@aneala.lochac.sca.org today - don't miss out on the event of a lifetime!
Or, at least, the event of the summer!!

Events

THIS MEANS WAR!

Camping Weekend

Friday 1st May to Sunday 3rd May.
54 Hampstead Hills Dve, Gidgegannup WA.

As the long, dry summer draws to a close in the far-off Mountains of Myth, desperation presses hard upon the ferocious inhabitants of those parts. This will, inevitably, bring them down with hostile intent upon the eastern reaches of our magnificent Barony, and we all know what this means: WAR!!
Or, at least, a series of Skirmishes and a glorious Hunt (to clean out the smaller vermin). I t is even possible that our easternmost outposts may be overwhelmed, in which case we will need to stage a desperate rearguard action closer in, atop the Escarpment that so protects the heartland of the Barony!!

Thus courageous gentles are invited to load up their beasts of burden and journey out to Gidgegannup, where you can spend a delightful weekend ensuring our populace continue to sleep safe in their beds!
A fabulous opportunity to polish up your skills (not to mention equipment) before the inevitable raiding season truly gets underway…

This is conceived as a very relaxed hang-out type event, with scope for fighting people to fight as much as they wish, and others to hang out and sew, chat, etc. It is not overly structured or planned!

Timetable	Arrivals and setup from 4pm Friday (soup kitchen dinner). Various fun and exciting war and target archery scenarios all weekend (plus meals). Pack up Sunday afternoon, off site by 5pm.			
Price	Full event:	$50 adults	$25 5-17yo,	under 5 free
	Saturday only:	$20	$10	
	Sunday only:	$10	$5	
	Non-members add	$10 adults	$5 minors	

Please contact steward for self-catering prices.
Steward: Leoflaeda AElfwynnes dohter

Bookings: Please direct bookings to steward, Lady Leoflaeda, rifka86@hotmail.com Bookings Close: 24 April 2026

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

SAVE THE DATE - Western Raids Camping Weekend

Friday 29th of May to Monday 1st of June

Wandi Community Centre.

Roman Honey Cakes

"Make the savillum this way. Take half a pound of flour and two and a half pounds of cheese, and mix together as for the libum. Add 1/4 pound of honey and 1 egg.

Grease an earthenware dish with oil. When you have mixed the ingredients well, pour into the dish and cover it with an earthenware lid. See that you cook it well in the middle, where it is thickest.

When it is cooked, remove the dish, coat with honey, sprinkle with poppy seeds, and put it back beneath the lid for a short while, then remove from the fire.

Serve it in the dish with a spoon."

— De Agri Cultura by Marcus Porcius Cato, 2nd Century BC

Recipe courtesy of Baroness Bella Romana Valori

Baronial Activities

Regular activities occur unless superseded by an event

Anealas Baronial Council Meeting.	*3rd Friday of each month, opens at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Contact Baron and Baroness*
Baronial Training	*Sunday from 10am.* ***4 January: Garvey Park*** ***11 January: Spearwood Primary School*** ***18 January: Garvey Park***
Archery	*(Contact Archery Marshal).*
Armoured Training.	(Contact Armoured Marshal).
Rapier Combat.	(Contact Rapier Marshal).
Combined Training /Arts & Sciences	*2nd Sunday of each month. 10am to 1pm* *Spearwood Primary School, 73 Gerald St, Spearwood*

Canton of Dragon's Bay	Please check the Dragon's Bay website for details

College of St Basil the Great (UWASCA)

Armoured training	*WEDNESDAY at oak lawn* from 5pm!*
Rapier training	*THURSDAY at 5pm at oak lawn*.* *This will be followed by dinner at broadway from around 7-8pm.*
Arts and Sciences	*THURSDAY at 8pm in E-zone central common room!*

**training may be relocated to the passageway beside oak lawn dependent on weather conditions. Updates will be provided in this case.*

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Music and Singing.	*For times and venues, contact genierachel@iinet.net.au*
Scribes:	*Tuesday nights. Contact **Mistress Leonie***
Dancing:	*1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Contact Baroness Elizabeth.*

Darlington Monthly A&S Saturdays

Darlington Hall, 1/3 Owen Road Darlington. 10am to 1pm

MEMBERS: Adults $3, Minors free. NON-MEMBERS Adults $13, Minors $5.
Please bring correct change if paying cash. EFT payments accepted.

2026	24th January	28th February	28th March	25th April
	27th June	25th July	22nd August	19th September
	17th October	28th November	19th December	

Master Donnchadh, will be running Fencing Guild Classes from 10:30am to 12:30am each month. Fencing training at Darlington A&S is dedicated to Guild Training. Fencing activities will be concentrating on Period fencing techniques from different treaties and preparation as pertaining to the successful playing of Guild prizes of different ranks."

Cooks Guild activities are also being planned. If anyone would like to run a class this year, on the topic of their choice, please contact me so we can advertise and make it happen.

We would like classes to be a regular activity but are equally happy if you just want to come along to socialise and work on your own projects.

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Darlington A&S Steward
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Local Lochac Guild Contacts

Royal Fibre Guild of Lochac

For those interested in the arts, crafts and history of all textile matters.
We encourage the doing, researching & teaching of fibre related skills as seen in pre 1600 cultures.
We include weavers, spinners, dyers, cord makers, felters, knitters, njalbinders and lace makers.

Contact *Baroness Elizabeth: aneala@aneala.lochac.sca.org*

Royal Guild of Defence

Researching and teaching of the period martial arts of Europe, as detailed in the various extant fencing and wrestling manuals.

Contact *Master Dameon Greybeard :dameongreybeard@gmail.com*

Worshipful Company of Broiderers

The aim of the Company is to advance the study and practice of pre-1600 AD European needlework in Lochac and in the Known World.

Contact *Mistress Leonie de Grey: degrey@fgcint.com*

Performers and Entertainers Guild of Lochac

This guild is dedicated to the promotion, encouragement, learning and performance of bardic, theatrical, instrumental and all other entertainment arts within an SCA context.

Contact *Isabel: genierachel@iinet.net.au*

Lochac Brewers Vintners and Imbibers Guild

We share a common interest in brewing and wine making as practiced in the Middle Ages, and the responsible consumption of said beverages.

Contact *Wolfgang Germanicus:*

Lochac Cooks' Guild

Members of the Lochac Cooks' Guild aim to practice cooking in the style of the Medieval and Renaissance periods, research and study period cooking and make available Information on all aspects of period cooking as it pertains to the SCA.

Contact*: Baroness Bella Valori kerryn@ladybirdpainting.com.au*

EVENT BOOKING POLICY

Payment for all bookings must be made in advance of the event by the date advised in the booking confirmation email. If payment is not received by the due date your booking will be cancelled. Payment may be made either online or at any Westpac bank branch.

EVENT CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

Cancellation can be made at any time up to the close of bookings with a full refund provided for any event payment already made.
Cancellation after close of bookings will be accepted in the case of illness with a refund provided. Please contact the booking officer ASAP prior to the event.
Refunds (full or partial) for any other reason are at the discretion of the event steward together with the seneschal and/or reeve and will be dependant on expenses incurred.

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

SCA Group Websites

Barony of Aneala (Perth, WA)	*aneala.lochac.sca.org*
Canton of Dragons Bay	*dragonsbay .lochac.sca.org*
College of St Basil the Great (UWA)	*stbasil.lochac.sca.org*
Kingdom of Lochac (Australia & New Zealand)	*lochac.sca.org*
SCA Corporate (Australia)	*sca.org.au*
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