

*Except in Lochac¹

The Southern-most Kingdom where, if the fauna doesn't get you, the landscape will.



Figure 1: Rendering of the Lochac Kingdom Arms, incorporating the pegasi supporters, the Crown of Lochac, and the fealty chain of SF (Semper Fidelis). Image rendered by Mistress Roheisa Le Sarjent of Southron Gaard.

Lochac has always been an exceptional and unique branch of the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). She is one of only two Kingdoms that rule the southern hemisphere, and currently comprises the entirety of Australia, New Zealand, Antarctica and the Bass Strait, making it the Kingdom governing the largest land/sea area in the SCA. She is also the only Kingdom in the Knowne Worlde that was born from two parent Kingdoms – The West Kingdom and the Kingdom of Caid.

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¹ Under governance of the West Kingdom, the Australian branch was frequently mentioned in asterisk clauses excluding them from law changes applicable to the United States.

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The Origins and Growth of the SCA in Australia

Members

Lochac began as a small number of enthusiastic gamers in 1980 growing to 95 members (excluding Aneala – Perth, Western Australia), by September 1985 and 1,489 members by December 2015.

Before the SCA: The Kingdom of Cumberland and the SCMA

Beginning in the Blue Room at the University of New South Wales (UNSW, Sydney Campus, the initial members were drawn from the Tolkein Society, the Science Fiction Foundation and War Gaming groups. Mistress Rowan Perigrinne (previously Robyn Breheny) recalls how she and other group members were initially inspired by tales of the SCA and by an SCA handbook dated to AS 4 was brought back from a WorldCon by Shayne McCormick. Mistress Rowan attempted to contact the SCA but, as the address in the handbook was 13 years out of date, she never received a response. Undeterred, the group did not hold back their enthusiasm for the idea and a great deal of research was undertaken on heraldry, costume, music and armour in medieval times. This led to the formation of the Society for the Current Middle Ages (SCMA), and the Kingdom of Cumberland.

The initial armour used by the Kingdom of Cumberland's two heavy combatants (Brian Breheny and John Conner) involved broomsticks and fencing masks, which were quickly exchanged for thinly disguised motorbike helmets. The first crown tournament was held beside the Blue Room at UNSW between these two fighters with the addition of leather armour. John was victorious and became the first King - his wife, Catherine Conner, was named the first Queen. Brian Breheny became the first Seneschal and Marshal, and Mistress Rowan wrote the first handbook for the SCMA.

As it grew, the group had two sets of shared armour made from 2-3mm leather with padding, some soft iron strips riveted on to cover the limbs, but no spine or kidney armour. The exception was Raymond of Annan, who wore chainmail so heavy that he could not get up without assistance. Sometimes combatants wore skateboard pads on their knees and elbows, and sand shoes, ugg boots, or general purpose boots (GP's) were the footwear of choice.

The first official event was held in October 1980, as part of the North Sydney Fair, at which six heavy fighters competed in the second Crown Tournament. The winner was James Noon of Lancaster (later known as Sir James the Sinister) and was crowned the victor by Alderman Ted Mack, who was wearing his full Mayoral regalia.

Mistress Rowan acquired a copy of the 1980 Known World Handbook, prompting her to again attempt to contact the SCA. From the information in the handbook the group realised that they were too low in numbers to call themselves a Kingdom and subsequently renamed themselves the Barony of Outrémer; the name, pronounced oo-tra-meer, was chosen because it meant 'other or far off land', which was appropriate given how far away the Australian group was from the rest of the SCA.

Another tournament was held and the gentle now known as Sir Torold of Hawkhurst won, this time becoming the first Baron of Outrémer.

Heraldry, Regalia and Traditions

The name *Cumberland* was chosen because the group began in an area situated on the Cumberland Plateau in New South Wales, Australia. It was also chosen because Sydney is part of Cumberland County.

The arms of the Kingdom of Cumberland were based on the design of a previous group who had attempted and failed to start the SCA in Australia prior to 1980. The colours are the same as those on the Australian arms and the Southern Cross is also used as a symbol of Australia.

Figure 2: The first Kingdom of Cumberland banner. Note that the blue has faded to purple.



A crown for the King of Cumberland was also made by Mistress Rowan, comprised of brass fleur-de-lis lined with fur (See the photo under 'Crown of Cumberland' in 'Kingdom Regalia').

Tassels were used to as prizes and to denote status, with colours signifying different things;

- Gold – Crown list;
- White – Knighthood;
- Green – Order of the Laurel;
- Blue – Shield list;
- Red – Two handed list;
- Black – quarterstaff; and
- Purple – Open list.

The "Champion of Cumberland" was the best available fighter who was not the current King, and was in charge of fighter training. The Champion was chosen as the victor of a tournament, and was a position held for six months before it was re-contested. Only those who had previously won a tournament and Peers of the Realm were eligible to challenge the Champion for their title.

The Marche Barony of Outrémer

In 1981, still having heard no word back from the SCA, Outrémer held their first Twelfth Night event and 120 people attended. The group eventually contacted the SCA Steward via telephone and, by the end of the call, the group was declared a Marche Barony of the SCA under the Society Steward - they would remain a Marche Barony until a suitable parent Kingdom could be found. The College of Heralds in America informed the group that the name Outrémer had to be replaced because it was found to be an actual place in medieval times. The members were encouraged to put forward suggestions for the new name, and Rowany (in honour of Mistress Rowany) was decided upon unanimously. The Barony of Rowany continued to grow and members spread from Sydney in New South Wales to start groups in Perth (Western Australia) and Adelaide (South Australia).

Now that the SCMA was affiliated with the SCA, they were in search of a Kingdom and, in 1982, Mistress Rowan, Master Artos Barefoot, and Christia Barret travelled to America with the aim of visiting several Kingdoms to select one to reign over the Australian SCA group. The trip was referred to as the *Kingdom Shopping Expedition* and the three visited the West Kingdom, Caid, Atenveldt, and Ansteorra. Initially, Caid was the preferred parent Kingdom, however it was eventually decided that the West Kingdom was most alike in culture to the group in Australia and

was chosen as their parent Kingdom. At the same time, Their Royal Majesties Paul and Rowena of the West declared Mistress Rowan the founding Baroness of the Barony of Rowany.

It was also during this stage that the first filk song was composed in the group – A Grazing Mace, by Baron Master Hrölf Herjölfssen.

Origins of the name Lochac

Eight historical, and six other, names were proposed for the region of Australia in a local referendum:

- Lochac/Luchach (1250, Marco Polo);
- Regio Patalis (1523, ‘Nether Regions’);
- Terra Australis (1531, ‘Land of the South’);
- Boeach (1532, mistranslation of Luchach);
- Java La Grande (1550);
- Notasia (‘South of Asia’);
- Maletur (mistranslation of Marco Polo’s Malaya);
- Beach (1570, short form of Boeach);
- Continens Australis (1570);
- Terra Australis Incognita (‘unknown South land’);
- Terra Incognita (‘unknown land’);
- Australis Incognita (‘unknown South’);
- Southern Region;
- Southmost Region; and
- Region of Rowany.

Alexandro d'Argenteria discovered the name “Lochac” in a book of Marco Polo’s travels. Apparently, it is based on one of the names that the Chinese used to call this region.

The Crown Principality of Lochac

The members of the Australian region did want to establish a national identity. It was decided by the Lochac Chancellor (the legal officer/adviser of the group - Hrölf Herjölfssen) that the Australian SCA membership was too small to become a Principality straight away, however, with the Barony of Rowany, Aneala Scir, and two incipient Shires of Innilgard and River Haven, the membership was too large and disperse to be a single Barony. As such, the Lochac Chancellor convinced the Board that Lochac should instead become the first Crown Principality of the SCA – a previously unheard of group type. A Crown Principality is essentially a Principality with training wheels on, with the Viceroy and Vicereine only able to give out Awards of Arms. Since Lochac created the first Crown Principality, there have been several others in the US at various times.

In conceding to the petition to proclaim Lochac a Crown Principality, King James and Queen Verena of the West Kingdom signed the Charter of Lochac in October 1984, at which time the Rods of State were presented to a representative of Lochac. Following this, King Thomas and Queen Trista of the West Kingdom proclaimed Lochac a Crown Principality of the West on 5 January 1985.

An extremely long scroll (several feet long) was written petitioning the West Kingdom for Lochac to become a Crown Principality. The scroll included signatures of as many of the Lochac populace as possible, hence its long length. When the West conceded to the petition, they declared that the long scroll (excluding signatures) had to be read aloud at each Viceregal Tournament. It took a long time to read out, and was intended to encourage Lochac to ditch the Crown Principality and become a full Principality. The Crown Principality was also gifted a Royal pavilion by the Kingdom of the West. It was the first of its kind in Lochac and was well received.

Figure 3: The Royal pavillion gifted to Lochac by the West Kingdom, photo by John of the Hills, Rowany Festival 1986.



Viceroy and Vicereines

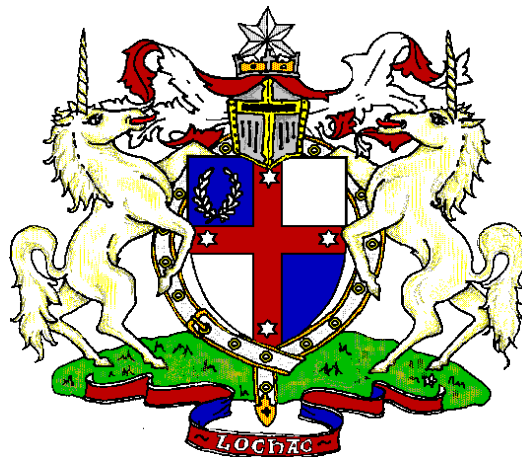
In the new Crown Principality, a Viceregal Tournament was held every six months with the victors invested as the next Viceroy and Vicereine of Lochac. Five sets of Viceroy and Vicereines governed Lochac on behalf of the Kings and Queens of the West Kingdom between 5 January 1985 and 11 July 1987, and the devices of each were painted on the Rods of State. Lochac's Viceroy and Vicereines are listed in chronological order on [Memories of Lochac: Royalty](#).

By tradition, the Viceroy and Vicereines were awarded Court Baronies after they stepped down.

The Principality of Lochac

King Jade and Queen Anastasia declared Lochac a full Principality of the West on 11 July 1987 (AS 22). Thirty-six Princes and Princesses governed the Principality before Lochac advanced to Kingdom status on 6 July 2002. Their Heirs were referred to as the Lord and Lady of Lochac until Their investiture. The Princes and Princesses are recorded in Chronological order on [Memories of Lochac: Royalty](#).

Figure 4: The Principality of Lochac Coat of Arms, as depicted on the Principality website in 1997.



In the far west of the country, Aneala Scir and her Canton of Abertridwr initially opted not to join the Principality, instead becoming a Marche Barony of the West Kingdom. It returned to Lochac in 1989 as the Barony of Aneala.

Until 1990 there were two Coronet Tournaments per year and two separate Coronation events, however, with the investiture of Elffin of Mona III and Keridwen the Mouse I in January 1991, Lochac moved to three reigns per year. These large Coronation/Coronet events were held in January (12th Night), May (Autumn Coronet), and September (Spring Coronet), the Coronet Tournaments being held the day after Coronation of the previous victors. This remained the practice until the Coronation of Corin Anderson III and Keridwen the Mouse III in January 1997, at which time Lochac returned to a two Reign year with separate Coronation and Coronet Tournament events.

The Kingdom of Lochac

First Coronation

The [Coronation of the first Crown of Lochac was held](#) on Saturday 6 July 2002 (AS 36) during a weekend of celebrations and tournaments hosted by the Barony of Politarchopolis. The event was attended by more than 450 people, including visitors from other Kingdoms in the Known World.

It began with a ball to honour Prince Gawyne and Princess Yve on Friday, 5 July 2002. The following day, the last Court of the West in Lochac was held, in which every Principality Officer formally resigned their post, all landed Barons and Baronesses stepped aside and returned their coronets to the Crown, and every Peer of the Realm was released from fealty to the Kingdom of the West.

Lochac became the 17th Kingdom of the Known World at the hands of King Jade and Queen Megan of the West Kingdom, and Viscount Sir Alfar of Attica and Viscountess Gudrun Bodvarsdottir were crowned as the first King and Queen of Lochac.

One Kingdom forged from two

It was announced at May Crown 2003 that the Crescent Isles, the SCA groups in New Zealand formerly part of the Kingdom of Caid (see below), were to join the Kingdom of Lochac. At this event a soteltie made by Catherine of Arrowsreach was presented to celebrate the occasion: a gingerbread crown filled with gingerbreads in the shapes of the North and South islands of New Zealand (the Crescent Isles), Tasmania (Ynys Fawr) and mainland Australia (Terra Rosa) were all hidden under a blanket displaying the Lochac device. A kangaroo and a Kiwi were tucked under the blanket together, resting their heads on little pillows.

Lochac is the only Kingdom to date to have been forged from more than one parent Kingdom.

The Origins and Growth of the SCA in New Zealand

Three geographically separate groups form the foundation of the SCA in New Zealand. In 1981, Elidan of Teonar and Sable John of the Franks from the Kingdom of Atlantia moved to Christchurch, New Zealand (South Island) and decided to start an SCA group there, with the first feast being held in 1982. With a growing group established, it was decided to petition Kingdoms for support. The Kingdom of Caid answered the call, becoming the parent Kingdom of the fledgling group in June 1983. Formal recognition came on 26 November, 1983 with the emergence of the Shire of Southron Gaard.

In 1994, Marienna Jensdatter called a meeting for anyone interested in forming an SCA group in Auckland, New Zealand (Northern North Island) and on 1 September, 1996 this group was elevated to the Shire of Ildhafn in the Kingdom of Caid. Then, around August 1999, a third SCA group formed in Wellington, in the south of the North Island, and was elevated to the Shire of Darton in the Kingdom of Caid in April 2002.

The collective SCA groups of New Zealand became known as the Crescent Isles due to the three crescents that appear as the primary charges on Caid's Kingdom arms.

From the mid-nineties Caidans from the Crescent Isles began attending Rowany Festival (the Principality's biggest event) and their attendance increased over time.

Initial approaches for the Crescent Isles to consider joining the Kingdom of Lochac were made during the time that the Principality was preparing for advancement. However, the timing was not right and it was not possible, or practical, for the Crescent Isles to change Kingdoms at the time of Lochac's advancement. Following a polling process, the Kingdom of Caid recognised and agreed with the desire of the Crescent Islanders to join with the Kingdom of Lochac. This was formalised in AS37 when the King and Queen of Caid (Guillaume and Felinah) formally ceded their Southern Reaches to the Kingdom of Lochac.

The Crescent Isles has since grown to 164 paying members as at December 2015 (AS 50).

The Kingdom Arms

One of the decisions to be made before Lochac could be elevated to Kingdom level was the choice of official Kingdom device. [Eighteen devices were proposed for Lochac's Arms](#).

A referendum of the populace was held, and the device proposed by Reynardine de Clifford (see Figure 1) was selected as the device for the new Kingdom; likely due to its close relationship to Lochac's original device.

Communication

Kingdom Newsletter

Runes was the original newsletter of the embryonic Kingdom. The first edition was published in January 1981 by Robyn Breheny and the final edition, *Runes 18*, was released in Winter 1984. [Pegasus](#), originally edited by Robert Gordon of Ravensbrook and first published in December 1983, replaced *Runes* as the Australia-wide SCA publication and is now the official Kingdom Newsletter.

The name *Pegasus* was chosen because the incipient group Innilgard suggested that the newsletter would need to travel a long way to cover the whole of Lochac and would need wings to do it in time. Pegasi are also the supporters of the Lochac arms.

Websites

- The official [Kingdom of Lochac website](#) includes information about current Royalty, the current annual calendar, Kingdom Officers, mailing lists, resource links, the governing bodies (SCA Australia and SCA New Zealand), peerage orders and much more.
- [Memories of Lochac](#) is the current website detailing the history of the Kingdom.
- [Canon Lore](#) is the Kingdom's searchable awards register and includes the order of precedence, the status of various groups and the landed gentry lists for Lochac and her Baronies.
- [Lochac Roll of Arms](#) is the Kingdom's searchable database of registered devices of the populace and groups of Lochac.

Email Lists

- [Lochac Announce](#) is the Kingdom-wide email list for official notices and event notifications.
- [The Shambles](#) is a Kingdom-wide email list that allows for a more informal discussion of various topics concerning Lochac. The Shambles, a place in York known as a meeting place for people from all over the world, inspired the name of this list.²

² Source: Eric Faustauss, as published on Stefan's Florilegium: <http://www.florilegium.org/>

Social Media

- [Lochac's Facebook group](#) is a public, social media hub for official notices and discussions alike. It is often used to advertise events and vacant Kingdom Officer positions. It is used to inform the Kingdom of momentous occasions and regularly supplies live commentary of Crown Tournaments.

Map

The first published map of Lochac was drawn around the time Lochac was proclaimed a Crown Principality and appeared in the 10th issue of *Runes*.

Figure 5: Map of the Known World (including Lochac) as published on the front cover of *Runes* issue 10, February 1983, by Rowan Perigrinne.



A map of the Principality was commissioned by Prince Cornelius von Becke as a gift for the King of the West. The map only includes areas of Australia because there were SCA groups at the time. New Zealand is included in the map with the words 'Conquered lands', which unsurprisingly caused a small uproar between the West Kingdom and the Kingdom of Caid.

A more accurate map of the more recent structure of the Kingdom can be found on the Kingdom website: [Mappe of the SCA Kingdom of Lochac](#).

Kings and Queens

Lochac has two reigns per year, with Crown Tournaments occurring in May and November, and Coronations occurring at Twelfth Night (January) and Midwinter (July). There have been 28 reigns as at 1 May 2016 (AS 51).

Master Giles Leabrook has written, and continues to update, a poem that gives insight into each of the Kings and Queens of Lochac:

*Alfar, the first of our Kings, raven feeder, and Elspeth first Queen, canny with games,
Cornelius, who took possession of the lands ceded by Caid, won not by war but by counsel, and Morwynna,
who was powerful and wise in that counsel,
Alaric, whose groaning tables fill his well famed hall, and Nerissa, scribe-champion,
Aedward, the just, and Yolande, whose whispers are as men's shouts,
Draco, staunch-hearted, and Serena from the northern haven,
Stephen, who hears the Huntsman's Horn, and Mathilde, for whom the Muses play,
Cornelius, first Duke, and Morwynna, first Duchess,
Aedward the second, who watches his words, and Yolande, who led the children against the knights,
Draco the second, whose sword is truth, and Asa, patron of skalds,
Alfar the second, who unites the Kingdom through War, and Gudrun the second, who unites the Kingdom
through Peace,
Hugh, full of majesty, and Terasa, who speaks gently and strikes hard,
Berenger, the powerful, and Bethan, key-holder,
Siridean, who came from afar with might, and Sibán, who came just as far with grace,
Theuderic, Jotunn, and Engelin, who made a turnip into a silk purse,
Gabriel, who holds himself to account, and Constanzia, who seeks the best,
Bran, the wild boar of the North, and Lilya, the phoenix of the East,
Edmund, son of a Queen, Leonore, mother of a King,
Gabriel II, who challenges you as you are, and Constanzia, who challenges you as you may be,
Cornelius the Third, who ruled with Experience, and Elizabeth, who ruled with Enthusiasm,
Siridean the second, majestic, and Margie, sublime,
Henri I, dashing in action, and Beatrice I, delightful in ruling,
Felix I, who showed his worth, and Eva I, who proved it no less,
Niáll I, who returned, and Liadan I, who stayed,*

*Alfar III, immediate, and Angharat I, immaculate,
Niáll II who stood up for the land, and Liadan II who shouldered the sudden burden,
Kinggiyadai I who stands on the neck of the world, and Altani I who gives the world mercy,
Steffan, relentless, and Branwen, who the Crown magnified with joy.*

At the time of publication, Lochac's rulers are Gilbert Purchase I and Bethony Gatskell I, 28th Crown of the Kingdom.

Names, images and accounts of the Reigns of the [Royalty of Lochac](#) are available online.

Kingdom Traditions, Awards and Peerages

Royal Regalia

Details and photos of the majority of Lochac's Royal Regalia (current and historic) are available on [Memories of Lochac: Royal Regalia](#).

Kingdom Crowns

Once Lochac was approved to advance to Kingdom level a competition was held to design new crowns for the King and Queen. The competition was judged by one representative from each of the peerages, the Keeper of the Regalia, and the reigning Prince and Princess.

Three entries were submitted, one each by Sir Loyola Juan Sanchez Mendoza, Mistress Rowan Perigrinne, and Mistress Francesca Cellini. Mistress Rowan's design won and a pair of Crowns was created by a professional jeweller in Queensland, Australia. In order to provide continuity of the royal lineage, spare pieces from the Principality coronets were melted down and incorporated into the Crowns.

Figure 6: King (left – photo by Lochac Regalia) and Queen (right) crowns



Lochac also uses a pair of travel Crowns. They are lighter and easier to transport than the official Crowns, and are sometimes used as the primary Crowns for reigns based in an early period.

Sword of State

Lochac's Sword of State is usually held in trust by the Earl Marshal, and provided to the Crown for courts as required. Lochac has used three different swords of state throughout its history.

The second Sword of State was made by Owen von dem Noorden from Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière and presented to Prince Alfar of Attica on 14 November 1998 (AS 33) at Coronet Tournament hosted by the Barony of Innilgard. Unfortunately, this piece of regalia was stolen and had to be replaced.

Lochac's current Sword of State has a leather belt attached to it, which was made by Count Bran na torcdubh mac Brude. The engravings on the belt tell the story of the first Crown of Lochac.

Figure 7: Lochac's third and current Sword of State.



Peerages

When the Crescent Isles joined Lochac, all members of the Order were integrated into the existing Lochac Order in precedence order according to the date of their elevation.

During the peerage ceremony for each's four peerage Orders, it is now common practice for a member of each Order (and the Royal Peerage) to speak on the qualities of the candidate being elevated. Upon their elevation the new peer is gifted a token of their new Order, which may have a lineage that is read out in Court.

Peerage meetings in Lochac are held at each of the Crown events – Twelfth Night Coronation, May Crown Tournament, Midwinter Coronation, and November Crown Tournament. They are also held at other large Kingdom events, such as Rowany Festival and Canterbury Faire.

Order of Chivalry

As at January 2016 (AS 50), there were 88 Companions of the Order of Chivalry in Lochac. Of these, forty-five were made after Lochac's advancement to Kingdom. Sir Yves le Chat Blanc was the last knight of Lochac made by the West Kingdom and Sir Leofric Willoughby de Broke (current Principal of the Order) was the first created in the new Kingdom.

This list is available on [Lochac's Order of Chivalry webpage](#).

Upon their initiation into the Order, a member receives a number of items of regalia from other Peers in the Order, which often have extensive histories/lineages. The items of regalia for Companions of the Order of Chivalry are a silver, open linked fealty chain, a white belt, spurs, and a sword. It is a long-standing tradition of the Order that the newest member provides beer at their first peerage meeting.

At the time of publication, Lochac did not have any Masters/Mistresses at Arms.

Order of the Laurel

As of January 2016 (AS 50), there were 133 companions of the Order of the Laurel in the Kingdom. The names and corresponding specialities of members of the order can be found on [Lochac's Order of the Laurel website](#). Companions of the Laurel wear a medallion depicting a laurel wreath and those in permanent fealty to the Crown also wear a chain of fealty; both of these are gifted by other Peers, not necessarily only from the Order of the Laurel.

During their elevation ceremony each Laurel is clothed in the cloak of the Order. The original cloak was made by Mistress Rowan Perigryne many decades ago and is still held in very high regard by members of the order as an important part of Lochac's cultural history. At [Midwinter Crown and Coronation in July AS 49](#) the [Worshipful Company of Broiderers \(WCOB\)](#) presented a new Laurel cloak with extensive goldwork embroidery. The new I cloak is in the process of being passed around all of the Laurels of the Kingdom, so that all members can be said to have worn the cloak. The new cloak also has a patch from the original laurel cloak appliquéd to the lining.

The design of the new cloak is based on the Sternenmantel (Star Mantle) of Heinrich II, the last Saxon king of Germany and later, the Holy Roman Emperor. More detailed information about the background and execution of this project is available on the [WCOB's website](#).

Some groups also have cloaks that are traditionally used at the elevation of members of the group. The Baronies of St-Florian-de-la-riviere and Aneala are two examples of this. The dirty laurels (potters, blacksmiths, glassmakers and the like) share a leather apron during their ceremony.

It is the tradition for the newest-made Laurel to bring a supply of chocolate to their first peerage meeting.

As Lochac is very large geographically it has been difficult for all groups to have contact with members of the Order who may be able to help them. In order to minimise this isolation the *Laurel Freedom Bus* was born. Any group any group in the Kingdom can request a specific group of Laurels to visit and hold a weekend of classes in their specialities. In addition, very year during Rowany Festival (the Kingdom's largest event) the Order of the Laurel hosts a [Laurel Prize Tournament](#). This is an arts and sciences exhibition where anyone can display their works, and receive feedback from members of the Order and also the general populace.

Order of the Pelican

As of December AS 50, Lochac had 173 companions of the Order of the Pelican. The names and home groups of Lochac's Pelicans are listed on [Lochac's Order of the Pelican website](#).

Companions of this Order wear a medallion depicting a pelican in her piety and those Pelicans in permanent fealty to the Crown also wear a chain of fealty. The original Pelican cloak, worn by each candidate during their peerage ceremony upon elevation into the Order, was made by Mistress Selivia de l'Estoile (the large patch on the back) and Breheny of the Bees (petit point patches). In AS 44, WCOB began constructing a new Pelican cloak based on period examples of copes. Constructed of fine, dense wool, and lined with silk, the cloak has the devices of each member of the Order, in the form of silk, tent stitched badges, which are attached to the cloak generally just prior to their elevation. More information about the background and creation of this Pelican's cloak can be found on the [WCOB website](#).

Embroidered patches from the original Pelican cloak were cut off and appliquéd into the lining of the new cloak. Furthermore, the woollen fabric from the old Pelican cloak was cut up and used to make a Royal gift from the Worshipful Company of Broiderers to Duchess Asa Beiskalda.

Order of Defence

On the 1st of May AS L (2015), the Peerage of the [Order of Defence](#) was created and, as of January 2016 (AS 50), Lochac had 5 members in the Order. On Saturday the 2nd of May AS L at [May Crown in the Barony of Ildhafn](#), the Crown elevated the first three members of the peerage in Lochac: Master Caleb Adolphus, Master Damian Greybeard and Master William de Cameron.

During the creation of this Peerage in Lochac, members of other Peerages and Polling Orders were invited to speak. Sir Steffan Glaube spoke on behalf of the Chivalry, proclaiming that this was a good day for the Kingdom, and for the SCA. Master Tariq ibn Jelal spoke proudly on behalf of the Laurels, reduced to tears of joy at the occasion. Master Bernard Stirling spoke on behalf of the Pelicans and The Honourable Baron Emrys Tudor spoke on behalf of Lochac's Company of Archers. Finally and poetically, the newest Don Ludwig von Regensberg spoke on behalf of the Order of the White Scarf of Lochac.

At the time this Order was established, the previous highest rapier award –the polling [Order of the White Scarf of Lochac](#) – was closed with 26 members.

Polling Orders

There are two non-peerage polling orders in Lochac; the Lochac Company of Archers and the recently closed [Order of the White Scarf of Lochac](#).

Company of Archers

The Lochac Company of Archers, which began with the formation of the Kingdom in 2002 (AS 37), are a Companionship of archers who have been recognised by their peers as being Archers with high levels of chivalry, service, courtesy, courtly behaviour and accomplishment in Archery. The Award of the Lochac Company of Archers is a Grant Level Award and ranks equal in precedence to the Order of the White Scarf, and higher in precedence than other varieties of Grants of Arms.

As of January 2016 (AS 50), Lochac had 21 companions to the Order, with The Honourable Lord Hrothgar Breaksword acting as Principal. A list of companions is available on the [Lochac Company of Archer's website](#).

Archery, particularly combat archery, is rather unique in this Kingdom and the archery rules differ from the rest of the Known World in two fundamental aspects:

1. Non-contact participants are allowed to enter a war wearing a large, obvious plume atop their helmet to signify that they must not be struck by a rattan combat weapon.
2. Wooden arrow shafts are used, with the addition rubber stoppers (called *blunts*) on the end are used. The arrows maintain a reasonable facsimile of the aerodynamics of a normal arrow, at least in comparison to other types of safely precautions. As a result, all combatants in this mixed combat must wear mesh on their visors to protect them from arrows.

Figure 8: The evolution of archery blunts used in Lochac. Photo by Kilic ibn Sungur ibn al-Kazganci al-Turhani.



Figure 9: Lochac combat arrows are made of wooden shafts, feather fletchers, and rubber blunts. Photo by Ciaran Shiranui, 2015.



Awards

All Lochac award recipients are recorded in [Canon Lore online](#) – a searchable database that also contains the roll of arms and order of precedence for the individuals and groups of Lochac. Lochac’s College of Heralds published a [quick-reference guide](#) to the awards of the Kingdom of Lochac, accurate as of August AS49. This visually depicts the order of precedence and theme for many of Lochac’s Kingdom-level awards.

Figure 10: Quick-reference guide to the awards of the Kingdom of Lochac, compiled by Alexander a la Fontayne (Coffyn Herald) and updated by Ceara Shionnach.

Patent of Arms	Royal Peerages	Duchy	County	Viscounty				
	Bestowed Peerages	Laurel	Pelican	Chivalry	Defense			
Grant of Arms	Polling Orders of Distinction				White Scarf (closed)	Archery	Comp. of Archers	Equestrian
	Orders of Distinction	Cockatrice	Silver Pegasus	Red Wyvern				
Award of Arms	Grant of Arms							
	Court Barony (unique contribution)							
	Orders of Achievement	Star and Lily	Golden Tear	Golden Sword	Rapier	Nock	Hector	
	Award of Arms	Prometheus (teaching)	Courtesy L. Order of Grace	Miles Regni (war service)	Golden Poyntel (scribal arts)			
Non-Armigerous Orders	Taillefer (entertainment)	Rowan	Silver Helm (field appearance)	Royal Cypher (Crown’s personal)	Rose (Crown consort)			
	Cross of Lochac (foreign service)	Mouse Guard (service, age 4-13)	Pride of Lochac (household)	Augmentation (exceptional service)	Coronaria (Principality)			

Individuals and groups of Lochac, in particular the Fibre Guild, weave cords in Kingdom colours (red, white, and blue) using a variety of techniques including fingerloop braiding, lucet cord, and kumihimo cord. These are donated to the Crown for attachment to award tokens.

The various names, descriptions, and photos of the Kingdom and Principality Awards of Lochac are published on [Memories of Lochac: Kingdom Awards](#) and [Memories of Lochac: Principality Awards](#).

Award Ceremonies

Lochac’s College of Heralds is responsible for maintaining the [Kingdom Award Ceremonies](#).

It has been common for strongly-themed Royal personas to have the Kingdom Award Ceremonies re-written to reflect the culture they are portraying. Some of these ceremonies are available on Memories of Lochac:

- [Norse Award Ceremonies](#) from the Reigns of Niall II and Liadan II (AS 48-49) and Gilbert I and Bethony I (AS 50-51),
- [Hellenic Award Ceremonies](#) from the Reign of Alfar III and Angharat I (AS 49), and
- [Mongol Award Ceremonies](#) from the Reign of Kinggyadai I and Altani I (AS 49-50).

Traditions

Information and photos of some Kingdom traditions are available on [Memories of Lochac: Kingdom Traditions](#).

Inter-Kingdom Associations

Though Lochac is one of the most geographically isolated Kingdoms in the Known World, she has a rich history of interacting and knowledge sharing with other Kingdoms.

Formed from two great Kingdoms (the [West](#) and [Caid](#)), Lochacians have frequently visited events and groups overseas, and have attracted a range of visitors to her shores to teach and join in the fun. Accounts of such occasions are documented on the [Inter-Kingdom Associations](#) page on Memories of Lochac.

Lochac at Pennsic

The first Lochacians to visit the Pennsic War were Sir Elfinn of Mona and his squire, Gregory of Loch Swan for [Pennisic 19](#). This was during the time when Pennsic War spanned one week instead of the current two weeks.

Lochac has boasted a steadily increasing presence at Pennsic War since then, with 70 people camping there in 2015 (AS 50). More about [Lochac at Pennsic](#) can be read online.

Pen Gwynne War

Historically, Antarctica has been divided into two separate regions in the SCA: Ynys Rhew and the Great White Southern Lands.

Ynys Rhew means *the Ice Isle*. It is the name given to the parts of Antarctica claimed by the Barony of Ynys Fawr (Tasmania owns the Australian parts of the continent). The Great White Southern Land is the name given to the remaining parts of Antarctica, claimed by the Barony of Southron Gaard. There have been several disputes over the ownership of Ynys Rhew. However, as Lochac was the first group in the SCA to register their claim it remains a part of Lochac.

The Pen Gwynne War (5-6 December, AS27), was the first southern hemisphere war to be fought between two Kingdoms - the Kingdom of the West, represented by the Principality of Lochac, and the Kingdom of Caid, represented by the Southern Reaches (the informal name used to cover the various groups and incipient groups within New Zealand). The ostensible reason for the war was the alleged mistreatment of the peaceful fish-eating inhabitants of the Great White Southern Land -- and claims of sovereignty -- on the part of the Principality.

War had been fomented in a very good-humoured way between Baron Thomas Buttethorn, representing the legendary Uther Pen Gwynne, and Robare the Rhos, in a series of letters addressed to Their Highnesses Gerald and Alisaundre of Lochac and their Puissant Majesties Timothy and Trista of Caid. Their Majesties provided a Queen's Guard, Lord Duncan, to assist the Southern Reaches, who took all six battle honours.

In later years, when Their Excellencies of Southron Gaard were commanded by King Stephen to find a pretext to make war on a Continental barony (to announce their entrance to the Kingdom, as it were), the question of ownership of the Great White Southern Land arose again. This time the Festival war was based on the claims by the Baron of Ynys Fawr to hold the lands; he lost. The founding Baron of Ynys Fawr, who had actually been involved in early BOD-level claims to the land, was ceded to Southron Gaard as a citizen of the victorious Barony.

Southron Gaard was founded by individuals associated with Operation DeepFreeze, the US Antarctic program; the group was centred in the city which services Antarctic operations for a number of countries, including New Zealand, the US and Italy. Hence the country's Antarctic claims were considered to be included within the group's territories. Ynys Fawr made their claims to Ynys Rhew based on shared postal codes. Members of both groups -- and people from many other groups around the Known World -- have had people visit south, but as far as is known, Southron Gaard is the only Barony to have had a territorial Baron and Baroness both make inspection visits. A [monograph outlining the details of the first Pen Gwynne War](#) is available on Mistress Katherine Kerr of the Hermitage's website.

There have been many attempted invasions of Antarctica from Kingdoms such as Atlantia, Caid, and West Kingdom; more details and photos of some of these inter-Kingdom disputes can be read on the [Memories of Lochac: Antarctic Wars](#).

Events

Lochac hosts a diverse assortment of recurring and one-off [events](#) throughout her lands, with many of these described online. Five of the larger signature events across different regions of Lochac include:

- [Rowany Festival](#) (Easter, near Sydney, Australia),
- [Canterbury Faire](#) (January, near Christchurch, New Zealand),
- [Great Northern War](#) (June, near Brisbane, Australia),
- [Pencampwr](#) (June, near Perth, Australia), and
- [Great Southern Gathering](#) (October, near Adelaide, Melbourne, or Hobart).

Rowany Festival

[Rowany Festival](#) is the largest event in the Kingdom. [The first festival](#) was stewarded by Artos Barefoot in the car park of Fairholme Park in Wilton (a little south of Sydney, New South Wales) in April 1982. The event attracts around 1,000 attendees from all across Lochac and it is common for international visitors to attend.

Historically, the event ran for 5 days from the Thursday evening prior to Easter Friday until the evening of Easter Monday. However, from AS 48 (2014) the event was extended to a full 6 days.

Over the years, a saying became popular in reference to Rowany Festival. No matter what time of year, it is said often said that *Festival is only two weeks away!* This is a reference to the idea that events, particularly big events have a tendency to sneak up on people and that the wise would be preparing as though the event were only a fortnight away.

In the style and spirit of pilgrim's badges, each Rowany Festival provides metal event tokens that record the year of the event. The motifs on the tokens vary from year to year in period and shape. Many people collect these tokens. Also at each Festival, a unique t-shirt (most have been designed by Mistress Eloise Darnell) is available for sale, which has become collectible for many Lochacians. Photos of various [Festival event tokens](#) and [t-shirt designs](#) are available online.

The Groups of Lochac

This section provides an overview of the history, traditions, awards, and regalia of the groups of Lochac.

Baronies

The Kingdom currently has twelve Baronies – ten in Australia and two in New Zealand – presented below in Order of Precedence. As at January 2016 (AS 50), the Baronies of Lochac have been overseen, on behalf of the Regents (see [Royalty](#)), by 75 tenures by 68 Barons, 70 Baronesses, and 5 Vicars. The average length of Baronial tenures in Lochac is approximately 4 years. Territorial Barons and Baroness of Lochac (i.e. Landed Gentry) wear a 6 pointed coronet, often incorporating elements of the Baronial devices. Images of the various [Landed Gentry](#) of Lochac can be viewed online.

In terms of membership, Lochac currently has three distinctive sizes of Barony. The first is the 'Super Barony', defined as having between 150 and 250 members. There are four Super Baronies in Lochac: Rowany, River Haven, Stormhold and Politarchopolis. The second is the 'Large Barony', defined as having between 100-150 members. Lochac has three Large Baronies: Aneala, Innilgard, and Saint-Florian-de-la-Rivière. The third is referred to as the

'Standard Barony' and is defined by having 50-100 members. There are five Baronies in Lochac that fit in this category: Southron Gaard, Ynys Fawr, Mordenvale, Kraé Glas, and Ildhafn. See [membership and authorisation levels](#) for more detailed information.

Rowany

Baronial Motto: *One true Barony*

[Rowany](#) was created by the founding members of the SCA in Australia. Originally named the Barony of Outrémer, Rowany is based in Sydney, Australia and includes three subgroups: the Cantons of [Stowe-on-the-Wowld](#) and [Okewaite](#), and the [College of St Ursula](#). Locals are referred to as Rowanites.

Mistress Rowan Perigryne was the first Baroness of Rowany. She originally wore a circlet she made herself to denote her title, however, whilst in America *Kingdom Shopping* she was gifted a new coronet. Rowany does not own its own coronets. Instead, each Baron and Baroness sources their own before their investiture.

Since 1981 and May 2016, Rowany has had eight reigning Baronesses, seven reigning Barons, and one Vicar (when Baroness Rowan was Princess of Lochac) – see [Landed Gentry](#). The average Rowany Baronial tenure lasts 4 years.

Rowany's signature events include:

- [Rowany Festival](#) - the largest event of the year in the Kingdom of Lochac. It is held over the Easter Long Weekend and currently runs for a week.
- *Rowany Yule* – a large event held each year in December that has drawn attendance from all over Lochac. Usually a royal event, it is a preferred event for peerage ceremonies.

Innilgard

Baronial Mottos: *Iggilnard, Hic!* and, in more recent years, *Noli Minimis Dolere* (don't fret the small stuff)

[Innilgard](#) is Lochac's second Barony and is based in Adelaide, South Australia. It includes land in the Northern Territory, Australia. The [College of Blessed Herman the Cripple](#) is situated in Innilgard. The Shire of Innilgard was formed in January 1983 (AS 17) with Bryony of the Bees as the first Seneschal. On 21 June 1986 (AS 21), after petitioning the Crown of the West, the group was granted Baronial status.

Other groups that have been a part of the Barony include: the College of St Christina the Astonishing at Flinders University (1989-1996 and 1999-2003) whose newsletters included *The Might Oak* and *The Sinking Ship*; and a canton variously called Armandie and Foxwood canton to the north of Adelaide (1996-1999), which produced the newsletters *Armandie Annals* and *Fox Tales*.

Innilgard has had six reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1986 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – the first being Tovy Woolmongere and Aislinn de Valence (the longest reigning Baron and Baroness in Lochac). The average Baronial tenure in Innilgard is 5 years.

Innilgard's signature events include:

- [La Prova Dura](#) – a Heavy Combatants 'proof of endurance' weekend event run every two years. It is one of the largest and one of the most prestigious heavy combat tournaments in Lochac.
- [Great Southern Gathering](#) – a weekend event alternately shared by a trio of Southern Baronies of Lochac (including Innilgard, Ynys Fawr, and Kraé Glas). This event usually focuses on Arts and Sciences and Rapier activities.

River Haven

[River Haven](#) is Lochac's third Barony, and is based in North Brisbane. The group was initially formed on 3 September 1983 with ten founding members, and was elevated to Baronial status on 16 August 1986. It presently has one subgroup: the [Canton of Stegby](#). Along with Barony of Saint-Florian-de-la-Rivière and the Shire of Willoughby Vale (all originally part of the Barony), River Haven is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Northern Reaches.

There have been seven reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1986 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – the founding couple being Everard de Brieuse and Johanna Wendover. The average Baronial tenure in River Haven lasts 4.5 years.

River Haven's signature event is [Great Northern War](#) – a large event that includes the Flame Tournament for heavy combatants, war, archery, fencing, arts and sciences and feasts over the Queens' Birthday weekend in June of each year. This event is alternately hosted by the Baronies of River Haven and Saint-Florian-de-la-Rivière.

Stormhold

[Stormhold](#) is Lochac's fourth Barony and is based in central, northern and western Melbourne. It also oversees one subgroup: the [College of St Bartholomew](#).

The Incipient Shire, then known as Stormgard, was first established in April 1983 (AS 17) with Sean the Wayfarer as the first Seneschal. Stormhold became a full Shire on 7 April 1984 and, on 2 July 1987, was elevated to Baronial status. However, the investiture of the first Baron and Baroness (Styvyn Longshanks and Rhyllian of Starfire Retreat) was delayed until 1 September 1988.

According to Domhnall na Moicheirghe, the name Stormhold "refers to the extremely variable weather that Melbourne is renowned for."

Stormhold has seen nine reigning Barons, ten reigning Baronesses, and three Vicars between 1988 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#). The various tenures of the Barons, Baronesses and Vicars of Stormhold have been described by Lady Elizabet Hunter in a piece called [A Story of Stormhold](#).

Stormhold's signature event is the *William Marshall Memorial Tournament and Feast*, held on the first Saturday in December each year. There is usually a chivalric weapons tournament, a ransom melee, and an elaborate feast with a 12th century theme.

Aneala

Lochac's fifth Barony, [Aneala](#) is based in Perth, Western Australia. This Barony has three subgroups: [the Canton of Dragon's Bay](#), the [incipient Canton of Vallon d'Or](#), and the [College of Saint Basil the Great](#).

Aneala was a part of the group that became Lochac when the group went Kingdom shopping in America in 1982. At Twelfth Night AS 17 (1983), Aneala was proclaimed a Shire (referred to as Aneala Scir) after successfully petitioning the Baroness of Rowany with the proposed officers and signatures of the populace. However, in AS 21 (1987) Aneala became a Marche Barony of the Kingdom of the West whilst the rest of Australia became the Principality of Lochac. Aneala re-joined the Lochac on 1 May 1989, as declared at the West Kingdom's Beltane Coronation event (29-30 April, 1989).

Aneala has had nine reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1987 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – the first being Steveg Stevegsson and Rhianwen ni Dhiarmada. Aneala remains the only Barony in Lochac to have had restricted lengths on Baronial tenures; the first three Barons and Baronesses were limited to 2 year tenures until the restriction was lifted under the tenure of Hector MacDougall and Crisiant Dreigben. The average Baronial tenure in Aneala lasts around 3 years.

A tradition unique to Aneala, and reflective of their heritage, is that when a person is called into Court they are always accompanied by either their consort or by an escort.

Aneala's signature events include:

- *Twelfth Night* – As the group is so far away from most other groups in Lochac, Aneala was granted special dispensation to celebrate Twelfth Night (in conflict with the Kingdom Twelfth Night Coronation event).
- *Bal d'Aneala* – a dancing event held annually in Aneala, with entrants encouraged to wear the colours of the Barony (blue, white, and yellow).

Ynys Fawr

Baronial Motto: *Long may she float.*

Based in Tasmania, Australia, [Ynys Fawr](#) is Lochac's sixth Barony. It also includes the Australian regions of Antarctica known as Ynys Rhew (*the Ice Isle*). This Barony also oversees two subgroups: the [Canton of Lightwood](#) and the [College of Saint Gildas the Wise](#).

Ynys Fawr initially formed under the name Ultima Australis in August 1988 (AS 23) with Hrölf Herjölfssen as the first Seneschal. The group was established as a Shire on 22 July 1989 and was elevated to Baronial status on 10 July 1993.

The name Ynys Fawr means 'the great isle', which is an apt name for the island state of Tasmania.

When Lochac first became a Kingdom, Baron Ynys Fawr (Hrölf Herjölfssen) was proclaimed Strategos tous notious okeanous (Admiral of the Southern Oceans) for defending the claims over Ynys Rhew/The Great White Southern Lands against the [Kingdom of Trimaris](#). See the chapter on the Pen Gwynne War for more history on Antarctica and Ynys Fawr.

Ynys Fawr has had six reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1993 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – the first (and sixth) being Hrölf Herjölfssen and Madelaine de Bourgogne. The average Baronial tenure for Ynys Fawr lasts around 4 years.

Ynys Fawr's signature events include [Great Southern Gathering](#) – a weekend event alternately shared by a trio of Southern Baronies of Lochac (including Innilgard, Ynys Fawr, and Kraé Glas). This event usually focuses on Arts and Sciences and Rapier activities. In the past, the Brass Monkey War was a big event for this group.

Politarchopolis

Baronial Motto: *Eat, eat, you're all too thin!*

[Politarchopolis](#) is Lochac's seventh Barony, and is based in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory, Australia. This Barony oversees three subgroups: the [Canton of Torlyon](#), and the Colleges of [St Aldhelm](#) and [St Andronicus](#).

The group was initially formed as a Shire in January 1984 (AS 18) under the name Politikopolis with Agvar Guyvanaspar as the first Seneschal. Despite being a large group for a long time, Politarchopolis resisted becoming a Barony for several years as they wanted to become a Chartered Town instead. The Shire was eventually elevated to Baronial status on 1 July 1995.

The name of this Barony reflects the fact that Canberra is the capital city of Australia, and the home of Australia's Parliament House. The device has two elements distinctive of the region – the griffin (Walter Burley Griffin was the architect who designed Canberra) and the red stripe represents the red tape of the public service.

Politarchopolis has had six reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1995 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – with the first being Stephen Aldred and Mathilde Adycote of Mynheniot. The average Politarchopolis Baronial tenure lasts around 4 years.

Politarchopolis' signature events include:

- *St Vitus Dance and Music Weekend* – a weekend long event held each year comprising of music (instruments, composition, singing, etc) and dance lessons in mundane clothes in the day with a garbed feast on the Saturday night.
- [Politarchopolis' Fields of Gold](#) – an event held over a weekend around the end of November or start of December that hosts activities for equestrian, heavy combat, rapier, archery and the arts and sciences. The event is typically fully catered and includes an opulent feast on the Saturday night.

Saint-Florian-de-la-Rivière

[Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière](#) is Lochac's eighth Barony, and is based in South Brisbane, Queensland. Along with the Barony of River Haven and the Shire of Willoughby Vale, Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Northern Reaches.

The group was initially a Canton of the Barony of River Haven, however, after a visit from King Fabian of the West Kingdom, it was agreed that Saint Florian would benefit from her own independence and become a Shire. On 28 July 2001, Saint Florian was elevated to Baronial status.

The Barony of Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière has had four reigning Barons and Baronesses between 2001 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – the first being Gabriel de Beaumont and Constanzia Moralez y de Zamora. The average Saint Florian Baronial tenure lasts around 4 years.

Saint Florian's signature events include:

- *Knights of the North Pas d'Armes* - a heraldic heavy tournament held annually.
- *Battle for Bottony Cross* - a heavy team melee tournament held annually.
- [Great Northern War](#) – a large event that includes the Flame Tournament for heavy combatants, war, archery, fencing, arts and sciences and feasts over the June long weekend each year. This event is alternately hosted by River Haven and Saint-Florian-de-la-rivière.

Southron Gaard

Baronial Motto: *Long may she stand.*

[Southron Gaard](#) was initially established in 1981 by some visitors from the [Kingdom of Atlantia](#), with the first event being held in 1982. In 1983 it became a Shire in the [Kingdom of Caid](#) and was elevated to baronial status in 1996. In 2003, after polling the populace, the Barony decided to become part of the newly formed Kingdom of Lochac.

Southron Gaard is Lochac's ninth Barony and is based in Christchurch on New Zealand's South Island. Along with the Barony of Ildhafn and the Shire of Darton, Southron Gaard is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Crescent Isles.

The Barony of Southron Gaard has had five reigning Barons and Baronesses between 1996 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – the first being Sigurd Hardrada and Eleanora van den Bogaerde. The average Southron Gaard Baronial tenure lasts around 4 years.

In AS38, the Kingdom of Caid granted Southron Gaard an augmentation of arms in recognition of their long ties with said Kingdom. In AS42, the College of Heraldry approved the newly augmented arms (as above).

Southron Gaard's signature events include:

- [Canterbury Faire](#) -Southron Gaard's best-known event, which is a 5-6 day camp held around February 6th each year. When compared with Australian events, locals describe Canterbury Faire with the following motto: "no mudde, no duste, no venymous fauna, WARMER!"
- *Baronial Anniversary* – Each March, Southron Gaard runs an event to celebrate her anniversary.
- *Yule* – Traditionally run as a feast around Midwinter.
- *Golden Flight* – an archery event run each November.

Ildhafn

[Ildhafn](#) is Lochac's tenth Barony and is based in Auckland on New Zealand's North Island. Ildhafn was initially formed in 1994 and was made a Shire of the Kingdom of Caid in September 1996. The group joined the Kingdom of Lochac on 21 June 2003 and was elevated to Baronial status. Along with the Barony of Southron Gaard and the Shire of Darton, Ildhafn is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Crescent Isles.

This Barony also oversees one subgroup: the [Canton of Cluain](#).

The Barony of Ildhafn has had four reigning Barons and Baronesses between 2003 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – with the first being Asbjørn Pedersen Marsvin and Marienna Jensdatter. The average Ildhafn Baronial tenure lasts around 2.5 years.

In AS 38, the Kingdom of Caid granted Ildhafn an Augmentation of Arms in recognition of their long ties with said Kingdom, however, the arms have not yet been revised and registered to include it.

Ildhafn's signature events include:

- *St Sebastians* – an archery and campfire cooking weekend event held in February or March each year.
- *Bloth* – Ildhafn's traditional midwinter feast.
- *St Catherine's Faire* – a weekend camping event of tournaments, wars, feasting, arts and sciences, markets, and entertainments. It's usually run in November or December of each year.

Mordenvale

[Mordenvale](#) is Lochac's eleventh Barony and is based in Newcastle, New South Wales. This Barony has one subgroup: the College of St Crispin.

The Shire of Mordenvale was initially formed in May 1984 with Wulfwine Grimwald as the first Seneschal. In July 2003, Mordenvale was elevated to Baronial status.

One of the most well-known social groups in Mordenvale is known as [The Groggs](#), which is described on Memories of Lochac.

The Barony of Mordenvale has had three reigning Barons and Baronesses between 2003 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – the first being Ragnar Magnússon and Lucrezia de Milano. The average Mordenvale Baronial tenure lasts around 4.5 years.

Mordenvale's signature events include:

- *Total Token Tourney*– Mordenvale's annual Midwinter weekend event that includes feasting and a grand melee token tournament for heavy combatants.
- *Spring War* – Mordenvale's annual heavy combat war weekend that involves camping, lots of war and enormous quantities of bacon.

Kraé Glas

Baronial Motto: *A sense of porpoise.*

[Kraé Glas](#) is Lochac's twelfth, and youngest, Barony and is based in South Eastern Melbourne, Victoria. The Barony oversees one subgroup: the [College of St Monica](#).

Kraé Glas became a Canton of the Barony of Stormhold in 1994. The group eventually grew and advanced to Shire in 2004 before being elevated to Baronial status in 2011.

The Barony of Kraé Glas has had one reigning Baron and Baroness between 2011 and 2015 – see [Landed Gentry](#) – Cormac Lenihan and Elspeth Caerwent.

The Baronial device is supported by dolphins – a common motif of the Barony of Kraé Glas.

Kraé Glas' signature events include:

- *Suth Moot* – Suth Moot is a low-key, family friendly, relaxed event that runs over the Easter holidays.
- *Giornata D'Onore* – meaning 'a day of honour', is Kraé Glas' annual birthday event.
- [Great Southern Gathering](#) – a weekend event alternately shared by a trio of Southern Baronies of Lochac (including Innigard, Ynys Fawr, and Kraé Glas). This event usually focuses on Arts and Sciences and Rapier activities.

Shires

The Kingdom currently has five Shires, listed here alphabetically.

Abertridwr

[Abertridwr](#) is a Shire of Lochac, based in the South of Perth, Western Australia. The group began as a Canton of the Barony of Aneala in July 1987 (AS 22) with Harek Ulfhednar as the first Seneschal. The group attained Shire status on 7 September, 2013. The name means 'the meeting of three waters', and it was chosen because the initial geographic borders of the group were three rivers: the Swan, Canning, and Murray.

Adora

[Adora](#) is a Shire of Lochac, based in Illawarra and the South Coast of New South Wales. The original name of the group was Colles Ardorum (Latin for 'hills of flame' or 'hills of passion', inspired by the Illawarra escarpment and the Illawarra Flame Tree). Adora was created in 2004 by the split of the existing Shire of Agaricus into its northern and southern halves and was established as a full shire on 24 May 2008. This group oversees one subgroup: the [College of St Malachy](#).

Bordescros

[Bordescros](#) is a Shire of Lochac, based in Albury, New South Wales. Loch Alba, the name given to Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, is another active place within the Shire. The Incipient Shire of Border's Crossing was the original name of the group, first forming around November 1998 (AS 33).

The Shire has various communication mediums, including their [website](#), [email list](#), and a [facebook group](#).

Darton

[Darton](#) is based in Wellington, New Zealand, and formed in August 1999. The original name for the group was the Shire of Darchester and became a shire of Caid in April 2002 (AS 36) before joining Lochac on 10 May 2003. Along with the Baronies of Southron Gaard and Ildhafn, Darton is one of the groups that make up the region in Lochac referred to as the Crescent Isles.

Darton is located on the northern border of the Barony of Southron Gaard, with the two groups separated by the Strait of Winds. The Crown of Lochac has granted the shire the right to take two deer from the Royal Preserves each year for the general feasting and merriment of the populace.

Dismal Fogs

[Dismal Fogs](#) is based in the Blue Mountains, New South Wales. The group was founded in 1982 and became a Shire in October 1984 (AS 19) with Leontine de L'Abre as the first Seneschal.

Hamlets

During Canterbury Faire AS 50 (January 2016), Their Majesties Gilbert I and Bethony I along with the Kingdom Seneschal Niccodemus Novello announced the proposal of a new group status – the Hamlet. A Hamlet is a group of at least 5 members that requires no officers to run, and that nominates a Hamlet Leader as a point of contact. The concept of a Hamlet is to foster smaller groups to grow in Lochac. The first two Hamlets were named as Nelson and Wildmoor.