

# NZ Principality Informal Survey 2023 - Testing the Waters



It's been three years since the last informal survey on this topic, so it's time to see how you feel *today* about some key questions. If you'd like more information first, please spend some time at <https://principality.sca.org.nz> - especially the [FAQ](#) - and by all means ask questions on the NZ-wide [Althing mailing list](#) or however you communicate locally.

**Note:** as this is an informal survey, nothing it "decides" will make official SCA policy or be written in stone at this time. But your response will help guide the strength and direction of future volunteer efforts. Results will be published as soon as possible after it closes.

**NB: THIS SUMMARISES THE 137 NZ RESULTS ONLY.** Apologies if comment formatting below has unintentionally combined separate comments - copy and paste from the original source omitted line breaks. **For a headline summary and more information, see:** <https://principality.sca.org.nz/2023survey>

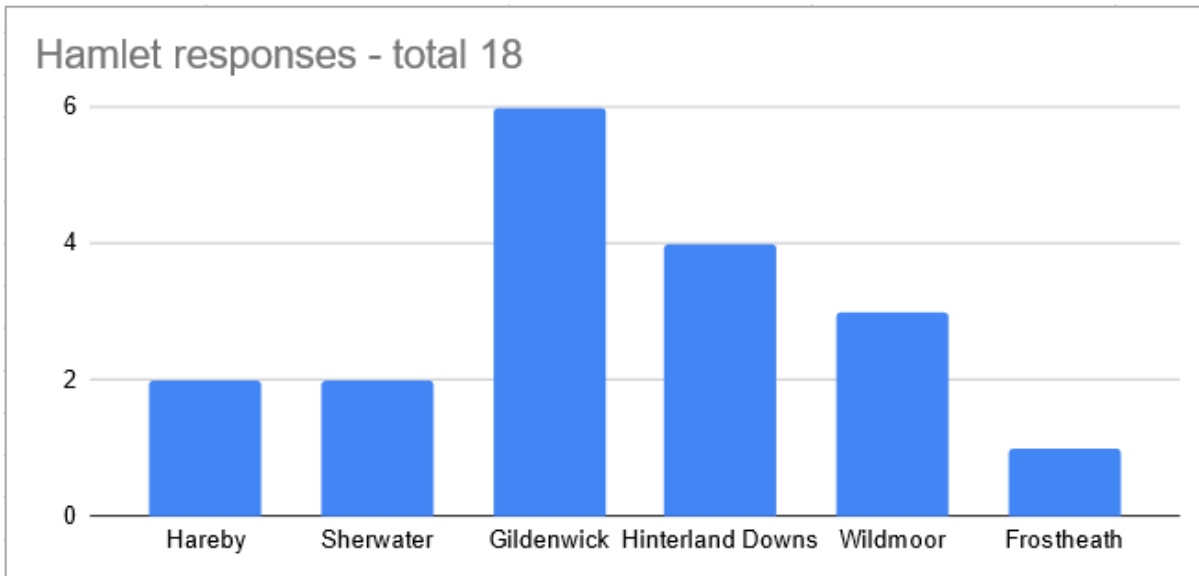
Which official SCA group do you mainly identify/play with

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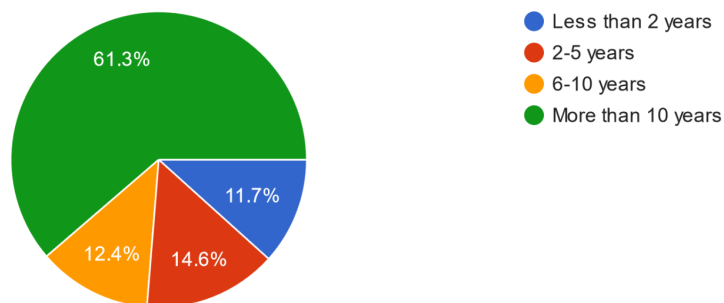
Note: these response percentages correspond fairly closely to group proportions of current SCANZ membership, e.g. Darton currently has 21.7% of SCANZ members

If you also identify with an NZ Hamlet or other sub-region, please type its name here, e.g. "Frostheath":



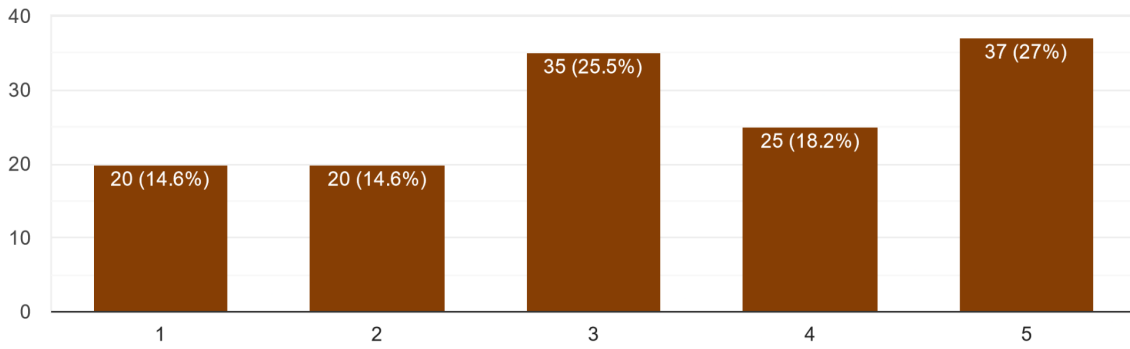
How long have you been involved in the SCA? (whether as a subscribing member or just coming along) NB: if you want to join or just check/renew your existing membership, use the online form here.

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### How would you describe your level of SCA activity

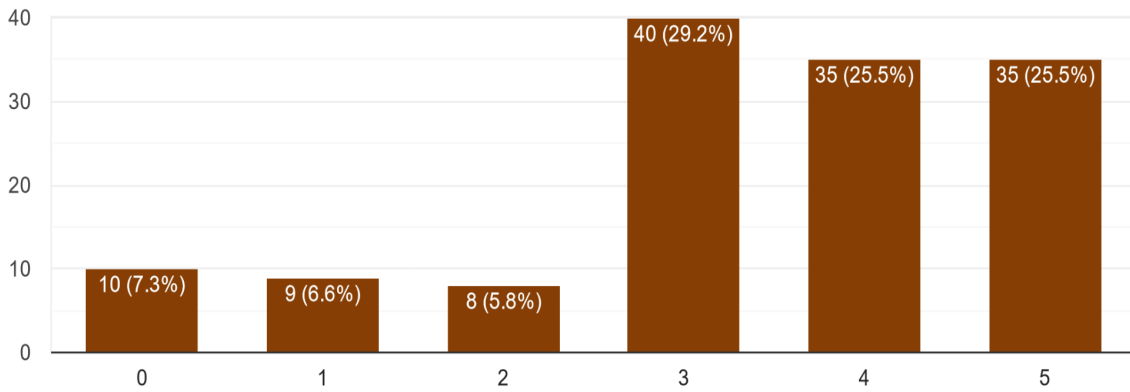
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### How do you currently feel about the idea of forming an SCA Principality in New Zealand

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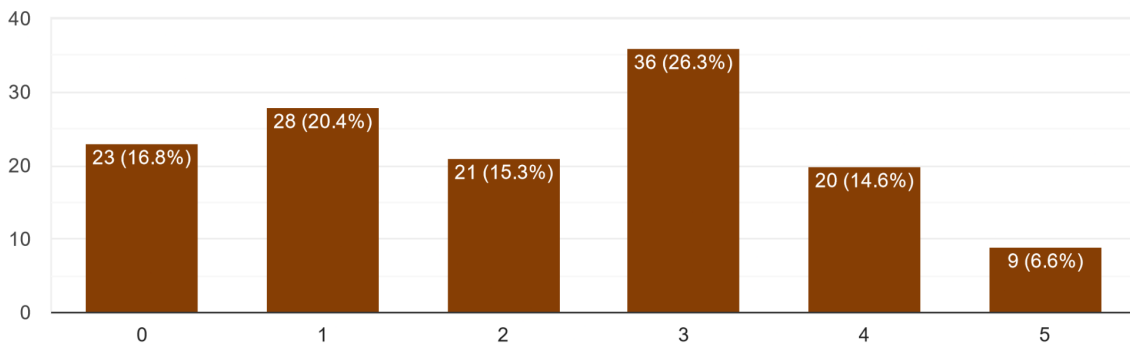
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## Possible Names and Heraldic Devices

How do you feel about each of the following possible SCA names for New Zealand? (See [here for some principles](#) to consider when choosing a name and the [heraldic gallery](#) for explanations of the recommended names)

Alcyon - greek name for kingfisher (our native kotare), lightly associated with the Kingfisher device design below

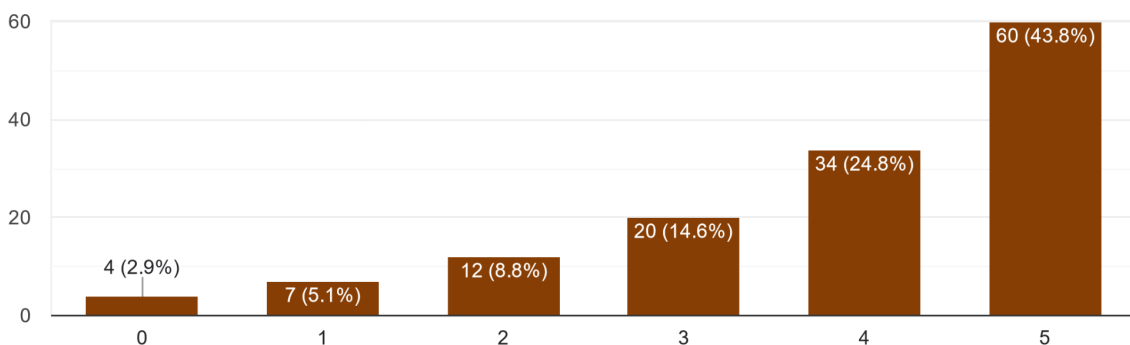
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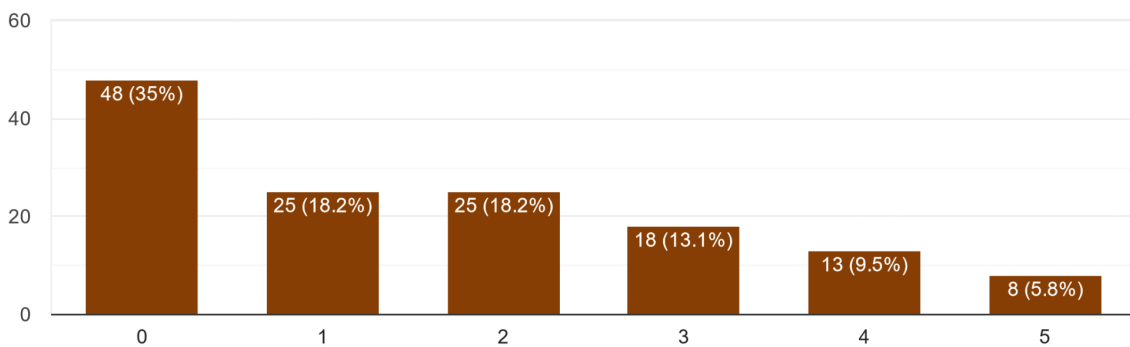
Crescent Isles - the informal name most commonly used since 2003, lightly associated with a couple of "crescent" designs below. This name is now ...tered, so definitely available for use if preferred.

137 responses



Eagle's Reach - a nod to our huge-but-sadly-extinct hokioi aka Haast eagle, lightly associated with the Leg and talons device design below

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Any comment to add, and/or do you wish to recommend another option, e.g. from the [longer list](#) of name ideas?

25 responses

Eagle's Reach is lovely, but a little too close to Nazi connotations (Eagle's Nest) for my liking. Crescent Isles is well known and well tested.

I love the way Alcyon has been presented and explained - I would be happy if it was chosen. But I'm equally comfortable with Crescent Isles, they both work for me.

Why have Te Reo names not been considered?

It's the de facto name for the geographic area, for better or worse

I love the crescent isles being made formal, it is already in common usage, and it feels so incredibly kiwi

Eagle's reach sounds too Germanic/Third Reich-ish.

Crescent Isles sounds like something from a generic fantasy novel and so does Eagles Reach. I could live with Alcyon ok but I still want Gottmark! Vögelland would work ok for me

Crescent Isles perfect, describes the shape of our Islands, and also a nod to our past when we were part of Caid

the persons organising the Pro-Principality movement should recuse themselves from any Coronet selection process/candidacy for not less than two years

As the Crescent Isles is already in popular circulation it is a good choice. Eagle's Reach is a bit LOTR for me. Alcyon is nice but it doesn't mean anything to me in the context of the NZ SCA community

The bird ideas are nice but the eagle may be too historically unknown, and is more related to America. What about using our native falcon/karearea instead? Falcon's Reach, Falcon Isles. I still like Principality of the Dawn too.

If Crescent Isles is already in use it seems unnecessary to inflict artificial change for the sake of it, also Eagle's Reach sounds like a D&D setting

Eagle's reach has a very bad connotation in Europe due to its use during the WW2 by the Nazi. In french, Alcyon is "martin pêcheur" or "l'éclair bleu-argent" which translates to "fishing saint" and "blue-silver lightning strike" (literal translation). These names seem much more representative of NZ for me, as a seafarer nation and quick to adapt to circumstances.

Antipodia could potentially be a name? Otherwise i like the Dawn related names.

Could we please have something that's more period in design (ie, actually a kind of name that might be used for an actual place or naming system in period), and less SCAesque backward compatible for registration? Nothing very good here at all, and the extended list is largely worse. Start with actual language place name construction.

NOT Crescentia. Don't mind "First Light" but unsure how period that is as a regional name - it may be more applicable as an informal descriptive moniker. Crescent Isles does evoke the Caidan lineage Holmlond

Alcyon is going to have a problem with having a couple of possible pronunciations, so it will be pronounced wrong pretty constantly. It would be better to have something more straightforward.

The Southern Marches

Gottmark , Oltremare

I like Eagle's Reach, but not the drumstick on the device. :)

Something referencing the kōtare that flows a little better? Realistically, Crescent Isles is most likely to stick because that's what everyone knows but I like the idea of something more distinctly ours.

It is not appropriate to look at anything as yet before we decide to move to principality

Cloudy Isles is fun

Strong preference for "Crescent Isles" because it's already our name - has been in heavy use for over a decade. I think the "what are we called" ship sailed some time ago! However, I've no objection to developing extra names for extra uses (cf Dame Alys' comments re the England/Britain/Albion set).

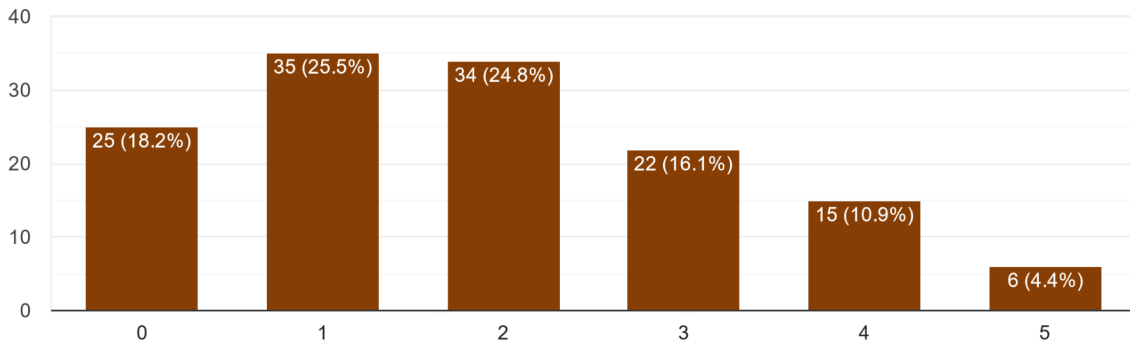
Eagle's Reach is, alas, out for me because way too many unsavoury white-supremacist types have a Thing for eagles. Do I think we should cede all eagles, and no-one should use them for any other purpose - no! Do I think it's wise to choose an eagle-name, now, that we intend to cherish and keep for many decades - also no.

Kotare, OTOH, are wonderful beasties.

How do you feel about each of the following device designs? (See [here for principles](#) to consider when choosing a device design and please do visit the [heraldic gallery](#) for more information)

"Kingfisher" - our native kotare, lightly associated with the Alcyon name (but remember, devices do not have to match names in heraldry)

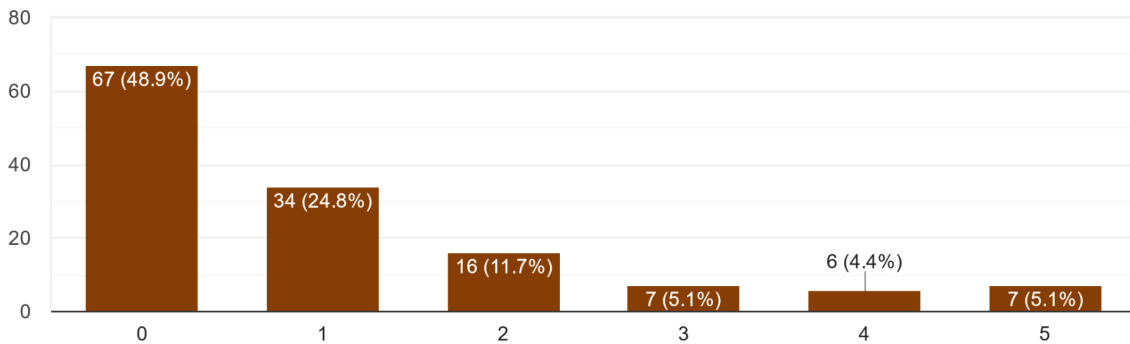
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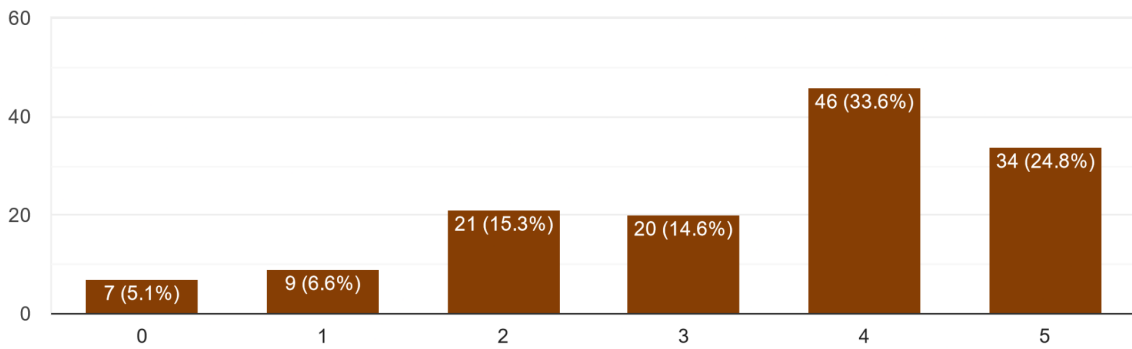
"Leg and talons" - lightly associated with the Eagle's Reach name and hence the hokioi aka Haast eagle

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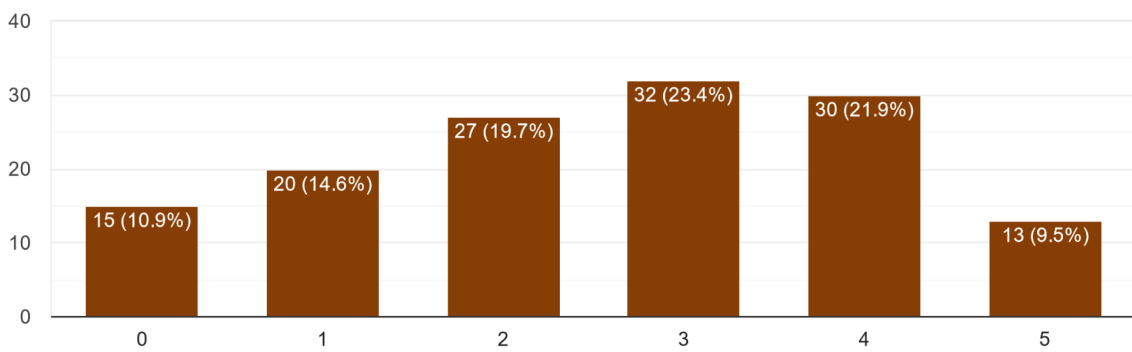
"Estencelly" - associated with sparks, stars and navigation - easy to recognise and draw

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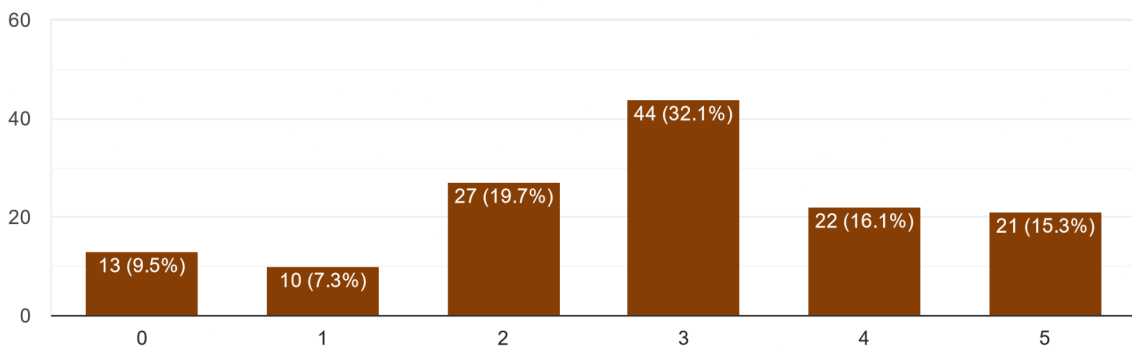
"InCrescent" - lightly associated with the Crescent Isles name and the origins of NZ groups

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"Crescent Wrap" - lightly associated with the Crescent Isles name and the origins of NZ groups

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Any comment to add, and/or do you wish to recommend another device from the [larger gallery](#) of design ideas?

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More colour please. Black and white is very uninspiring, and will lead to boring heraldically-inspired clothing etc. I'd like to see Azure and Or used, as it combines at least one of the major colours of several of the groups.

The Sable and Argent all look just a bit stark and unlovely, from the gallery I would have picked 2e1 out of all of them, at any rate I think we need something with more colour and less black

I mean no disrespect, but I thought 'Legs and Talon' was a joke when I first saw it. It rather looks like a submission from the flag referendum or a joke from Last Week Tonight.

I significantly prefer things that are simple and easy to draw and scale in size - I find that the Kingfisher and Eagle drumstick may not fall into this category.

Estencelly is amazing and by far my personal favourite on this scale I would probably give it a 9 or 10 compared to the 5s I've given the others, it's well balanced and visually interesting - Crescent Isles is nice but it feels too modern and a bit corporate logo looking- but would look amazing on silk banners over windows. InCrescent feels top heavy but also unbalanced, it makes me feel like I'm looking at an iceberg about to flip over.

Crescent wrap does feel a bit modern but it's simple, balanced and clever. Estencelly is my favourite and InCrescent is good. I'm wondering if the Kingfisher could be drawn as a device in natural colours, cos more colours than black/white/gold would be appealing.

4c2 is nice. I don't like designs where the laurel wreath is stuck off in a corner (yes, including Lochac)

Really not a fan of "InCrescent" -- splitting colours on the laurel wreath will be frustrating for applique. Also like the blue & white crescent wrap design

Eagle claw looks like a Nazi salute

I have concerns about the literal Crescent, there are groups in the world that do great harm under that banner.

Avoid all of them. Black on white or white on black laurel wreath blazons are currently a white supremacy dog whistle or the public

#1 from the Device Gallery. Nice and simple and very kiwi.

I prefer the kingfisher proper to the black and white version.

Don't like the colours at all.

The "Crescent Wrap" is striking, distinctive, and a relatively simple design to replicate: I really like it.

The Black-and-Gold Estencelly is very Wellington-adjacent...

Can we turn the bird's leg/claw the right way up, with the wreath at the bottom? Open claw around/above the wreath?

Bird leg looks like a Luftwaffe insignia, kingfisher looks hard to replicate on banners etc

2e1

Crescents (name or device) seem very divisive. It seems an inauspicious way to embark on a new venture like a Principality.

I like kingfisher name, with a stars device.

I think the fish hook would be an interesting design, but maybe not as a triskelion. I don't like the eagle leg one and think that kingfishers are not unique enough to nz to be our emblem. My preference would be for more than two colours, and either fish hook, cloud or sheep.

"leg and talons" but without the elements overlapping, or holding the bottom of the crescent so less obscured

Potentially shift the talon of "Legs and Talons" to holding the bottom of the wreath. In my humble opinion it would make for a clearer heraldry design.

2g

It would be preferable to start from a period design aesthetic. Some of these designs are appallingly bad pictorial SCA style heraldry, very far from period design, and I think we would be embarrassed to be associated with them. Maybe consult some senior book heralds?

Firstly, black and white are suitable basic colours - given the major groups in NZ have red, blue, green and black as their focus and it draws on standard NZ sporting colours. But do be mindful that a lot of black can be very hard to wear in the heat of summer when we have a number of SCA events - for both fighters and coronets. Secondly, some of the designs presented here do not conform to good medieval heraldry, with multiple layering, lack of symmetry and/or slot-machine multiple charges. There were other good design potential on the main site. Finally, moreso than with personal devices, the national heraldry HAS to be simple to draw/paint/embroider for much of the populace - not just the laurels. Many people will want to have their own pieces of Principality heraldic display, so make it accessible as possible for the medium skill levels, not just the experts. Otherwise you could alienate the some of the populace. Therefore, avoid difficult animal devices or a plethora of charges. The Rule of 7 is a Good Thing :)

Estencelly is beautiful! The more crescent based ones will be much easier to draw, and also sew. The kingfisher looks way too complicated, unless we are happy with almost everything being a pretty generic white bird.

We're an island kingdom we should at the very least be a bit more blue. Again, something referencing the kōtare would be cool but not, that one, exactly.

As above. Decision to explore principality then all groups start looking at options.

Kotare - love the idea, but the result doesn't look like medieval heraldry ... and I doubt we can draw it in a way that looks like a Kotare and looks like the arms of a medieval country. I DO like the idea of using it as a badge - with completely different official arms.

Leg and Talons - once I've seen the drum-stick, I can't unsee it. Also: the design uses the curve of the shield - the end of the leg could get quite awkward on, say, square banners.

Estencelly - is nice, especially as a populace badge. I'd like more colour. Both crescents - can we stay away from imagery that has strong religious significance for several billion people? No crescents and no crosses, please. Also, they look pretty TISCA, and the designs will not look as balanced on other shapes (e.g. square banners).

In general - I'd prefer colour. Not a huge fan of black-and-white. Adding gold helps a bit. But I prefer the blue-and-gold palette (colourful, isn't identical to the current colours of one of our groups).

Others that appealed somewhat from the long list: 3c, 3g, 1, 1a-1

Crescent Isles + a device that mimics the shape of NZ (crescent). The actual shape used would be a fish of Maui.

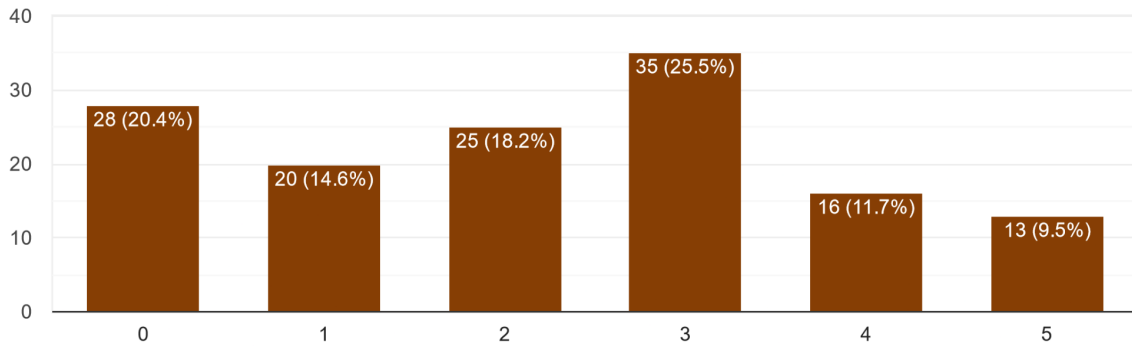
### ***IF a Principality was to form in New Zealand...***

**1. How do you feel about each of the following possible approaches to selecting a Coronet (P&P)?**

***NB: If one or more of these is well-favoured in this survey, further questions will be asked in future to help refine details.***

Traditional - Armoured/heavy combat - the tourney winner and their consort become P&P

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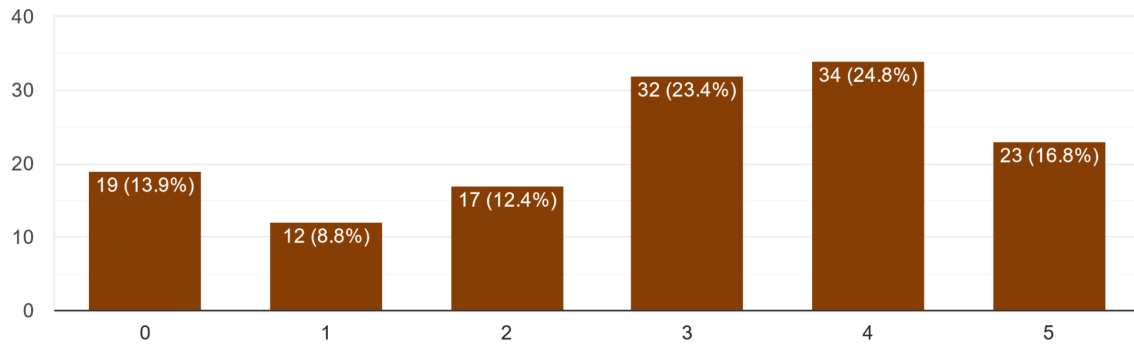


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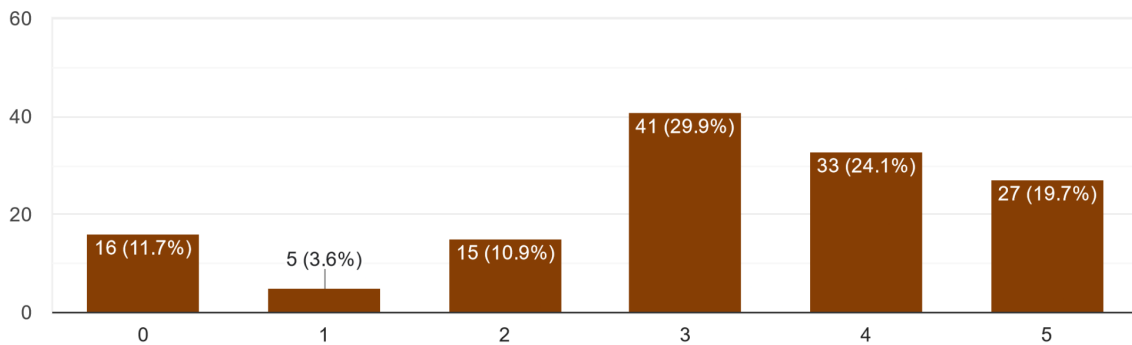
"Champion" - Still armoured combat, but the winner's patrons become P&P - see here for more information

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"Triple Prowess" - rotating through Armoured combat, Fencing and Archery for each successive Coronet tournament - the winner and their consort become P&P

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If you want to recommend another [selection format](#) (PDF) or comment on any of the above, please do so here

30 responses

I only support Champion if it's allocated by lot or some similar system, otherwise it still leaves too much power in the hands and social circles of the heavy fighters, and I strongly believe we need to get away from that.

Every couple who is interested in being Crown submits their letter of intent to the current Crown. Unless there are genuine reasons to deny them, they go in the draw. Then a lotto draw occurs and the two who win are then the Crown. The Crown is able, as always, to place fair and reasonable restrictions on entry into Crown tournament. These should NOT be based on prowess on the field, but rather on the skills needed to rule the kingdom.

I like the feasibility benefit of "Champion". I understand why the lottery-based systems aren't easy but Venetian or similar could work. I don't think it's smart to try the "arts contest" path, far too many fishhooks compared to the other possibilities.

I'm too new to feel I have all of the understanding of the SCA as a whole, but I will note the focus on heavy combat as the means of crown selection was part of my initial hesitation before I joined.

Lottery among qualified volunteers / nominees

I have to suggest period strategy board games as a selection format.

Do not like current iteration of "champion" format - why not just allow a champion within the existing heavy format? Would be in favour of heavy/rapier, but not heavy/rapier/archery. Also why are you using a 6-point scale instead of a more sensible 5- or 7- point scale?

Venetian voting

Champion is a compromise that might work, but I think it should be an option within the current traditional structure, not a separate system with no option for a fighter to fight for themselves and their consort.

I am struggling with any combat based figurehead method at moment

Needs to be a method that is inclusive. Champions is not inclusive enough.

It seems to me that the patron approach is compatible with other approaches and not all champions need to be representing patrons. I'd like A&S to be in the rotation, too.

would love some A&S prowess reflected in the selection process. Quadruple prowess?

Combine Champion and Triple Prowess.

I'm much more in favour of the venetian voting system, which takes into account everyone, even those who for any particular/personal reasons cannot fight.

Combined champion with triple prowess.

I believe a yearly rotation of standard heavy and champion system would work well. That or a tourney that is points based and comprised of Heavy, rapier, and archery tournies AND an A&S competition, overall high score at the end of the day wins the principality. This option could produce the most well rounded P&P's.

I don't see it in the pdf but have the 3 combats and a&s split between 2 people in a 'team'. Each person must do 2 of the 4 options, the other person does the other two. Overall score is based on points achieved in each area. Would make for a great show - a team who does well in some areas but poorly in others could be neck and neck score-wise with a team who is average across the board. I'd really like to see the P&P applicants working as a team somehow rather than have one person solely doing the work.

i appreciate we are locked in, to a certain extent, on Corpora selection at the moment but I think this, as much as anytime, is good to broach the subject to update Corpora. I like the Champion concept, but don't believe champions can also be a patron - the "percieved bias" issue should not be a temptation. So I am happy to have fight-for-self & Champion formats alternate in occurrence. Although I am a strong advocate for non-fighter coronets, I believe the idea of a Artisan contest for Crown is far too subjective and difficult to judge between the broad range of A&S. So the Champion concept elegantly allows non-fighter couples a potential way into being Coronets. Alternating formats may/may not exclude archery or fencing as contest formats.

A non-fighting option would be neat. Like a dance-off!

I favour Venetian voting, or any system that favours fun and participation over the tyranny of the sporty. I think that it should be allowed for a mix of the traditional and champion to compete in a tournament, this increasing the 'pool' and those who wish to fight a event like this but may not want to reign yet still having the traditional 'inspiration' of a consort as well

Rotation

If the champion format is used the champion must be under the same restriction of not competing if they win as if this was a crown tournament. Additionally I would recommend further restrictions on the champion to prevent kingmakers. He can only be a champion three times in total for example.

Rotating selection perhaps including a fourth non martial option so disabled SCAdians get more of a shot.

Not appropriate to look at this before we choose whether to look at becoming a principality or not.

This needs more discussion. We need the opportunity for anyone to be P&P. But we haven't seen a good option to do this. Maybe via a game? Although there are other advantages, principality needs this to be

worth it. Also will lose potential members if seen as rigid, rule heavy, out of touch and elitist. There is a generational change coming soon. There are more other options than ever.

Strongly prefer selection formats that give anyone in the SCA the (reasonable) ability to aspire to reign some day => fairly inclusive selection. "Better than we have now" is a very low bar; I'd like something I can describe to a starry-eyed newcomer without apologising.

While Triple Prowess and Champion expand franchise, both still locate the "choice" in "being good at a sport". I'm not convinced that either would - in practice - make the pool of people likely to ever win coronet very broad (compared to the breadth of our populace).

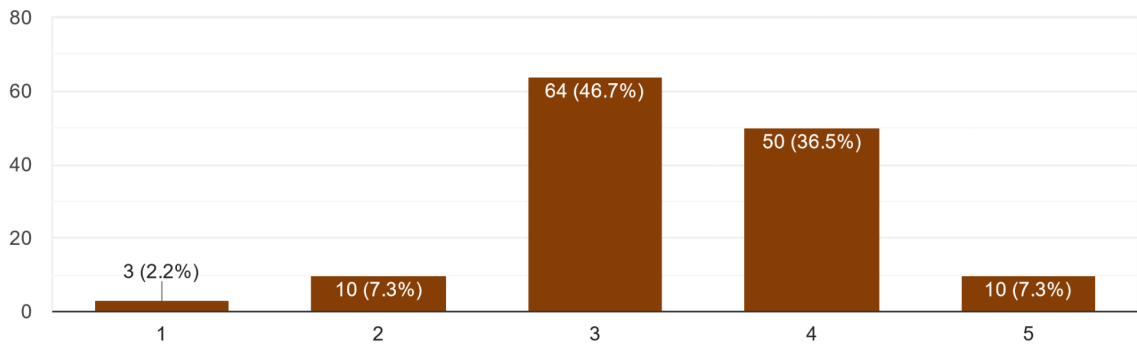
Options I've encountered so far that seem ok - a modified Venetian system (lots of room for pageantry there), Champion-by-lot (various possible versions), and ... I'm not sure. But I'm still thinking, as I'm sure are others. I don't think we're ready to settle on one version.

I think this - far ahead of heraldry or name - is the really big decision here. I don't like the incremental approach some suggest (only ask for a little, ask for more later) as changes happen so slowly (one change to the Crown selection process in many decades). So I'd rather go slowly on deciding to become a principality, explore many options, make sure we reach genuine consensus and then ask for what we truly want. If the board says "no", THEN it's the time to consider what half-measures we could live with.

Long-standing good conduct and appropriate awards should define the minimum bar. What's to stop someone with \$\$ and 'independent views' (non-traditional SCA) from walking in and upsetting everything by judicious manoeuvring and spreading of money. OK, maybe a worst-case scenario. At the moment there may be some vulnerable assumptions that need to be identified and protected. Ahhhh, now I read the next question.

Could Champion and Triple Prowess not both be used at the same time to allow fighting for someone else in individuals who don't want the crown, while also broadening the scope of martial practices?

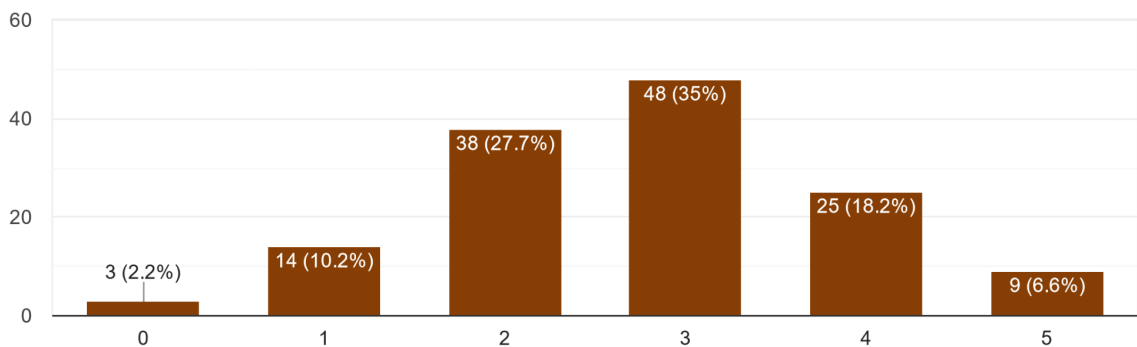
2. How strict do you feel the pre-vetted eligibility requirements for potential P&Ps should be? NB: for some possibilities, see here (item 3) and here (note B) from the "Champion" format discussion  
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**3. How do you feel about each of the following possible choices of reign length:**

Six months - same as Kingdom of Lochac:  
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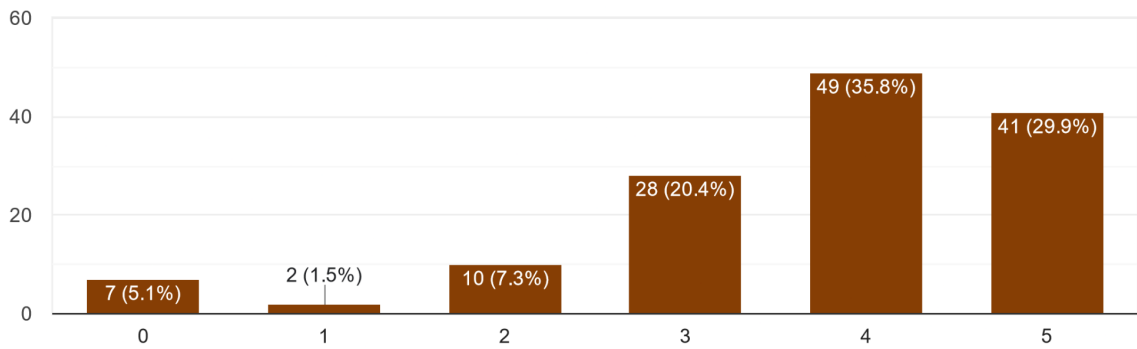


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Nine months - recommended for several reasons outlined here:

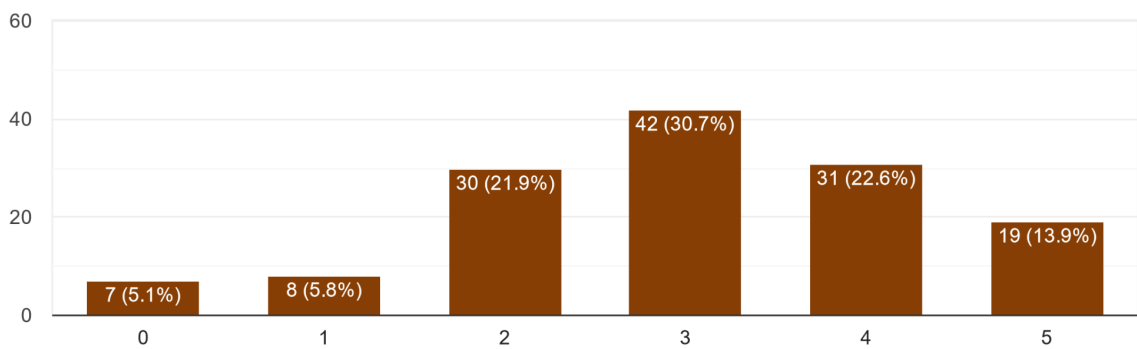
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**4. How do you feel about the following possibilities for the P&P's Investiture (a Principality's version of a Royal Coronation):**

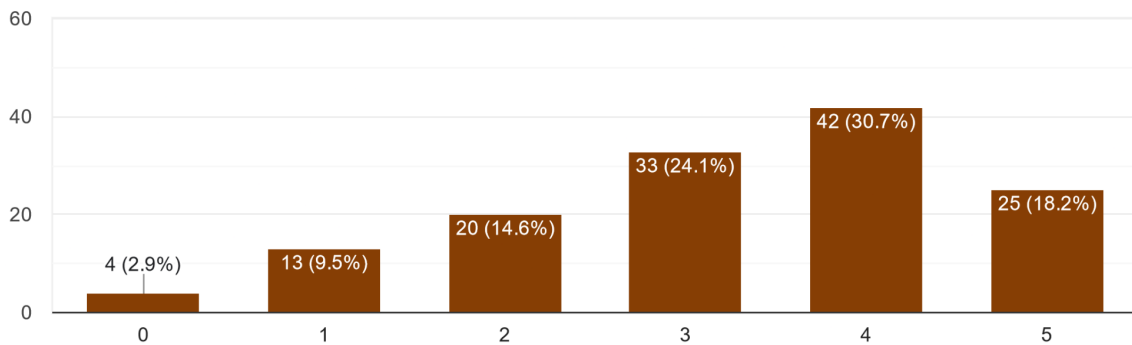
Investiture of the successful pair takes place at a distinct, pre-planned event (i.e. a scheduled Investiture event is held 5-7 weeks after the Coro... matching what currently happens at Kingdom level)

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Investiture of the successful pair takes place at the Coronet Tourney event itself, i.e. a few hours to a day after They are chosen ("Coronetiture") - some points in favour of this are included here

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**Any final/overall comment you'd like to make about a possible NZ Principality or any of the above questions?**

35 responses

I support a Principality if it allows us to change to a more egalitarian, accessible and non-armoured-combat-privileging system. Otherwise I would prefer we hold off on becoming a Principality until that is possible. I would consider supporting incremental change \_if\_ there is a clear roadmap to do so over the next few years (< 5).

Requiring a person to be a member of the SCA for a particular length of time before they are eligible is elitist. New people bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm. The Crown decides who can enter and who can't, let it remain their decision. Not everything needs to be legislated.

I think it's a good idea, It will help give the NZ portion of the Kingdom a bit of an identity other than 'the bit to the side that the Aussies seem to forget exist' but I do worry about the different groups abilities to contribute to the overall running, I worry that the dischotomy between the size of Southron Gaard and the rest of the NZ Groups will mean it turns into a bit of a SG exclusive thing and that because the majority of the overall populace is down there it's possible that that funding requests for activities in other areas outside of Christchurch (if there are any) etc will be rejected 'because it doesn't benefit a large portion of the populace' which will further alienate members who are located elsewhere and already face additional costs and logistical challenges getting to things like Canterbury Faire and it will be very important that we don't go from 'The NZ part of the Kingdom gets forgotten because it's a small part of the population over the water to 'the non southron gaard population of the principality gets forgotten because it's a small part of the population over the water'

I like the nine month cycle and combined event proposal, they make things manageable. I think a Principality will improve our game and buy-in, especially for North Island groups who see Crown presence and get useful Kingdom support only rarely.

The crown does feel very remote, and Australia seems to eclipse NZ within the SCA. I think a principality would help us feel less like the poor cousin. I also think it would be a good way to explore our own culture. E.g. watching (online) the mihi for Queen Katherine was incredibly moving, and I have noticed a stark lack of recognition of our indigenous culture/peoples in our events, which is contrasted to how NZ was (until the election) progressing as a country as a whole. I think a principality may be a good opportunity to reflect on how we can honour our tangata whenua within the game that focuses so much on history and tradition.

There is a note below about finances; finances for a NZ principality should be handled by SCANZ, the body which has legal existence in NZ, rather than principality, which doesn't

The "InCrescent" and "Leg&Talon" designs look like a nightmare to embroider or applique.

Box On

I like matching what is currently done at Kingdom level as it will be easier for visitors to our groups to understand what is likely to take place at any given Royal event.....but I think that some things which are less "public" (like how long the reign is) should fit our particular game instead of matching Kingdom level traditions.

I think vetting is a good idea with minimum participation of 2years, but not requiring a specific award first like an award of arms

"May God bless and keep the Czar far away from us!" If Southron Gaard's principality project succeeds, I hope that we don't have an increased presence of the Crown at our currently chill events. I would also put forward that the P&P could be selected on a 12-month basis to reduce the number of additional events that need to be conducted/bid for in addition to existing Kingdom events.

I am against the Coroneture idea. I think that a Prince and Princess would need a lead-in time, much like the Crown to plan travel and infrastructure ahead of their reign.

My main concern is how much it would separate us from Aus, and the lack of incentive for them to attend larger local events.

I'm basically of the idea that a principality is a disaster until we solve recruitment and retention issues and update the stranglehold of the outdated heavy fighting systems on the sca and the culture that arises from it

I am not in favour of principality. But then I'm also not in favour of current method of selecting crown, or the assumption that has existed in the past that NZ shouldn't hold crown tournaments.

Don't like the idea. Just makes for more work.

strongly is support, I think would bring us together as a national group

the persons organising this Pro-Principality movement should recuse themselves from any Coronet selection process/candidacy for not less than two years

I am still concerned about how well 'staffed' we are as a group to maintain the number of people needed for a Principality to function both in terms of combatants and office holders. In SG we are still only getting one applicant (if that) for officer positions and there are few applicants each time a SCANZ position is available (only one the last few years). For a Principality to be sustainable I would hope to see more people willing to take on these roles. I am unsure about the best method of selection - the current Combatant system has some major disadvantages in terms of equity, however I am concerned that the proposed Champion format will also similarly disadvantage those who are not in the 'in crowd'. I have concerns about the impact us going principality would have on the greater Kingdom of Lochac in terms

of sustainability, the Kingdom is currently struggling to get bids for Crown Events and what therefore would be the flow on from NZ having to maintain it's own royalty focussed events? Same thing with higher level officers - often there are not many candidates for Kingdom office and if NZ were to be entirely maintaining their own level of Principality officers would this disadvantage the Kingdom?

While I'm a definite fan of the proposed Champion format, I would suggest the caveat that fighters not be able to Champion themselves: this could result in a P&P tourney where all the fighters turn up representing themselves, and we wind up having a traditional P&P tourney, with the representation issues we were trying to avoid. We definitely need some sort of award or formalised item of prestige for champions, to encourage them to turn up and fight in a tourney for which they don't get to wear the pointy hat at the end of it.

Principality would be great, widening the selection pool seems necessary given how few fighters we have left. Feels like the real criteria is "who can afford it" though, so patrons or entrants, it's all the same pool

It would be interesting to hold an event that allows patrons to pitch themselves to fighters who are interested in partaking in the crown tourney but havent chosen yet. And it might help with the issue of barony's who don't have alot of fighters not having a chance to to be a patron.

Don't get to such events so do not really care

The more I have read as I progressed through the survey, the more I am in favour of this and would change my page 1 answer from a 3 to a 4/5. It sounds like a great opportunity for people and would add some extra flavour to the game.

Not a fan. Having been a Kingdom and Society Officer, I don't feel limited by being from New Zealand, and given the struggling nature of volunteerism globally (not even just within the SCA, I am hesitant to add to the administrative burden on the game.

nope! I do appreciate how much this survey has made me think about it though

NZ does not have sufficient SCA population for a principality. All the current groups struggle to fill officer positions. There are also certain group dynamics that would be very detrimental to potentially export to other groups - no one wants SG politics on a wider scale. A principality may also distance us further from greater Lochac.

separate step-up events allow the P&P to do their own preparations - just as important as the populace spectacle. Principality gives an added incentive for groups to host events, perhaps even opening up to enthusiastic individual Households etc, given that the NZ SCA is limited to just the 3 main Kingdom groups which is pretty small comparatively.

Nice idea, I like it

I prefer a structure that allots Princes/Princesses no out-of-game power whatsoever.

I think it would be a good idea for the game however I know how hard it is to find willing volunteers to take on roles and this is the major draw back for me

I'm excited for this! We're a little island unto ourselves and this is a chance to make our branch of the SCA reflect that more clearly. An alternate selection method, particularly a rotating one, would be a fantastic chance to have leaders from different circles.

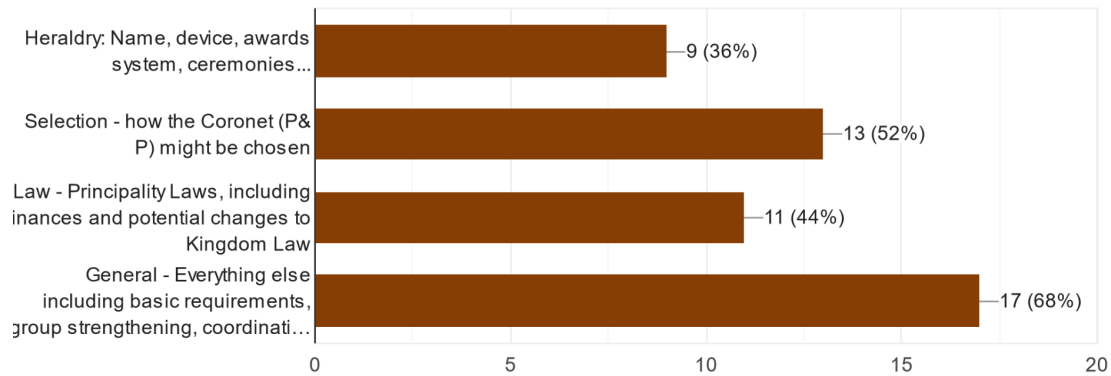
A lot of extra work

With both kingdom and principality levels it is worth lightening the load by combining events?

The winners would need to pay at least one visit to Locharc. Helps with diplomacy, gaining contacts, knowledge etc.

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