

# Family issues new photos of missing Lachlan

AS the search for missing Lachlan Simpson from Embo continues, his family has released new photos to the public in the hope that these images will assist police with their ongoing search efforts.

Police have also released a photo of a rucksack which was similar to the one used by Lachlan. It is requested that local businesses and members of the community check outbuildings, sheds, gardens and garages for the bag, as it may have been misplaced or lost at some point.

Speaking of the ongoing search, Inspector Jamie Wilson said: "We continue to see great support from the local community and once again, we must say thank you to those who have and continue to assist us. Specialist search team resources from Aberdeen have recently travelled to the area and are now working alongside ourselves.

"On Friday (August 7th) there will be a mobile police office at the Dornoch Highland Gathering which takes place at The Meadows Park. If anyone has any information regarding the search, no matter how insignificant they may feel it to be, they can speak to an officer who will be there to provide assistance."

Last Friday, Lachlan's family issued a statement saying: "We are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped with the search. We are overwhelmed by the support shown by

our local community and those who have travelled near and far to assist the emergency and rescue services. Knowing so many people care about Lachlan and are willing to help is a great comfort to us.

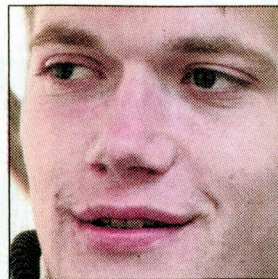
"We just want Lachlan to be safe.

"Lachlan, if you can see these messages, we love you and miss you and just want you to come home. Please make contact so we know you are OK.

"We'd like to appeal to all of Lachlan's friends who saw or spoke to him on the Saturday night of the County Show dance to get in touch with the police on 101."

Hundreds of volunteers joined emergency services and agencies in the search for Lachlan, following the report that he was missing, after he was last seen in the early hours of Sunday, July 26. The volunteers were stood down last Saturday night but the police search has continued all week.

Alongside volunteers, support was provided by the British Red Cross, HM Coastguard Land Based Search and Rescue, Dornoch in-shore rescue boat, and the Assynt and Dundonell Mountain Rescue Teams. Local officers were supported by colleagues from Moray and Aberdeenshire (B Division), Special Constables and specialist search officers. Operational Support Division also provided resources, including the air support unit and dog unit.



Pictures of Lachlan released by the family as well as a picture of a rucksack similar to the Lachlan used.