



CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY (Australia)

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MACMILLAN

CREST BADGE - A dexter and a sinister hand brandishing a two-handed sword, proper.
MOTTO - *Alii succurrere disco*
(I learn to succour the distressed)
GAELIC NAME - *MacGhille-Mhaolain.*

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OUR ANNUAL GATHERING AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Will be held on Sunday 25th October 1998,

at the

English Speaking Union and the U.K.S.A. Venue,

146 West Toorak Road, South Yarra (Melway reference 2L — D4),

12.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

BYO lunch — Tea and Coffee will be available

As noted in the Message from the President, Mr Alex Glennie, Scottish family history librarian will talk on Genealogy.

Message from the President

The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia is a volunteer organisation which aims to provide services to members via the Newsletter and via linkages between members, to other Clan Societies in Australia and to the Chief of the Clan and the Clan Centre. The visit to Australia of the Chief of the Clan and his wife was a major highlight for last year. We have a number of members in other states including Russell Harrison in NSW who has been very active in Clan Centre matters, and Peter McMillan in SA who has been on our Committee and comes to our AGMs with his family. These Australia wide connections are great, but linkages between the Society and members must of necessity be, in the main, through the Newsletter and one-to-one communications. The distance that separates us within Australia is a major factor in how our Society can function. Perhaps over time our communications with each other will stretch to more email communications. The Newsletter is a major strength and June Senior's efforts in this regard are invaluable.

Our Annual Meeting this year (25th October) will address a number of issues:

- The election of officer bearers;
- The activities which can be convened in each state;
- Our commitment to the Clan Centre at Finlaystone;
- The continued emphasis on gaining and retaining members;
- The development of our web site on the Internet;
- A presentation on Genealogy from an expert on how to search & succeed.

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Message from the President (Continued from page 1)

Activities at AGM	Major issues	2000 Outcomes
The need to elect office bearers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The volunteer nature of our Society ▪ The distance between members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some sub-groups located geographically
The need to identify what the Committee can undertake for the coming year - in practical terms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Location of Committee in Victoria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Some activities taking place in other states
The need to identify factors to include in an action plan for increasing membership and involvement of existing members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Membership - increasing the numbers and participation ▪ Involvement of members outside of Victoria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased membership Increased communication and interaction with Clan Centre and other Clan Societies.
The need to understand the factors that motivate membership.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Genealogy ▪ Family connections ▪ Linkages to other Clan Societies and to the Clan Centre 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Web site on the internet developed, linked to other key sites which provide Clan and genealogical information
The opportunity for members to get together and discuss issues of common interest – eg with Mr Alex Glennie, Scottish Family History Librarian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Genealogy ▪ Scottish culture and traditions ▪ Clan connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More sharing of genealogical information

We hope that you will be able to join us at the AGM this year, or send us messages that we can share with those who are able to come to the meeting. We plan for people to bring their lunches and join in the fellowship of the meeting and hear from Alex Glennie – Scottish Family History Librarian, who will provide us with lots of valuable information on genealogy.

Best wishes from Libby McMillan & all Committee members.



Members pictured at the Clan Gathering

Left: Joe Bell from Geelong

Above: Pauline, Frank & Peter McMillan from Adelaide chat with Foundation President Donald Macmillan from Red Hill.

OUR ANNUAL GATHERING AND A.G.M.

You will notice the date of our Annual Gathering is the 25th October '98. In the March '98 newsletter a different date was given. Due to unforeseen circumstances it will now be held on 25th October '98.(for details see page 1). I apologize for any inconvenience the change of date may cause members. Editor:June Senior

NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to Dianne Johnston of Horsham and John and Sandra Brown of Ferntree Gully. We do trust you will enjoy our kinship and newsletters. Dianne has been on a visit to Scotland and we look forward to hearing about her trip. John and Sandra Brown came to the Ringwood Highland Games and it was nice to meet them at our Clan MacMillan tent in March this year.

LETTER FROM CLAN CHIEF

Our Clan Chief George has written to thank everyone for the donation we sent recently to The Clan Centre. A\$580.00 special donations for George's visit and A\$240.00 our 96/97 donation - a total of A\$820.00. This was greatly appreciated to help the day to day running costs of the Clan Centre. George said their summer party went very well. This was held on George's Birthday to which we sent special greetings. The MacMillan Memorial Garden was unveiled. A symbolic family tree was put on the wall, showing how the various branches of the clan have sprouted over the centuries. The plaques are screwed to the wall in the gaps between the branches. Jim and Audrey MacMillan from Long Island flew over specially to be present at the ceremony, because it was their idea in the first place. They were given the difficult job of removing the veil. There are already seven plaques on the wall, which is a very good start.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you for the letters received since our last newsletter. I really appreciate members taking the time to write and let me have news and views on our newsletter. Judie MacMillan wrote to tell me she is visiting the Isle of Mull in August. She will take part in an Earthwatch project called "Eagles of Mull". Together with seven other people Judie will collect data on the eagles and raptors. Hopefully Judie will have an interesting story to tell of the project and also her visit to Nairn where her Grandfather was born. Judie had another interesting story about Australian eagle feathers being sent to Scottish Highlanders in India about 1938. I will keep that story for next N'letter. Ian and Glenda Russell are visiting Ireland and Scotland also and we wish them a great trip. My thanks to Ed. Hawkes for sending me a copy of his book, recently published, about his Great Grandmother MARGARET AESCHLIMANN -Celebrating 100 years in Arawata- 1897 - 1997. I have found this book very interesting and when space permits I am sure members would enjoy reading of Margaret and her family's early years in Australia. Mr Bill Gibson of House of Scotland(see page 8)has advised that he has in stock the book "Clan MacMillan" (35 pages) The cost is \$10.50.

SPECIAL THANKS

Russell Harrison who has been the Australian/New Zealand representative for The Clan Centre for three years has advised that Margaret Pool has now taken over this position. We would all like to thank Russell for the time he has spent keeping us informed . He has done a great job and thank you Russell from all the Clan members.

Russell Harrison has also contributed the article on The Internet-see pages 6 & 7.

I would also like to thank Kay Morris of Sydney for sending me the shipping lists. The first two pages appear on pages 4 & 5. I will publish the remaining lists in the December '98 newsletter.

Assisted Immigration Listing at Public Records Office					McMILLANS		VPRS 7310 - Microfiche		
Christian Name	Age	County	Ship Name	Ship arrival Date	Fiche Ref # Book/Page	Occupation	M/F	By Whom Engaged Name	Address
Agnes	17	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/162	Nursemaid	F	Henry Goldsmith	123 King St
Agnes	28	Lanark	Utopia	25/01/1854	10/201	Dom Serv	F	Mr Brown	Squatter
Alexander	27	Inverness	Cambodia	31/3/1852	8/58	Shepherd	M	Duncan McKenzie	Bellerine
Alexander	18	Argyle	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/177		M	Mr Flower	Belfast
Alexander	30	Lanark	Utopia	25/1/1854	10/195	Mason	M	G Armytage & son	Fulham
Allan	34	Inverness	Allison	8/2/1853	9/14	Ag Lab	M	Alex Kennedy	Lodden River
Angus	12	Inverness	Blanche	20/11/1852	6/89		M		
Ann	31	Inverness	Conway	17/6/1854	10/248		F		
Ann	Infant	Inverness	Conway	17/6/1854	10/248		F		
Ann	30	Inverness	Allison	8/2/1853	9/14		F		
Ann	2	Argyle	Ann Milne	1/1/1853	10/7		F		
Anne	31	Inverness	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/172		F		
Anne	29	Argyle	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/180		F	N Machonochie	Korvile?(Norvile)
Anne	29	Lanark	Utopia	25/1/1854	10/195		F		
Archibald	60	Argyle	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/172	Ag Lab	M	On own acct	
Catherine	35	Inverness	Blanche	20/11/1852	6/89		F		
Catherine	3	Ayr	Persia	20/3/1854	9/406		F		
Catherine	6	Inverness	Conway	17/6/1854	10/248		F		
Catherine	25	Inverness	Derry Castle	21/1/1855	10/469	Dom Serv	F	I Cameron	Stathdowny East
Catherine	26	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/162	Dom Serv	F	Arch McMillan	Little Brighton
Charlotte	31	Surrey	Bombay	14/12/1852	7/91		F		
Christina	44	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176		F		
Christina	4	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176		F		
Christina	28	Argyle	Persia	20/3/1854	9/413		F	Mr William	Melbourne
Christine	28	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/162	Cook	F	Mrs Taylor	Hawthorne
Christopher	41	Ross	Shalimar	11/11/1857	12/432	Shepherd	M	Engaged as labourer	Geelong
Christy	27	Argyle	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/180		F	John Moody	Wanda Vale
David	1	Ayr	Europa	15/9/1852	8/159		M		
Donald	23	Inverness	Derry Castle	21/1/1855	10/467	Ploughman	M	on own acct	Portland
Donald	17	Inverness	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/184	Ag Lab	M	John Murray	Melbourne
Duncan	35	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176	Ag Lab	M	Don Kennedy	Glenroy
Duncan	32	Inverness	Conway	17/6/1854	10/248	Ag Lab	M	on own acct	Geelong
Duncan	34	Inverness	Athlete	19/2/1855	12/41	Ag Lab	M	On own acct.	Belfast
Duncan	24	Inverness	Derry Castle	21/1/1855	10/467	Ag Lab	M	on own acct	Portland

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Duncan	2	Argyle	Edward Johnston	3/9/1854	10/323		M		
Duncan	22	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/159	Ag Lab	M	Own acct	Brighton
Elizabeth	10	Inverness	Blanche	20/11/1852	6/89		F		
Elizabeth	20	Ayr	Caduceus	8/1/1870	14/436	with friend	F	Mr Linney near Stockade	
Elizabeth	24	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/162	Dom Serv	F	Joseph Hall	River Plenty
Elizabeth	18	Ayr	Goldstram	16/3/1864	14/285	Gen Serv	F	James Wallace	Yarra St Geelong
Euphemia	5	Argyle	Edward Johnston	3/9/1854	10/323		F		
Ewan	7	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176		M		
Ewan	35	Inverness	Blanche	20/11/1852	6/89	Shepherd	M	Henry Munday	Marmwool
Ewan	40	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176	Shepherd	M	Own acct	Melbourne
Flora	60	Argyle	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/172		F		
George	Infant	Surrey	Bombay	14/12/1852	7/91		M		
George	3	Down	Atlanta	9/6/1858	13/215		M		
Hamilton	21	Down	Marian Moor	15/2/1853	9/36	Ag Lab	M	John Macclellan	Goulburn
Hector	30	Inverness	New Zealander	30/11/1853	10/172	Groom	M	William Green	Glenelg
Hector	25	Argyle	General Hewett	9/10/1856	12/221	Labourer	M	I Afflick	Pleasant Banks
Helen	3	Inverness	Conway	17/6/1854	10/248		F		
Hugh	30	Surrey	Bombay	14/12/1852	7/91	Carpenter	M	Not stated	
Hugh	41	Argyle	Edward Johnston	3/9/1854	10/323	Ag Lab	M	John Cameron	Mosquito Plains
Infant	Born on bo	Ayr	Persia	20/3/1854	9/406				
Isabella	3	Inverness	Blanche	20/11/1852	6/89		F		
Isabella	20	Glasgow	Arabian	12/3/1865	14/317	Nurse	F	Mrs Tozer	Warmambool
James	11	Argyle	Marco Polo	20/9/1852	8/176		M		
James	15	Down	Confiance	12/4/1853	10/93	Ag Lab	M	Gone to friends	Geelong
James	3	Ayr	Europa	15/9/1852	8/159		M		
James	23	Ayr	Europa	15/9/1852	8/159	Shepherd	M	Mr McCracker	Moonee Ponds
Jane	9	Inverness	Conway	17/6/1854	10/248		F		
Jane	32	Inverness	Derry Castle	21/1/1855	10/469	Dom Serv	F	Mr Dutton	Surry River
Jane	22	Ayr	Europa	15/9/1852	8/159		F		
Jane	32	Tyrone	Herald of Morning	1/3/1857	11/323	Gen Serv	F	with her sister	Collingwood
Janet	28	London De	Perfect	8/11/1840	2/227		F		
Janet	5	London De	Perfect	8/11/1840	2/227		F		
Janet	18	Ayr	Jessie Munn	24/2/1859	13/312	Housemaid	F	Donald Stuart	Inverleigh
Jean	12	Ayr	Gambia	22/4/1855	11/158		F		

Some errors due to handwriting

THE INTERNET AND YOU

I like to try to stay one jump ahead of my seven year old grandson who never ceases to amaze me with his computer literacy. I figured it was time to teach myself a little about the "net" before he starts asking questions that I am unable to answer.

With about 20 hours of experience I am still a novice at "surfing the net" but let me share with you some of my experiences.

Surfing is a lot of fun and quite educational. Any hour of the day you can connect to anywhere in the world. You can also join "chat groups" on some clan sites and might find yourself communicating by keyboard with half a dozen people from six different countries who all join in the conference. You can leave messages on genealogy bulletin boards and with a bit of luck you may find you have inherited a fortune that has gone unclaimed, or perhaps discover a missing branch of your family tree, or a kings or two that you did not know were related to you. You certainly will improve your knowledge of family and clan history.

To go on to the Internet you will need a computer with a high speed modem, you need some software called a browser and a nearby Internet Service Provider (ISP) which you will connect to with a local telephone call, then away you go! The world is yours.

Your computer really needs to be a model 486 computer or better, with about 800 meg of hard disk space plus a high speed modem (like a 33.6 baud which costs about \$120 to \$150) and a telephone line. You now have the necessary hardware.

If you have Windows 95 you can use the program called Internet Explorer that comes with it as your browser. Shop around for an ISP - I found one that gives me 50 hours per month for \$A19 and a dollar an hour after that. No other strings are attached. Some ISP's are cheaper, some cost a lot more. The service is much the same wherever you go so take your pick. Many ISP's will give you a trial period of about 10 hours free so you can see what you get.

Clan and Scottish history is covered at many sites on the Internet. It can be fun to do a search on either of these subjects and you may be surprised at the sites you will visit and the information you will gather. To do a search you use a "search engine" provided by your ISP. Usually there a number of search engines to choose from, most of these have funny names but usually you will find YAHOO which is the only one I have used as it does all I want to do. Simply type in anything of interest like SCOTTISH HISTORY and you will probably get dozens of addresses to go to where you can explore what they have available. To go to a site just point the mouse and press the button and in a flash you are there.

There are a number of sites in the USA that specialise on Clan Macmillan and give information on clan activities world-wide. The writer proposes to offer to our Editor a few examples of the sort of information available in the hope future issues of the Society's Newsletter will help bring those of our members who want to get up to speed on surfing the net.

Unfortunately it is not possible to reproduce in a Newsletter like ours some of the glorious colours and graphics that one sees when visiting sites. Some of our clan sites have our clan tartans as a background colour and our badge and similar emblems are displayed to enhance the presentation.

The following is a typical page taken from the net and the unknown author is acknowledged.

GENERAL ORIGIN OF SCOTTISH SURNAMES

During the Middle Ages, the infant mortality rate in Scotland was high. For this reason, many Scottish families would use the same name over and over so that one family might have several children of the same name if more than one child survived. They also changed their surnames if they changed residence. Even though the 18th century, many Scottish women retained their own names when they married. This may be a carry over of an even older custom of the man taking the wife's name at the time of marriage.

There are two groups of Scottish surnames: Highland and Lowland. The highland surnames developed slowly, and it was not until the 18th century that a man ceased to be designated by his father's name.

The Clan system was largely responsible for preserving the old ways of the Highlanders. A man would join a clan for protection and, to show his allegiance, he would then adopt a clan surname - usually Mac followed by chief's name.

As chieftainship was hereditary, the names were mainly patronymic. In the Lowlands, the use of surnames developed much the same as English surnames, although at a somewhat slower pace. Many Lowland surnames are indistinguishable from English ones.

Some examples of surnames of Scottish origin include the following: Mawhiney (son of Suibhne, well going), Peebles (a dweller in a tent, or assembly hall; one who came from Pebbleshire), Scrimgeour (one who taught fencing, a fencing master), and Rutherford (one who came from a river passage used by cattle).

If you want to find some sites that specialise on Clan Macmillan there is a page prepared by Glengarry and Ottawa Valley Branch of the Clan MacMillan Society - point your browser to:-
<http://home.iSTAR.ca/~macmac/>

With these addresses you have to get the syntax right and use the same upper and lower case as shown. It's a bit of a pain the first time you type them but you can add them to your list of "favourite sites" and you never have to do that again.

Here is another page I found on the Internet.

SCOTTISH BMD RECORDS

You will soon be able to trace your ancestors from the comfort of your homes through the Internet. Staff at New Register House, Edinburgh, where the details, of births, marriages and deaths of everyone in Scotland are kept, say that they are constantly besieged by tourists wishing to trace the Scottish side of their family trees.

They say that because there is a limited number of public access seats to the records, many Scots are not able to carry out their searches because of the number of tourists using the files. They say that many of the tourists who come to Scotland are torn between visiting the sights and sitting in stuffy Register House.

Now computer experts have been hired to make details of all births, deaths and marriages in Scotland, accessible via the Internet. Once the Internet web site is launched it hopes that people living anywhere in the world will access the pages.

People will be "CHARGED" for the subsequent search and it is hoped that the scheme will prove to be very profitable. Initially only details of birth, marriage and death certificates from the year 1855 to 1896 would be available on the Internet, however, plans were under way to have all parishes registers between 1553 and 1854 added, along with census details from 1891 and 1881.

They have decided that at this stage not to put any details of birth, death and marriages that have occurred in the past 100 years, on the Internet as they appreciate some people may not want their details sent across the world. The web site is expected to be up and running by September.

This notice can be found at the address <http://www.users.zetnet.co.uk/rdixon/genescot.htm>

I hope the foregoing will enable you to make a start. I found it took me a few hours to develop a few skills on using my browser and then find my way around the Internet. Once you get over this initial learning period the fun really starts. You are no longer wrestling with the browser commands and instead you are learning more about the world. The information available is so vast the only real problem is how to optimise the time you spend.

If this article is of interest what about writing to our Editor and sharing your thoughts and experiences with other members so we learn from each other? At least let us know what sites you have visited and the ones you like. Also what about writing in and giving your email address so we can more easily and more frequently contact each other?

Maybe there is enough interest amongst our members for us to seek a wee corner of our Newsletter on a regular basis. This could be the trigger for our Australian Clan Macmillan Society getting its own web site. I suspect that when that happens we shall see some significant growth in our membership and greater interest from younger people.

You can contact me at lremh@matra.com.au if you wish, but do send a copy of your message to June so she can decide whether it is fit to publish. Happy surfing. Over and out!

Russell Harrison.



Pictured here is the Clan Chief George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap and his wife Jane when they visited Melbourne to meet members of the Clan MacMillan Society (Aust) on the 2nd. November 1997.

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