



CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY (Australia)

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MACMILLAN

CREST BADGE: A dexter and a sinister hand brandishing a two-handed sword, proper.
MOTTO: Aliis succurrere disco
(I learn to succour the distressed)
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Most members will know that Clan Macmillan Australia is under the umbrella of the Council of Clans Australasia Inc.. At the November 2000 meeting Robert Johnstone stood down as Chief and President but will remain on committee. As Vice-President, Doug McLaughlan will assume the position of Chief until the next elections at the AGM at Easter 2001 at the Ringwood Highland Games. These will be very colourful and great fun, the highlight being the National Championships of the Pipe Bands. It will be a good opportunity to bring the family and a picnic to see the Highland and Country dancing, the games, and to visit Clan tents and meet other Clan Macmillan members, and even take part in the Procession of Clans behind our new banner.

There has been good news from the Scot's of Victoria Co-ordinating Committee who have been awarded an entry in the Centenary of Federation "our Nation on Parade - from Federation to the Future". This parade takes place on Sunday 6th May in Melbourne and will have 100 representatives of Scot's organisations taking part.

It is very pleasing to see June Senior's fine recovery from her operation and I want to thank her for her work as editor of the newsletter as well as treasurer. Kaye O'Reilly has also been busy in getting our website up and running (address elsewhere) Please look it up and use the members page.

The committee is arranging a visit to the Family History Centre at Cathies Road, Wantirna on Wednesday 2nd May, 10am-2pm. This Centre has the Irish records, so anyone who wants to seek out their Irish ancestry is invited to join us. Please phone me if you can come.

Hoping to catch up with you soon.

June Danks. President.



ADVENT 2000

The first significant event of our year was a flight to Cape Town to celebrate the marriage of Andrew & Bertha's elder son, Harry, to Catherine Stewart. We got a marvellous welcome there before the wedding, and also after it, when we stayed with the Stewarts in their game farmhouse far up in the north.

In April, while Jane stayed at home to mind the annual charity Garden Opening, George dashed to North Carolina to stay with old MacMillan Friends and open the Loch Norman Highland Games. The Games started very wet, as often happens there: regular attenders were easily recognised by their smart plastic Inverness capes. But the sun came out and cheered us all up.

Mid-June brought the Birthday, Centenary and Millennium celebrations foreshadowed last Christmas. The climax was the so-called 'Drain-piping' party, featuring a tartan parade and the blowing of various types of bagpipe, in honour of this house's drain-pipes (which proclaim their date of origin as 1900). That received generous coverage in the Scottish Field: it also raised about £900 for MacMillan Cancer Relief. It was the prelude to a Clan Conclave - five days of intense activity, during which Arthur met influential clanspeople from around the world.

Malcolm has just accepted another job within the Scottish Media Group (of which the Herald is a part). He'll still work in Glasgow; so he won't need to move out of his nice house. He and Tadpole are expecting their third baby just before Christmas.

Arthur is very active running Clyde Marine (till recently 'Clyde Shipping'). Managing an International firm demands a lot of flying. At least, though, his huge efforts seem to be rewarded with success. He and Barbara and the boys are due to occupy the main part of this house in January, when Jane and I move into a wing. They're getting a foretaste of their future life, because they took a chance to sell their house and have already joined us. So, after a happy twenty-five year tenure, we hand to them the privilege and responsibility that we ourselves received.

Wind continues to topple trees weakened by the 1998 gales. We've used some of the timber to build a spectacular pair of forts and a couple of wigwams, which seem to appeal to children, and some of the grown-ups too.

We've long contemplated resuscitating the hydroelectric scheme that was installed in 1920 and abandoned in 1945. By then the steel pipe had begun to crumble, and produced more fountains than electricity. So far, a large plastic pipe has been laid to replace the steel one, leaving the usual appalling mess. We await the turbine and it's controls, wishing we were already able to harness the copious water supply, which appears to be trying to make up for an exceptionally dry summer.

This Christmas we're looking forward to another four-yearly gathering of Pa & Ma's descendants, spouses, etc. Depending on the punctuality of Tadpole's baby, we should be forty-five. When they have gone home and we have moved next door, we'll be happy to entertain you in our cosy little Apple House. It consists of two floors of old staff quarters, each with ground floor access, which are being linked by a brand new staircase.



Ring out, wild bells, the Poet sang:
Come, Chimers, ring a change.
Ring out the old: set tongues a-clang
To speed the passing age.
Ring out the old; ring in the new:
In hope greet what's to come:
Enjoy the clanging: Savour too
The persevering hum.



George and Jane's advent letter and poem arrived in December, sending their BEST WISHES FOR CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 2001 to all our members.

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EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are asking members if they would like to send their email address to June Danks(email address on page 1) or it could be sent to June Senior if you are sending your subscription. The emails could then be printed in a future newsletter enabling members to contact each other.

V A L E

We were saddened to learn member Fay Ryan's Mother Helen Lillian Stokie died on 29th November 2000. Helen was the daughter of John and Jessie Wise(nee McMillan) and very proud of her MacMillan ancestry. Our deepest sympathy to Fay and family.

NEW MEMBER

We are delighted to welcome new member Kenneth MacMillan who saw our advertisement in SCOTS magazine. Kenneth enclosed a short history of his grandfather which he obtained in Edinburgh 4 years ago:

"Hugh L. MacMillan, from Greyfriars, Glasgow. Ordained 25th September 1876.

Mr MacMillan is certified to have carried on his work with great earnestness, and we have a picture of him, mounted on his shaggy pony(photo not available)doing pastoral work in the hill country around, saintliness attending him wherever he went. This continued till 13th February 1883 when he resigned his charge that he might undertake mission work in Jamaica. Commissioners expressed the deep regret of the people at losing his faithful services, and the Presbytery in dissolving the pastoral tie testified their appreciation of his character and his special fitness for the sphere he was to fill. In Jamaica he occupied for two years the mission stations of Bellevue and Reid's Friendship, and was then transferred to Grand Cayman. He came home in 1896 much exhausted, but on regaining strength he offered himself for Calabar, and was welcomed by the Board as a suitable man to engage in the training of a native ministry out there. The end came on 26th December 1898, preceded by five days of slow fever. He was in the fifty-fourth year of his age and twenty-third of his ministry.

Kenneth also mentioned that his father Hugh Charles MacMillan was born in Grand Cayman. Hugh attended George Watson's College in Edinburgh and later graduated in Engineering from West Glasgow Technical College. He came to Australia about 1912 and retired as Superintendent N.S.W. Railways, receiving the Imperial Service Medal. In World War 1 he saw action in Gallipoli and France.

We thank Kenneth for the very interesting information above and trust that he will enjoy the kinship and newsletters of the Clan MacMillan Society Australia.

NEWSLETTERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD



It was great to receive my copy of the CLAN MACMILLAN INTERNATIONAL NEWSLETTER, Nov/Dec 2000 issue with lots of photos and information on the very successful gathering at Finlaystone in June 2000 - and other news from the Clan Centre.

Thank you to Margaret Pool, President of the New Zealand Clan MacMillan Society for her interesting newsletter.

John B McMillan, Editor of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America has sent us their February 2001 issue, crammed with information and photos. Thank you John.

Thank you also to President Judy Young and Editors Bob and Paula Hall for sending us their newsletter. They are from the Clan MacMillan Pacific, Southern District U.S.A. and contacted us suggesting an exchange of newsletters. I have enjoyed reading their "Highland Herald" and thank you Judy for contacting us.

Thank you to the Victorian Clans who exchange newsletters with us. We do appreciate reading your news and activities.

PHOTOGRAPHS AT THE INTERNATIONAL CLAN CENTRE

We are indebted to Russell Harrison for the photographs on Page 5. Russell tells us about the Clan Centre in the article below- also details of the photographs.....Thank you Russell.

The photographs were all taken at the International Clan Centre which is located in the grounds of Finlaystone House the home of the Clan Chief George Macmillan and his wife Jane. The Clan Centre was set up by them with much help from the Curator Graeme McKenzie and is a Mecca for Macmillan descendants and friends visiting Scotland. It is located at Langbank about 30 km west of Glasgow and was the home of Chief George's father before him.

The clan centre comprises a museum of clan memorabilia covering about four sections and a library-office- reading area where Graeme and his assistant Pauline Simpson work there on the days when it is staffed. Graeme and Pauline are the people who organise the gatherings held in Scotland from time to time.

There is quite a collection of current and historical books and it is a repository for many Ancestral Charts lodged with the Clan over many decades covering the families of Clan Members.

Although the building is owned by the Chief and his family the International Clan Centre is administered by a group of Trustees who report to the Chief and the Elders of the clan periodically. It is established in a way that no matter what might happen with the house the Trustees have the power to relocate it to any place of their choice if that suits the members better.

There is a never-ending stream of visitors throughout the year and it is a delight to visit the gardens and grounds of Finlaystone which are the finest in the area. Facilities are available to enjoy morning or afternoon teas and a wide range of clan books and souvenirs can be purchased in the **Visitor Centre shop**.

Members will be given a warm welcome but it is advisable to make arrangements in advance prior to a visit as the centre is not staffed for the full week.

The pictures show a replica of the first bicycle which was invented by a Macmillan and has been used in recent time to raise money for charity. There are two photos of the Kilmorey Cross which is a replica of one of the oldest surviving Macmillan relicts.

We then see Graeme McKenzie at the clan computer which is used to produce the Newsletter , also material for the clan web-site and for Project MAOL (Macmillan Ancestry On Line). This project is aimed to place on computer all the collected data on the families of Macmillan world-wide.

Seated with her back to the camera is Mrs B. (Barnie) Cowan of Vancouver who visited for the 2000 gathering. she is also pictured with Mrs. Margaret Pool, CTS the President of the Clan Macmillan society of New Zealand.

There is a photograph showing a display of the various clan tartans some of these are of great historical interest and the lower photo is of one of many glass show cases displaying clan artefacts.

WEB NEWS

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Our Web Page is now 3 months old and has been extended to include a

"News Letter Highlights" page

"Meetings and Events" page

and a "Guest Book"

Due to Russell Harrison and Bryan Keddy's hard work we have added Photo's of Finlaystone, including the gardens, plumbing and people to our "Home Page", just click on the link to view some great scenes.

We are waiting for you to send in your members interests for inclusion in our "Members Interests" page as at the moment we have three families.

In the near future we will be adding a "Cemetery's Page," listing MacMillan's in a given cemetery. Hopefully YOU will contact the "Webmaster" with any Monumental Inscriptions you have collected. That's Kaye, E-mail: macore@i-o.net.au

Russel Harrison has passed on many links to other clans that will make another "Links" page, while Kay Morris has given us permission to put her MacMillan Shipping index on a page.

A "Friend" has given us her MacMillan extractions from the Parish of Kilwinning and although only a small index I'm sure it will be a start to bigger things.

Please keep visiting the site and don't forget to click on the "Refresh" button so you get all the updates. We are all out there researching and I am hoping you will want to share what you have gathered with our community. The "Web" is the new way to do so. Lets help other MacMillan's and we may just be lucky enough to find extra family connections.

Happy Surfing, Your Webmaster, Kaye O'Reilly nee McMillan.

MY McMILLAN FAMILY RESEARCH

William McMillan married on 19th March 1798 at Cambusthan, Lanarkshire, Scotland to Euphemia Yetts who was born 1772 at Cambusthan to Robert Yetts and Agnes Law. Their son Alexander was born 1810.

Alexander McMillan married on the 23rd October 1831 at Barony, Lanarkshire, Scotland to Agnes Cameron Born in 1812 at Morven, Argyleshire, daughter of William Cameron and Agnes/Isabel Fletcher. Their children were Robert, born 1833, Glasgow; Jane born 1834, Cambuslang; Isabel born 1835, Cambuslang; Elizabeth born 1836, Glasgow; and John born 1837, Cambuslang.

John born 1837 married on 19th April, 1872 in Tasmania to Margaret Murphy where four of their six children were born. Lennox Clyde, born 1873; Herbert Cameron Lindsey, born 1875; Mary Flora, born 1879; John Bothwell, born 1882; Edith M. born 1884; Christina, Born 1887. John McMillan died in 1933 at Saltwater via Tenterfield N.S.W. Australia after living in Tasmania for 8 years, Queensland for 9 years and 53 years in New South Wales.

Next born to Alexander and Agnes McMillan was William, born 1838 at Cambusland. Alexander and Agnes then moved on to Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland where 7 more children were born.



Alexander McMillan, born 1839 at Hamilton was 22 years old, a farm servant at 45 High Street, Glasgow, Scotland when he married on the 29th June 1861 at Hill Street, Garnethill, Lanarkshire, Scotland to Christina Armour, born 1828 at East Kilbride, Lanarkshire, Scotland, daughter of Henry Armour and Christina Borlin/Borland. By 1862 Alexander and Christina McMillan were in Tasmania where children Agnes, John Henry, William and Wilhemina were born. By 1884 this family were living at Pinch Flat, Tilbuster near Armidale, New South Wales, Australia where Alexander signed his name on an application for the establishment of a Provisional School at Daval Tilbuster. Alexander died in 1919 and is buried at Cessock cemetery with Christina being buried in Armidale in 1909.

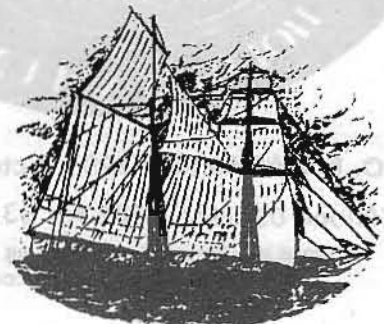
The next of Alexander and Agnes McMillan's children was Agnes, born 1841 in Hamilton; Donald, born 1844 in Hamilton; Hugh born 1845 in Hamilton; Euphemia born 1849 in Hamilton; Lennox, my Great Grandfather was born in 1853 in Hamilton. Thomas, born in 1856 in Hamilton, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Alexander and Agnes with children Euphemia, Hugh and Lennox arrived in Queensland, Australia on 20th February 1865 on the ship "Ariadne". Hugh went to Tasmania and married in 1879 and two children were born - Henry Austin, born 1879 and Agnes Annie, born 1881. By 1884 Hugh and his wife were in the New England district of N.S.W. Mary Christina was born in 1884 but died in 1885 at Hill Grove Falls near Armidale. Hugh died in 1884 in a buggy accident near Armidale.

My great grandfather Lennox McMillan finally settled at Comboyne N.S.W. and was buried in Wingham cemetery in 1919.

Alexander McMillan died in 1891 while living at Castle Doyle near Armidale. His wife Agnes died at Grove Park, Castle Doyle near Armidale, N.S.W. in 1894. Both are buried at Armidale.

This is a short version of my family to date. If anyone has information on any of the names listed or believe they have a family connection please contact me as any information would be greatly appreciated.

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COMING EVENTS

31st March Maffra Scotfest 2001 Tel 03 5141 1300
 6th April Scottish Gala Dinner, Karralyka Centre, East Ringwood
 10th April Scottish Day at Eastland Shopping Centre
 11th April St Andrew Golf Day/Dandenong Ranges Tour
 11th April Ringwood Caledonian Society Ceilish, Bedford Park, Ringwood
 13th April Simon Fraser University Pipe Band (Canada) concert,
 Melbourne Convention Centre



14-15 April RINGWOOD HIGHLAND GATHERING (AUSTRALIAN PIPE BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS)
 JUBILEE PARK GREENWOOD AVE RINGWOOD

6th May OUR NATION ON PARADE-THROUGH THE CITY OF MELBOURNE
 FEDERATION CELEBRATION

9-11 June National Celtic Folk Festival
 Waterfront Geelong

1 July Kirkin o' the Tartan Scots Church Melbourne

1 July Scottish Day at the Immigration Museum



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