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#### President's Report for July, 2005

On the day of our committee meeting we had emails from Finlaystone, informing us that Jane, wife of George, our Chief, had died on 27th June 2005. She had a very long illness. There will be a family funeral and perhaps later a celebration of her life. Over many years Jane has amongst many interests promoted the gardens of Finlaystone to the public and also been a driver in the creation of the Clan MacMillan International Centre. She will be remembered for her energy, leadership and friendship.

The executive of CMSA has sent expressions of sympathy to George and his family. It has been suggested that if any member would like to contact George that they write to Arthur G. MacMillan, Younger of MacMillan and Knap, Finlaystone House, Langbank, PA146TJ, Scotland, who will pass on the message verbally. This is because George is almost completely blind and has relied on Jane for so much. Many will remember the Gathering in Melbourne in 1997 held to honour Chief George and Jane on their visit to Australia.

Members have attended Games at Ringwood and Daylesford and also a Council of Clans meeting. We want to congratulate Doug McLaughlin who has received an award from the Multicultural Commission for his work with the Scottish Community. Also he announced that the Council of Clans has received a grant of \$1600 for organisational support from the Minister Assisting the Premier, John Pandazopoulos.

In May representatives attended the AGM of Genealogical Society Victoria Member Societies at the new premises in Collins Street—very handy to public transport. Our insurance policy is administered through GSV and it now covers persons to the age of 80 years. Key words of GSV are Research—Library—Bookshop—Education---Assistance. The afternoon speaker was from the Public Record Office Victoria (PROV) which has undertaken a digital Archives Project, available on <u>www.access.prov.vic.gov.vic.au</u> which is an excellent research pathway. Information was also given about legal deposit in Victoria.

Another event, attended by Kaye and Mick, was the Family and Local History Fair held in Collingwood. Although not many of the public passed through the doors, there were about 70 booths manned by different groups so each one learnt of the others existence and there was free tea and coffee!

Future events:

- Kirkin' of the Tartan, Scots Church, Sunday 3rd July
- Annual Lunch Council of Clans, Sunday 9th October
- [CMSA] AGM Sunday 23rd October 12.30pm at
  - Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Road, South Yarra.

Hoping to see you at one or other of these events, or perhaps you could be in touch via email /post.

June Danks

### Vale

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of the wife of the Chief of the Clan, who passed away on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2005. " If you feel a desire to send tokens of sympathy, Jane's hope was that friends might support the Clan Centre, which she founded here......".



### **COMING EVENTS**

### Clan MacMillan Society of North America Gathering 12-19 August, 2005.

London, Ontario, Canada.

This notification is supplied for general information in case there are members planning a trip to the USA or Canada in the near future.

If further information is required then email:- <u>duncan\_mcmillan@hotmail.com</u>

### **<u>Remember William Wallace</u>** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2005. Ballarat.

It was noted from Council of Clan information that the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of **William Wallace** will be remembered at a service at the **William Wallace Statue** in the Ballarat Gardens to be followed by a Ceildh. *[Contact me if you require further information. Ed]* 

## <u>Council of Clans Annual Luncheon</u> Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2005. Ringwood North.

The Annual Luncheon of Clans [a Scottish get together] is to be held again at the Karralyka Reception and Entertainment Centre, for further information please contact: Robert Stewart by phone on 9891 6450, or by E-mail: randjstewart@optusnet.com.au.

## Annual General Meeting Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005. South Yarra.

Our A.G.M. will again be held on Sunday 23rd October at **Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Rd**, **South Yarra** from 12 noon till 4 p.m. The guest speaker will be **Susan McLean** and her topic will be **"Scottish Parish Registers – History and Content for Family Historians"**. So bring your lunch and meet fellow Clan members. Tea & coffee will be available. [Melways ref 2M, B6].

## <u>Lunch with Margaret Poole</u> $19^{th}$ Sept – $2^{nd}$ October, 2005. Melbourne.

Margaret Poole (NZ) will be visiting Melbourne in late September, and the Committee are hoping to arrange a Luncheon between  $26^{th} - 30^{th}$  September [date not yet finalised]. If any members are interested in attending, and require further information please contact June Senior.

National Flag Day Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2005. [12 - 2p.m.] Federation Square, Melbourne.

#### **SUBSCRIPTIONS**



**Subscriptions** are now due and will remain at \$15.00 for 2005. We only have 3 opportunities a year to remind members about their subscriptions, so please respond, and make the treasurer's job that much easier. So, if members could forward their Subscriptions to:

Mrs. J. Senior, 41 Lincoln Ave, Glen Waverley, Vic 3150.

Also, if you would like to receive this Newsletter by E-mail (a saving on postage costs), could you please include your E-mail address with your Subscription.

## <u>An Ancestral Odyssey</u>

My name is Peter C Trevanna, my Mother Betty was the youngest of three children born to Cecil Herbert [Mac] McMillan & his wife Rose, presently I'm in the advanced planning stages of departure from Australia to America where whilst residing with a friend I will be for a period of two years studying Anthropology / Sociology at Community College Allegheny Pennsylvania.

During this time I plan to especially study Scottish Americans, their assimilation acceptance, attitude towards not only main stream America but also the multitude of other ethnic group's / cultures contained in this vast country needless to say Clan McMillan will feature prominently in my studies.

Prior to leaving I'm desirous of obtaining as much information / contact with my direct family [as well as Clan McMillan in general] as possible, & hope that what you are about to read will assist me in achieving this, I have included relevant data from a small "birthday book" the only surviving McMillan record I possess. When the War Museum was based in the Exhibition Building's Melbourne Mac was one of the staff artist's, a close friend of war artist George Washington Lambert, a well known artist in his own right & model for the statue of the Water Carrier presently displayed in the Canberra War Museum, Mac was killed in a motorcycle accident on the 16th of April 1941 aged 45 leaving Rose & his three children Colin, Mary & Betty.

For reason's known only to herself though maintaining contact with her brother Colin & family [after his passing contact with sister in law & family]. Betty was decidedly unwilling to have any contact with the rest of our direct McMillan family [based in Queensland] or the Clan in general, this in spite of them making attempts to keep in contact with her & the fact that [as she told me once] I resembled some of the men of the Clan more than their own son's did.

Why Betty possessed this attitude I do not know, from time to time she hinted at "something", I know that after her Mother Rose [formerly Lennox] McMillan's passing Betty spent three days destroying as promised Rose's diaries & personal document's, perhaps whilst doing this she came across the "something" that led to her rather unusual / unreasonable attitude, I must emphasize that this is speculation on my part which I have no evidence to prove / disprove.

What her sister's attitude [my Aunt Mary of whom I have many happy memories] was I could never determine, I think Mary had some contact with Clan members though I'm uncertain.

Betty passed away in 2000, unfortunately due to connected circumstances all family documents except the previously mentioned birthday book were lost, since then I remained in contact with my Canberra based cousin Kenneth till a combination of circumstances intervened, happily I am now back in contact with my Cousin & am greatly anticipating regaining contact with the rest of my immediate McMillan family.

Ok that's it, the total of my knowledge concerning my direct McMillan family, any specific information & information on connections & the Clan in general most welcome, I can be contacted via e-mail address <u>Trexlar2003@yahoo.com.au</u>

Well here we are, the end of the first part of my journey & the beginning of the rest, it's very early day's yet & though I don't know how far the journey will go or what I will learn I know it'll be interesting.

# <u>Peter C Trevanna</u>

(Due to Privacy Law requirements and the personal nature of the entries in the "Birthday Book" information, I've taken the liberty of removing said information from the published article. Should any member/person feel that they have a connection with Peter, could they either contact Peter himself, via his E-mail address, Kaye O'Reilly, or myself. Ed)

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## The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia's, Web Site pages.

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#### http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mcmillan/

1. Welcome Page:	This page offers readers information about us, as well as contact and joining details.
2. Spare M'Millan B.M.D.:	Transcriptions of Birth, Marriage & Death certificates concerning M'Millan's.
3. Cemetery Index's:	M'Millan's found in Cemetery Index's. Mostly Victoria, but more will be added as found.
4. Vic. Deaths:	M'Millan's in the Victorian Death Index 1921 - 1985
5. Vic Marriages:	M'Millan's in the Victorian Marriage Index from 1921 - 1942
6. South Aust. B.D. M'S:	M'Millan Births in South Australia 1842 - 1906 M'Millan Marriages in South Australia 1917 - 1937 M'Millan Deaths in South Australia 1842 - 1950
7. Tasmanian B.M.D'S:	M'Millan's in the Tasmanian Pioneer Index
8. Shipping Index's:	Kay Morris's shipping index's show M'Millan's arriving into Victoria and N.S.W. in the 1800's.Queensland index's cover1849 - 1859
9. Parish Extractions:	These show baptism and marriage records from a few selected parishes in Scotland.
10. Members Interests:	Any member who wants to write up a small history of there M'Millan origins are welcome to have it put on this page, in the hope that it will connect them with others researching the same names.
11. Links.	This page has been updated. It concentrates on useful, on-line data based links in Australia. State record office's and archival links in other countries are also here.
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South Australian Archives; Northern Territory Archives;

Australian Capital Territory Records Office; National Archives of Australia; Australian War Memorial; Commonwealth War Graves Commission; ANZAC'S;

Archives of New Zealand;

National Archives of England, Wales and the United Kingdom;

National Archives of Scotland; B.D.M. Scotland; Scot's Cemeteries; Scottish People; Scots Origins free IGI search; Brian Keddy's Highland and Ireland Emigration Scheme; Scot's Will's; Genuki Scotland; Argyll and the Isles in the West of Scotland; Scots Free Census site (Rootsweb);

National Archives of Ireland; Public Records Office of Northern Ireland;

Archives Canada;

National Archives of Singapore;

United States National Archives and Records;

German Genealogy (you need to speak the language);

Latter Day Saints;

Cyndi's' List of Lists (you won't need many more once you've been here!)

#### 2006 Australian Census to be Saved.

Chairman, Census Working Party, AFFHO.

Thanks to lobbying by the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) the next Australian census is to be saved in the National Archives of Australia at a cost of \$19 million was approved recently. This is the largest government funding allocation to genealogical studies in Australia's history.

There will be a 99-year privacy embargo. AFFHO is Australia's peak genealogical organisation and represents an estimated 300,000 genealogical record users across the country. An intense 20-year political campaign by AFFHO prior to the 2001 survey, resulted in a complete reversal of a long-standing federal government policy to destroy census returns and publish numerical statistics only.

Before 2001, no census survey of national coverage in Australia has survived since 1828.

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(During the next 12 months until Census Day on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2006, AFFHO will be working with the Australian Bureau of statistics to assist in the public education campaign on Census retention, which is part of the Government's Budget package. I believe that we'll have to 'Tick' a box in order for this to happen. ed)

### **Family and Local History Fair**

Kaye and I spent an enjoyable day at the Fair, held at "The Wellington" in Collingwood. We were well provided for & well looked after. We were only one of a large number of stallholders representing many different aspects of our History being preserved. Historical interests, such as Koori & Jewish Heritage; Local Historical Societies from Richmond, Collingwood, Knox & Echuca etc; AIGS, Mining accidents, and more. There were a number of 'Talks' given in the Hall during the afternoon, and were very well received by all those who attended.

#### Annual Meeting of GSV Member Societies & Groups 2005

Kaye & I along with June Danks attended the Annual Meeting of GSV Member Societies & Groups *[our Clan being one]*. It was also an opportunity to visit the new premises of the GSV at 257 Collins St, Melbourne. I arrived early to enable me to have a browse through the Bookshop. An interesting aspect of the new premises is the old Bank vault. *[the door of which is conveniently welded open]*. The meeting commenced a little late as we were caught in Flinders Lane awaiting someone to open the door to Ross House.

The GSV representatives were Mr. Clive Luckman [President]; Ms Susan McLean [Vice-President]; & Ms Lesle Berry [AFFHO rep]. The opening address was given by Susan McLeod where she made mention of the quality of the Member societies and a special mention of the excellence of the Clan MacMillans' Website and the information contained therein. Kaye also presented a one page report on the Clan and its activities, as did all other members, which were then compiled into a book for distribution to all affiliates.

The meeting dealt with such diverse issues as:

- Public Liability Insurance [Legal responsibilities of Groups run by volunteers, one benefit of being affiliated with the GSV is that the Insurance Policy now covers volunteers to 80 years.]

- Speakers' Lists [always actively involved in recruitment of new speakers.]

- On-Line Bookshop [the proposal is that GSV Member Societies be permitted to use the GSV on-line secure payment facility to sell their own publications (the larger the Bookshop the larger the interest)].

- Copyright, ownership, & publishing of genealogical material *[owned by the Society that did the work??* There is a lot to this issue, for further information try the Copyright Council's web site <u>www.copyright.org.au</u> and includes Information Sheet G42 entitled "Family History and Copyright". Also the question of Intellectual Property ownership see <u>www.law.gov.au</u> and / or <u>www.dcita.gov.au</u> for more.]

- Associations Incorporation Act [has interesting requirements for Incorporated Societies i.e the need for an Asset Register, to prepare Annual Reports – keep for 5 years (ATO requirement), and also, that upon leaving the Society/Association **all** relevant information has to be returned to the Society/Association].

- AFFHO's Index of Indexes [find information on them at AFFHO.org.au]

- Census 2006 [see article above]

- Legal Deposit SLV [requires publishers, (includes individuals), to forward copies of their publications to the National Library of Australia & to the State Library of the State in which the item was published].





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Testament of Catherine Hamilton in Shedog, Arran, 4 July, 1763 Commissary Court of the Isles (CC12/3/6, pp. 17-18)



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- <sup>4</sup> £66, 16 shillings, and 4 pence
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stell – a still

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ambrie – an aumry (a wooden cupboard or pantry)

### The Kirkin' o' the Tartan

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2005, members of the Clan again ventured to Scots Church in Melbourne for the annual Kirkin' o' the Tartan Service. Those of the Clan that attended were June & Max and June Danks. The Minister made mention of the passing of Jane MacMillan, wife of our Clan Chief. After the Service as always members adjourned to the first floor for lunch & a little light entertainment, presented this year by the Gaelic Choir & Jamie McKinnon [Jamie was one of the founding members of the Celtic Band 'Loch Ard'].

### New Members

We welcome our newest member Ms. Phyl McMillan of Port Melbourne.

### Help Wanted:

The Scots of Victoria Coordinating Group have given active support to the Scottish radio service supplied through Community Radio 3ZZZ, 92.3 FM. John Rankin with Bev and Uilleam Tait are broadcasting Scottish programs on Monday nights at 11:00 pm till after midnight. They would dearly love to hear from you as they run their sessions.

The Scottish Resource Centre has finally begun to operate. There have been a number of equipment and personnel problems that have slowed down the process but it is now being staffed. It's open Monday to Friday from 10am to 3pm personel permitting. There is still a need for people to contribute some time to staffing the office and working on the computer files to incorporate as much useful information as possible on site. If you can offer any time, expertise or information that might be useful to enquirers, please contact Ian Murdoch (murdochi@ocean.com.au) as soon as possible.

If unclaimed, please return to: CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY (AUSTRALIA) 41 Lincoln Ave, Glen Waverley Vic. 3150



