



MACMILLAN

CREST BADGE: *A dexter and a sinister hand brandishing a two-handed sword, proper.*

MOTTO: *Miseris succurrere disco*
(I learn to succour the distressed).

Gaelic Name: *MacGhille-Mhaolain.*

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Message from the President July 2007

Kirkin' of the Tartan: - 1.7.07

Despite the morning being cold and showery the service was well attended with Scots Church almost full. There was a good representation of the clans. The colour party was led by the piper.

The minister, Rev Douglas Robertson, lead the service with vigour and with his Scottish brogue told a good story. He reminded us of the fact that after the 1745 rebellion the British Parliament made it illegal to wear the tartan kilts and also to play the Great Highland Pipe. Carrying of arms was also banned.

Over this time it is said the people smuggled pieces of tartan into church on a given Sunday each year, using it to ask God's blessing on the clans and all that they represented. Rev Robertson then spoke about the tartan as not the only token used to represent a society or belief. Many of us wear badges or jewellery, such as a cross to show we belong to a group of like-minded people. This ceremony of Kirkin' of the Tartans gives those of Scottish heritage an opportunity to remember their origins.

Our secretary, Myrna Robertson, is presently overseas and will attend the Clan MacMillan Gathering which is being held in conjunction with the Inverness Games. There will be visits to Loch Ness, Urquhart Castle, Plockton, Clan McDonald Centre and the Inverness Games, as well as paddling in Canadian canoes to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of Jane MacMillan. We look forward to hearing about this event on her return.

There has been advance notification of a major Highland Games in 2009. The International Clan Gathering will have the assistance of the producers of the Edinburgh Tattoo and it will be held on the magnificent castle esplanade and will commemorate the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland. So please make note of this as I'm sure many of our members would like to be part of this wonderful celebration.

The AGM of CMSA will be held on Sunday 7th October at 12 noon at
Soroptimist House
383 Toorak Road, South Yarra

Tea & coffee provided.

Please come and share your news.

If you have the opportunity, check out our web page
<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~mcmillan/welcome.htm>

June Danks

[The following article appeared in the Clan MacMillan Society of New Zealand's July 2007 Newsletter by their President and I thought it warranted inclusion. Ed]

“.....Recently, I attended a clan day held by the Scottish Interest Group incorporating the Nova Scotia Scottish. They are a division of the NZ Society of Genealogists. Several of our members were involved. I was impressed by the great array of information they have available and I would recommend that anyone doing Scottish and Nova Scotia family research should contact them.We are always interested in MacMillan's featuring in the news and the following item appeared in the recent newsletter from the Waipu Museum. We are grateful to Anne Picketts and the team for granting us permission to reprint it here.

Six years ago, I was fortunate enough to be able to watch an episode of the documentary series "Australian Story" on television. This particular episode meant little to me at the time but took my interest because of the subject - a 24-year-old highly talented pianist who had been diagnosed with a large incurable brain tumour. Surgery was extremely high risk; at best, he would live but not be able to continue playing the piano. Thanks to the dedication of Neurosurgeon Dr Charlie Teo and 12 hours of surgery, Aaron survived.

Through a chance conversation early in 2006, I heard of a McMILLAN descendant in Australia who was a brilliant pianist and, although ill with cancer, had expressed a desire to come to New Zealand to do a concert in Whangarei if it could be arranged. Reflecting back over the years, I realized that this McMILLAN descendant was the same young man who had been the subject of the "Australian Story" documentary that I had watched in 2001. Through trial and error I eventually made e-mail contact with Aaron and we began to discuss the prospect of a concert visit to New Zealand later that year. Sadly, this never eventuated; neither did the Sydney concerts planned for in October of 2006, which Aaron was to give for the 250th Mozart celebrations. Aaron's illness had returned. He spent three weeks in hospital last May and from then on had to make several changes in his life, one of which was to give up performing. However, that did not stop him from dedicating himself to his music and to helping others. Aaron has not let his illness control his life. In fact, it could be said that his music, maturity and determination has kept him going. He has spent the past few months putting together a boxed set of CDs from his inner city hospice bed in Sydney. These CDs cover 12 years of his life in music. The collection was launched on April 19th at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music by the Governor, Marie Bashir, and the broadcaster Alan Jones.

If readers would like to know more about Aaron and his musical career, you can read about him on <http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2007/04/18/1176696914390.html>

Or you can read of his earlier interviews and stories on:

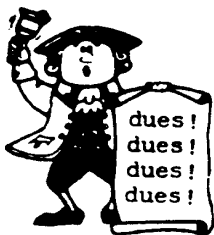
<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2003/s791849.htm> or
<http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/02/26/1046064100895.html>

Aaron is a direct descendant from Donald McMillan (1786-1882). Donald was the schoolteacher on the Isle of Muck as was his father Angus before him. In 1819, Donald and his wife Catherine McDonald immigrated to Cape Breton, then a French possession and shortly afterwards became part of Nova Scotia, and in turn, one of the maritime provinces of Canada. In the 1850s, Donald, by then a widower, and his six sons and their families were part of the great migration which built six ships and sailed to the antipodes with most of them settling in Waipu and the surrounding areas. His three daughters remained in Nova Scotia *[see letter on page 4. Ed]* and married there. Several of our members are also descendants from Donald.

STOP PRESS: Sadly we have just learned of Aaron's passing. It is sad to see such talent cut short so early in life.

Avon McMillan

SUBSCRIPTIONS



Subscriptions are now due and will remain at \$15.00 for 2007/8. 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.

Vale

We were saddened in May to hear that **Olive Moore, OAM** Maths Educator & Genealogist had died. Olive and her husband Don [who died last year] established the first Clan MacKenzie Society in Australia [Victorian Branch].

We were further saddened in June to hear that **Kevin Leslie Ryan J.P.**, husband of member Fay Ryan had passed away after a long fight against Parkinson's Disease.

COMING EVENTS

Council of Clans Annual Luncheon **Sunday, 7th October, 2007.** Ringwood East.

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

Annual General Meeting **Sunday, 7th October, 2007.** South Yarra.

Our A.G.M. will again be held on Sunday 7th October at **Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Rd, South Yarra** from 12 noon till 4 p.m. So bring your lunch and meet fellow Clan members. Tea & coffee will be available. [Melways ref 2M, B6].

Scottish National Day Pacing Cup **Friday Night, 30th November, 2007.** Kilmore.

Kilmore Racing Inc has modern and luxurious facilities and would love to welcome everyone to attend the night. It will be an honour for Kilmore Racing Inc, with its strong Celtic Heritage to recognize the importance of the positive contribution Scottish nationals and immigrants have given to Melbourne and Victoria by holding the inaugural running of The Scottish National Day Pacing Cup at Kilmore.

For further info & Bookings please contact:-

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Gathering of Clans Scotland 2009

The Scottish Executive has chosen 2009 as the Year of the Homecoming. This initiative is directed worldwide at all those with an affinity to Scotland. There can be no greater affinity than that of the clan member, and a major International Clan Gathering is being planned to support this exciting initiative.

The Gathering will take the form of a major Highland Games, but with the addition of a special clan ceremony, designed by the producers of the Edinburgh Tattoo. This will be held on the magnificent castle esplanade and will commemorate the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland. The Gathering is being hosted by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and it is hoped that all clan associations will attend.

This year will be dedicated to planning and creating awareness for the event, and more importantly, developing special Gathering tour packages, which will be made available in 2008.

The Gathering 2009 Ltd has opened offices in Edinburgh, and is in the early stages of planning and designing the event. Please visit <http://www.thegathering2009.com>

EMAIL TIP

Blind computer copy (Bcc).

In Outlook Express you will see Cc (Computer Copy) top left in address area. Click on this to get to Bcc.

The frequency of emails that contain SPAM is rising at an exponential rate. SPAM is rubbish or unwanted emails. Generally it does not contain a virus or a worm but it may contain scripts that harvest your email address or track your surfing on the internet.

All of us who compose EMAILS can help to combat this problem by using the **Bcc** option that is in Outlook Express and Outlook, and the equivalent in other email programs. Those of us who forward emails can help by deleting names (and email addresses) from the original message before we send it on. Please consider suggesting to your friends they follow the tips given here.

About 20% of emails I receive are SPAM or unwanted emails. I can easily change this by altering my email address but I do not wish to do so. Changing an email address will give temporary relief from spamming but, as you will see, below it may soon become a problem again. You probably are getting SPAM emails too.

Ever wondered how the morons who send rubbish mails get your address? There are many ways your email address can be harvested. Just a few situations are listed below. There are other ways as well.

- You may have gone to a web site that offers to send out a free greeting card. Perhaps a well meaning friend has sent you a card or a fancy email. Either way the web site has harvested two current valid email addresses yours and your friend's.
- Any web site that offers something for free should be treated with suspicion as many such sites merely want to harvest your email address. When you are required to give an address do not give your "private" email address that you use for your friends. Instead get an expendable email address from Yahoo or Hotmail and use that one for freebies.
- Another potential risk are "chain" emails that ask you to forward an email on to many other people or you will have bad luck. There may be a hidden script in that email that sends the list of your friends on to a Spammer. Protect your friends by refusing to forward to 10 or 100 people. Forward only to your enemies and cause them grief with an avalanche of SPAM.
- Yet another way a Spammer harvests your email address arises when you have been sent an email by a friend who does not use the Bcc option when an email is sent to a group of people.

Consider this:-

- Suppose a friend sends an email and in the "TO" line, there are eleven names including yours. If ten of those people in turn send that email on to 10 others and do not erase your address before they send it then your address reaches 100 others. If this is repeated a few times then soon your address reaches about a million people. Some of these are bound to be people who you do not want to have your email address. Some will be Spammers. Some will be harvesting valid email addresses to profit by selling valid email lists to companies and undesirable people who in turn SPAM you.
- You can help when forwarding on emails by deleting the names of all other recipients who were on the original email you received. [Simply highlight them and hit the DELETE key]. However, sometimes this does not work and you will find it difficult to delete unwanted names. Be suspicious and reconsider whether to forward that email. You may be able to "work around" this by highlighting and copying the bare essentials of the original message then pasting into a new email.
- You may want to add some names of you friends when forwarding or composing email. You can use the Bcc option. You will not expose your friends to the risk of being spammed. If you mail several people, use the Bcc (Blind computer copy) field to build your address list. You won't use up the "TO" field, and you won't compromise people's privacy because Bcc means recipients only see their own email address.

In Outlook Express to display the Bcc field, select the Cc (Computer copy) icon near the top LH side of the page when the email you are composing or forwarding is open. When you click on that icon a window opens and the Bcc option is now available. Drag the names (or click on them) of those you wish the email from your address book on the LH side to the Bcc box.

EMAIL TIP (contd.)

Blind computer copy (Bcc).

If you use some other mail program there will be similar steps to achieve the same result.

There are some programs that you can install on your computer that help to limit spammers, the literature indicates that no program is likely to eliminate all SPAM. Also some, ISP's are taking steps to insert filters to screen out SPAM but this costs several dollars more per month. Remember even if your incoming email is filtered you still need up-to-date anti-virus and other protection on your computer.

Some spam filters block emails that are left blank in the "TO" field, so put your own address there.

Email you have sent to others will appear in your SENT folder. At some later date you may want to check on who were sent Bcc copies. You cannot determine who they were from the headers but if you right-click on a selected email and go to PROPERTIES then DETAILS you will find all the recipients listed there. You can copy and paste the list to into another email or anywhere you choose.

When forwarding an email deleting all the names of people who were previously sent that email and deleting the anti-virus notes at the bottom will make your email much more readable to the friend you are addressing.

Feel free to send this information on to your friends.

Connections:

[The following notes on Nova Scotia were supplied by Avon McMillan in a recent letter. Ed]

".....Incidentally the original intention of the Scots –Nova Scotians was to settle in Australia. Severe winters had caused crop failures and subsequent starvation. Having received favourable reports from Adelaide, the first two boats were made ready. The passengers went on board in the evening ready to sail in the morning. However, it was the onset of winter, and the harbour had started to ice over. The "Margaret" which was anchored further out was able to get away, but the "Highland Lass" anchored nearer the shore was trapped. Imagine the predicament of the passengers who had sold their land and possessions and had to stay with friends for many months until they could finally sail.

Meanwhile the "Margaret" arrived in Adelaide. The passengers weren't impressed, and so, went on to Melbourne leaving a message for the "Highland Lass" to follow. Both ships were sold in Melbourne. However they didn't like it here either, so they bought another ship, the "Gazelle", it made two voyages to New Zealand with crews and passengers. In the following years the other four ships sailed direct to Auckland.

For the 1953 Centennial celebrations, a museum was built and another project was to compile the Family Trees of all the pioneers. These were recorded in six books, one for each ship. These days all info is on Computer. The 150 year celebrations were held in 2003.

The museum's details are:-

E-mail: info@waipumuseum.com

Website: www.waipumuseum.com



[I've just been reading "A Celtic Quest" by Graeme MacKenzie in the "Clan MacMillan International Magazine" where he visited the Isle of Jura and found some distillery equipment by A. McMillan & Co Ltd., of Prestonpans [Edinburgh].

While on my trip in 2005 we visited "Dallas Dhu" historic distillery near Forres (Elgin).

It was never modernized and operated between 1899 – 1983, it was handed over to Historic Scotland after a lack of a decent water supply in drought periods forced it to close. The "Spirit Safe" on the left was also supplied by Arch'd McMillan & Co. Ltd., of Edinburgh. Ed]

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To promote inspiration from and pride in the Australian Light Horse, especially in relation to the great personal sacrifices made on the battlefields, which enable us to enjoy the freedom we have today.

To obtain and preserve, for historical purposes, the uniforms, weapons and equipment used by the Australian Light Horse Regiments and associated mounted units.

To foster an awareness in the community, with a particular emphasis on local school children, of the achievements and traditions of the Australian Light Horse in our country's history by means of lectures in schools.

To encourage research activities, so that all available information can be obtained about Light Horse units, other than that available in books, such as former training and camp sites.

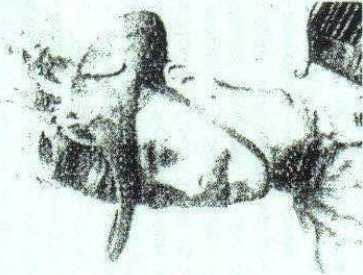
To preserve Light Horse memorabilia, photographs, military records and documents and to transcribe where possible the original war diaries of former Lighthorsemen for future generations.

To purchase and/or collect for research purposes, any book about individual Lighthorsemen or Light Horse Regiments, plus any book or publication pertaining to the Australian Light Horse in all theatres of war.

To take part in public displays, street parades and other ceremonial activities as the museum staff may, from time to time, be called upon to provide, either individually or with other groups or organisations.

To maintain close links with units of the Australian Army Order of Battle having a Light Horse lineage, ie. Armoured or Cavalry Regiments.

To obtain and preserve for historical purposes, the uniforms, weapons, equipment and memorabilia of Australian Army, Navy and Air Force units and individuals for future generations.



No. 98 George Turner Horsburgh,
Maryborough, 4th contingent QIB.
A bullet through his helmet.

AFTER THE CAPTURE OF BALMORAL - RETURN TO PRETORIA

Shortly after the capture of Balmoral, General Hamilton received orders to return with his forces to Pretoria, arriving there on 29 July. The next day the whole Division, including the 1st and 2nd QMI and 4th QIB, staged a march past in front of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener.

Trooper G T Horsburgh (4th QIB) wrote from Pretoria 1 August 1900:

"On arrival at Pretoria, we had a march past Lord Roberts, the Queenslanders being first in the lead... Jack Rawson (2nd QMI) was telling me that behind us 20 or 30 thousand must have passed. The First and Second contingents are with us, which we are glad of. The column, with convoy (on the road to Pretoria), which we were out with, must have been 18 to 20 miles long. Just fancy, from Maryborough to Pinalba. We were rear-guard one day, and it was near 2 o'clock before we got a start, as the convoy was near finished. They were in the next camp before we started....."

Courtesy: Letters from the Veldt by Len Harvey.

McMILLAN LIGHT HORSE AND MILITARY MUSEUM

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and the glory of none*

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or Curator: 4123 3774

Museum Patron: Normie Rowe, entertainer and Vietnam Veteran, who served with A Squadron, 3 Cavalry Regiment, 1968-1969.

HISTORY OF THE 5th LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT

It has been many decades since the famed Australian Light Horse rode off into the pages of military history. The Light Horse served Queensland and our nation well. The deeds of the Queensland Mounted Infantry (QMI) and the regiments of the Australian Light Horse must not be forgotten.

As the Queensland Mounted Infantry, they proved to be a formidable foe of the tough, resourceful Mounted Boer Commandos in South Africa. At Gallipoli the Australian Light Horse were dismounted, yet they met the challenge with the élan of the mounted soldier. Mounted, they fought a fierce campaign from Suez to Damascus and won worldwide recognition and fame.

The 5th Light Horse Regiment was historically raised in the Wide Bay and Burnett regions of Queensland after 1927, with the regimental headquarters in Gympie. However, it maintained a lineage to colonial regiments and the post-federation Queensland Mounted Infantry.

The 5th Light Horse Regiment often trained and camped in Maryborough during the militia period between WW1 and WW2 at Ululah Park until the regiment became mechanised in 1941-42 and renamed the 5th Motor Regiment. It was relocated to Boonara, near Goomeri in Queensland for training as part of the 3rd Armoured Division. The regiment was disbanded in July 1943 and its members were transferred to other units.

A separate 5th Light Horse Regiment, as part of the 1st Australian Imperial Force (AIF), was raised in September 1914 and formed part of the 2nd Light Horse Brigade which served at Gallipoli and the Middle East. The 5th Light Horse Regiment, AIF was disbanded in 1919 after the return of all Light Horse units from Egypt and France. Some members of the AIF Light Horse Regiments then joined Light Horse militia units on their return to Australia to provide experienced personnel for training.

KANGAROO FEATHERS

The wearing of emu plumes in the slouch hats of Lighthorsemen has its origins during the Shearer's Strike at Winton in Queensland in 1891 when 516 troopers of the Queensland Mounted Infantry were deployed to assist police. While on patrol two members of the Gympie Squadron ran down an emu and plucked some feathers from the unfortunate bird and wore them in their hats on their return to camp. With the blessing of their CO, the entire regiment did likewise. In recognition of their service, the Queensland Government allowed the regiment to adopt the emu feathers as part of their uniform with an emu passant and the motto, 'Forward'. An emu cannot walk backwards.

In the early days of WW1 the plumes were only worn by Queensland Regiments of the Light Horse who strongly protested when the 3rd Light Horse Brigade wore plumes in March 1915. The matter was finally resolved when the Minister for Defence ruled that whole Australian Light Horse should wear emu plumes.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The soldier depicted on the front cover of this brochure is Trooper W H R Woods who was among the the first Lighthorsemen to be killed at Gallipoli.
- Of the 169 000 horses sent overseas during WW1, only one returned; 'Sandy' the favourite charger of Major General Bridges.
- Australian Poet, 'Banjo' Paterson was a Light Horse Officer responsible for remounts in Egypt in 1915.
- The average weight carried by each horse was 9 stone of equipment and an 11 stone rider, a total of 20 stone (127 kilos).
- The 'Walers' were so-called because they came from New South Wales before Federation.
- The first Anzac Day Dawn Service was held at Albany, WA on 25th April 1928 at 4.28 am.

McMILLAN LIGHT HORSE AND MILITARY MUSEUM

This museum is dedicated to the late General Sir Gordon H A MacMillan, KCB, KCVO, CBE, DSO, MC of MacMillan of Knap, hereditary chief of the Clan MacMillan and former Commanding Officer (Colonel) of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and to all MacMillans (McMillans) who have served in the military forces.



General Sir Gordon H A MacMillan
KCB, KCVO, CBE, DSO, MC



Castle Sween, probably the most significant ancient monument in Knapdale, on its rocky shoulder above Loch Sween. In spite of its early date its main walls remain in a state of good preservation. *[We had to go down the "driveway" of the adjacent caravan park for this picture. Ed]*

If unclaimed, please return to:
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