

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.*

CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY

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President's Report for July, 2014

In June this year I was fortunate to be able to attend the Clan MacMillan International Gathering in Scotland which commenced at the Chief George's house at Finlaystone, not far from Glasgow on Saturday 21st June. It started with games and then dinner in a marquee with 60 other clan members. The next day 46 of us travelled to Benbecula in the Hebrides where we stayed 5 nights.

The first day we walked around a national park on the rocky coast of Nth. Uist, guided by rocky signposts, surrounded with wild flowers. That evening we had a buffet dinner and Ceilidh. The northern island of Harris and Lewis was the next destination to see the Callanish Standing Stones, followed by the Black House Village with thatched roofs and then seeing Harris Tweed cloth woven. A ferry trip took us to the southern island of Barra where the beach is of crushed seashells and firm enough for the landing of a small plane. Some members were rowed over to Kisimul Castle, which has been restored by Clan MacNeill while I went to



the local museum, followed by a visit to Cille Bharra historic church. More historic churches were seen the next day on Sth. Uist at Tobha Mor, and a stop at the Hebridean Jewellery was worthwhile. In the afternoon the CTS service was held in the Grimmish Church conducted by Blanche McMillan followed by the Clan Banquet with a raffle in aid of Clan Macmillan Cancer Support, which raised over £800. This successful trip was organized by Graeme Mackenzie and we appreciated the opportunity to not only see the Hebrides but to get to know other members of the Clan.



Members are reminded of the AGM, which will be held at 383 Toorak Road, South Yarra, 3141 at 12noon for 1pm on Sunday 24 August 2014. Tea and coffee provided. Nominations for positions will be received at the meeting.

June Danks
President CMSA.

SUBSCRIPTIONS



Subscriptions are now due and have been kept to \$20.00 for 2014/2015. 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. [See Membership attachment] It would be appreciated if you could forward all monies to:

Ms. Janice Brooks, 15 Everest Drive, Cheltenham Vic 3192.

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?

COMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting **Sunday 24th August 2014.** South Yarra.

Our A.G.M. will again be held on Sunday 24th August, at Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Rd., South Yarra from noon till 4 p.m. So bring your lunch and meet your fellow Clan members. Tea & Coffee will be provided. [*Melways ref 2M, B6*].

Beechworth Celtic Festival **Weekend of 7th - 9th November 2014.** Beechworth.

There is a website at <http://www.beechworthcelticfestival.com.au/> for further information.

General Enquiries: Ross Lucas on Mob: 0409 330 200 or e-mail: info@beechworthcelticfestival.com.au

Once again the Beechworth Celtic Festival is set to attract the crowds of Celtic lovers to Beechworth. For the twentieth year the picturesque town of Beechworth will host the best Celtic event in held Victoria. The weekend of November 7-9, 2014 promises to present a diverse celebration of Celtic music and culture. The day festival will showcase many bands and artists from around Australia in a series of concerts and workshops. Historic Beechworth will celebrate all things Celtic, with a program of live music, theatre, dancing, comedy, village markets, pipe bands and a street parade. The Celtic Festival is a diverse event with something to offer every age group.

Scottish Festival **Sunday 16 November 2014.** Immigration Museum, Melbourne.

Invitation to community groups to set up a display stall:

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With any questions, or to request a stall for the festival, please contact Immigration Museum festival team:

Sam Boivin, Senior Programs Officer, on 9927 2740 & Elise Murphy, Programs Manager, on 9927 2741

Daylesford Highland Gathering **Saturday, 6th December 2014.** Daylesford.

There is a website at <http://www.daylesfordhighland.com> for further information.

Enquiries: Cameron Telfer on Ph. [03] 5348 1800. Mob: 0437 659 148.

At Victoria Park, Daylesford. A Street Parade starts the day off at 9.30am [Vincent St.]; activities include Highland Pipe Bands, Highland Dancing, Scottish Craft Stalls, and Clan Tents etc. All in all, a wonderful Scottish day out.

Scots of Victoria Website

This website has been established for use by all members of the Scottish community. Are your Scottish group's details on the website? Do you need an event advertised? Would you like a brief history of your group placed on the website? If you answered yes to any of the above please make contact with the Scottish Resource Centre.

Scottish Radio Program - 3ZZZ 92.3FM

3ZZZ is the perfect way to end your Monday night – 92.3FM at 11pm. If your group would like an event advertised, or if you have a music request, or if you have information, which may interest all listeners, please contact the Convenor, Bev Tait on 9743 5383 or email torfichen@hotmail.com

ANZAC CENTENARY

August 2014 marks 100 years since the start of the First World War (1914 - 1918). Across the globe, the war's centenary will be marked by millions of people, in places of special importance and in ways that are personally meaningful to them.

Across Victoria, local communities will be able to plan their own memorials and to share in the stories of those who served, through the Victorian Government's [ANZAC Centenary web site](#).

“The Great War”.....the War that changed the world and a nation.....”.



In May I was able to attend a Luncheon where the guest speaker was the former Premier and Chair of the ANZAC 2014-2018 Centenary Committee, The Hon. Ted Baillieu MLA,. His talk was about WW1 and our part in it. He also handed out some very informative sheets about the War. *[They are included in this newsletter for your interest. They include web sites, timelines and key dates. Ed].*

I remember my Father-in-Law telling me the story about the first shot fired in anger by the British Empire was from Point Nepean [a place he spent some time at as a signaller in WW2].

“.....German vessel “Pflaz” was prevented from leaving Port Phillip Bay by a shot fired from Fort Nepean on 5th August, 1914.....”



The report that follows is of Graeme MacKenzie's visit to “The Land of the Long White Cloud” and is included with permission from our New Zealand cousins. –Ed

The Visit of Clan MacMillan Historian and Genealogist GRAEME MACKENZIE from Scotland is now history

But we have some reports on his short tour through our country. At the six public venues in Waipu, Orewa (Auckland), Wellington, Waikanae (Kapiti), Invercargill and Dunedin, Graeme spoke about and promoted his book “Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd Clan or Family History in the Highlands of Scotland“ which he had just finished and published in time for his visit. During the talks he mentioned how lucky a person was to have Scottish records to search. Due to the size of Scotland the records held at Register House mean that there is a centralized repository. Register House is home of the Scottish National Archives and Scotland's People Centre. In addition they have the most advanced on-line search facilities available.

In addition to the genealogy talks, Graeme attended several private functions at which he enjoyed kiwi hospitality, answered questions and generally relaxed with other clans' people.

His first public talk in the afternoon of Saturday the 1st of February followed a tour of the Waipu Museum and lunch. A report from Margaret follows.

We all thoroughly enjoyed Graeme's visit to New Zealand. The events I organised for Clan MacMillan people in Waipu and Auckland were not well patronised by members, but those of us who attended found them enjoyable. Waipu put on one of its best days for us. After a visit to the Waipu Museum we had an enjoyable lunch at the Waipu Golf Club with its fabulous views over the greens and out to sea. This was followed with a talk by Graeme about the area Norman McLeod came from in Scotland



Graeme Mackenzie's Visit cont'd

and a little Scottish History as well. Finally Avon McMillan took us to the Waipu Cemetery - its in a lovely setting on the coast, where he showed us the graves of his ancestors, and wandering around, we could have well been in Scotland with all the Scottish names on the headstones there.



At the Wellington meeting L-R Ruth Ward (convenor Wellington branch) Jenny Hall (Co-convenor Kilbirnie branch) Graeme Mackenzie, Marilyn and Jim McMillan

Sunday was our High Tea at the Library Cafe, which was very nice followed by Graeme's talk about Clan MacMillan, after which the people got the chance to chat with Graeme.

I was fortunate enough to attend two of Graeme's genealogy talks in Orewa and Dunedin. The talks were excellent and very well received, with very good attendances. I'm still meeting people who came to these talks who comment on what an excellent speaker Graeme is. I attend the Orewa Branch of the NZSG and some of our purely English researchers enjoyed the talk too.

Betty Sime organised a dinner in Mosgiel for MacMillans. It was most enjoyable even though it was just a small group.

Graeme based some of his talk on the recently published book he has written, "Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd" Clan and Family History in the Highlands of Scotland, these were for sale at his talks but have sold out. Copies may be obtained through the Highland Family History Society based in Inverness Scotland, www.highlandfamilyhistorysociety.org publications page. We do have a copy in our Clan MacMillan library; contact our Librarian Dorothy Cameron Gavin if you want to borrow it. It is an excellent book a little different from the usual Scottish family research book, in that it deals with things belonging to the Highlands of Scotland. I have now got a renewed interest to try to find out more about my 4x great grandfather Angus McMillan born c 1750 supposedly in Ireland, but lived most of his life in Fort William.

Graeme is a railway enthusiast and likes to travel by rail whenever the occasion allows so he elected to travel from Auckland to Wellington on "The Northerner" daylight scenic train on the 6th of February, "Waitangi Day"; New Zealand's National Day. On arrival he was met and greeted by Jim, Marilyn and Duncan at the Wellington Railway Station, and, we then had an evening meal together at 'The Boat Cafe' on Oriental Parade overlooking the magnificent Wellington Harbour at dusk on a pleasant summer evening. The following evening there was an Interclan BBQ organised by Duncan.

Then on Saturday morning the 8th of February, Graeme spoke at a public meeting of around 100 people, hosted by the Wellington & Kilbirnie Branches of the NZSG at Connolly Hall in the Central City. The talk was followed by a finger food lunch.



Graeme and Duncan at the Marae

Graeme Mackenzie's Visit cont'd

On Sunday an informal clan luncheon was held in the home of Marilyn and Jim at Paraparaumu Beach. This was a private and relaxed time enabling McMillan's living in Horowhenua and Wellington to enjoy Graeme's company.

Included in the activities in and around the Capital City on Monday & Tuesday were the inevitable visit to our National Museum, TePapa (Our Place) and The Museum of City and Sea, both on the Wellington Waterfront, then the Settlers' Museum in Petone and a visit to a Marae.

On Wednesday, Graeme had a day with the Mackenzie's in Wellington. The Family History Group of Waikanae (Kapiti Coast) hosted Graeme on Thursday at the Waikanae Chartered Club. Here is a report from Convenor, Hanley Hoffmann. *What a successful day on Thursday 13th February when we hosted Graeme who talked to us about those Scottish names, the Macs, the Mcs (referred to as the Micks), the septs, etc., and, we had fifty eight people attending from as far afield as Napier, Palmerston North, Levin, Otaki, Wanganui and Wellington. Those who attended will have advanced their knowledge of these facets of family history and Scottish research. We know everyone who was visiting left with a good feeling about our hospitality and an impression of our Chartered Club meeting place, as well as some good information about the pitfalls in doing Scottish research. Our thanks to Marilyn and Jim McMillan for giving us the opportunity to benefit from Clan McMillan by giving us the opportunity to host this talented family historian. We hope to have two of his books – we will let you know when we have them on hand. Those who participated in the lunch afterwards enjoyed their food and the continued interaction between members.*

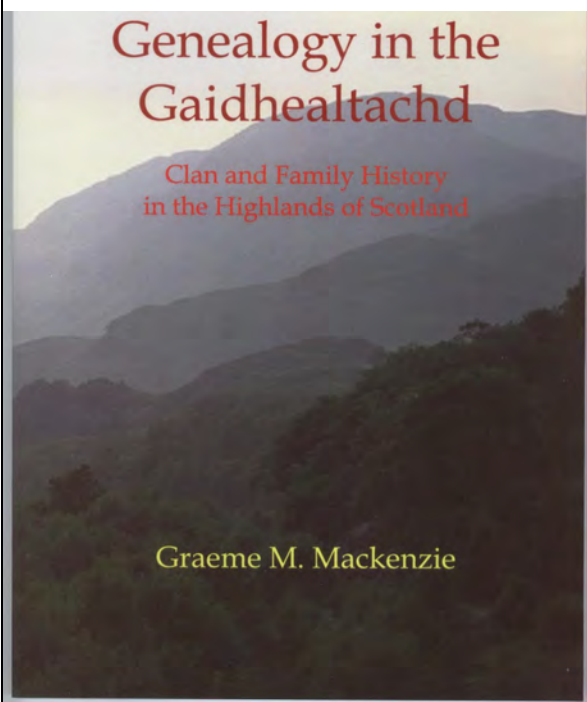
On Friday Graeme enjoyed a relaxing day at the Basin Reserve in Wellington on the first day of the Cricket Test Match; Black Caps vs India. The following day he journeyed to the South Island by ferry and once again had the opportunity to travel on Kiwi Rail Scenic journeys from Picton to Christchurch on the Coastal Pacific train, and, the next day from Christchurch to Greymouth on the TranzAlpine Train Journey.

The NZSG Southland Branch hosted Graeme on Wednesday evening the 19th of February and the Dunedin Family History Group at the on Thursday evening the 20th of February. Here is a report from Heather Bray, Newsletter Editor. *The Dunedin Family History Group had the privilege of hosting Graeme Mackenzie on 21 February. Graeme spoke for two hours. His first presentation was on Scottish research including civil registration, Old parish Records, census and Wills. He had some excellent examples of how to overcome the problems of researching with Scottish surname miss-spellings particularly with the Mc and Mac prefixes. He explained that Christian names were almost non-existent pre-1850s Scotland. The name usually always had a family connection. The second half of the presentation covered the problems with researching in the Highlands - patronymics, clans, septs and land records. It was a huge turnout including many members of the public and as a result eight new members signed up to receive our newsletter.*

On leaving New Zealand Graeme flew to Melbourne where he was guest of the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia.

Thank you to the people who did help make Graeme's visit enjoyable, by providing a bed, some transport, food, sending their apologies, and anything else that was needed at the time. He thoroughly enjoyed his trip and we enjoyed having him. It was also good to meet other MacMillans who in the past have only been names.

- Margaret Pool and Jim McMillan



Scottish Festival
Immigration Museum, Sunday 16 November 2014
Invitation to community groups to set up a display stall

Background:

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The Immigration Museum would like to invite community organisations to express their interest in setting up an information stall on the day of the festival. It is an opportunity to share your work and resources and connect with the Scottish (and non-Scottish) community. There are no charges for taking up a stall.

Stalls:

- A table*, 1 – 2 chairs, a pin board, and a very small amount of space next to your desk to display an item such as a vertical banner or a mannequin.
- *Depending on how many community groups request a stall, it is likely that tables will be shared by 2 groups. (We should be able to arrange enough pinboards to give each group their own.)



What you can bring:

- If possible, a genuine tartan to use as a 'table cloth' to make the room colourfully Scottish
- Items to display on the pinboard: banners, posters etc.
- Brochures, photo albums, traditional objects and heirlooms (e.g. clothing, instruments, household items)
- Business cards or contact information
- If you want to bring any electric items (e.g. laptop, CD player) you must arrange this in advance with Sam Boivin. They will need to be [tested and tagged](#), and limited power points are available.

Requirements:

- **Set up time** is between 9 am – 10am on Sunday 16 November (in time for the museum opening at 10am). If you have a lot of gear to bring, or anticipate a longer set-up, you can arrange with us to set up the day before (Saturday 15 November).
- **Pack up time** is between 4pm – 5pm on Sunday 16 November. Everyone must be packed and ready to leave the building by 5.00pm in time for the museum closing.
- **Between 10am – 4pm, your stall must be supervised at all times.** (You are able to go to the toilet of course!) We provide free entry tickets for your stall minders, typically 1 – 3 free tickets per stall (negotiable).
- You will need to **bring your own refreshments** (water, flask of coffee, snacks). We will ask you to consume these discreetly as food and drinks are usually not permitted in the museum.

Other considerations:

- There is **no parking onsite** at the Immigration Museum. We have a small loading bay which can be used to unload and reload your car, but this must be scheduled in advance with Sam Boivin. There is a commercial carpark nearby which offers us a \$10 a day rate, Sam can provide more information about this.
- Generally, selling items is not permitted, but this can be discussed further with Elise Murphy.

With any questions, or to request a stall for the festival, please contact Immigration Museum festival team:

Sam Boivin, Senior Programs Officer, on 9927 2740
Elise Murphy, Programs Manager, on 9927 2741

**Additional charges will apply to selected activities on the day, such as whisky tasting workshops.*

Victorian Government: ANZAC Centenary Committee

<http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/>

With links to ANZAC resources: <http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/get-involved/resources/>



Personal Service Records - National Archives of Australia

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/>

Select: World War 1

Select: First Australian Imperial Forces personnel dossiers (World War I service records)*

Select: Name Search

Family Name: insert last name

Select: Category of Records: World War 1

Search – (number of matches will be displayed)

Refine this search result by

Given Name: insert first name, **and/or**

Service Number: *(If known)*

Search

Displays results



Select: icon (to display digitised records) of matching name.

Note: Prints one page at a time..



Search by family, location - (NAA) Mapping our ANZACs

<http://mappingouranzacs.naa.gov.au/search.aspx#1>

Search by: Family Name / Place of Birth or Enlistment

Enter details in relevant category

Search

Select Matching Name

Displays results by Service number, WW1 file link,

Place of birth, Place of enlistment, Next of kin and linked

image of digitised records. Select digitised records image.

Note: Prints whole document.

Ability to add personal information, photos to “Scrapbook” for this record.



Search for a Person - Embarkation - Australian War Memorial

<http://www.awm.gov.au/research/people/all/>

Search by: Name / Service Number / Unit Name / Conflict

Displays results by Name, Service Number, Unit and Conflict contained in:

Rolls of Honour

Embarkation Rolls

Nominal Rolls

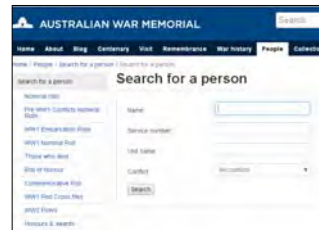
Honours and Awards Records

Prisoner of War records

Red Cross Wounded and Missing Records

Select “matching” Record/Name – *Displays results including Service Number, Rank, Roll title, Conflict, Date of embarkation, Place of embarkation, Ship embarked on and link to digitised record. **Digitised record** provides details of Ship Embarkation Roll – and details*

Regimental Number, Name (in full), Rank, Age, Trade or Calling, Marital Status, Address at date of enrolment, Next of Kin and address, Religion, Date of joining, AMF Unit allocation at date of enrolment, rates of pay/per diem Before and After Embarkation, and Daily Rate of Deferred Pay.



Victorian Soldier Settlements – Public Records Office

<http://prov.vic.gov.au/>



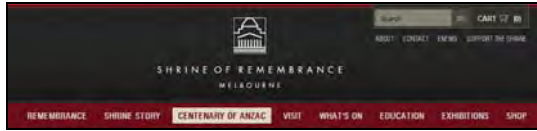
State Library of Victoria

http://digital.slv.vic.gov.au/R/?func=collections&collection_id=1453 Providing digitised records of all country and suburban newspapers 1914-1918.



The Shrine of Remembrance

<http://www.shrine.org.au/Centenary-of-Anzac>



ANZAC Commemorative Naming Project

http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0004/111397/ANZAC-Research-Guide-.pdf



Victorian Honour Rolls (x 3,000)

http://vhd.heritage.vic.gov.au/search/back_to_veterans_search

Commonwealth War Graves Commission

<http://www.cwgc.org/>



Australian Government

<http://www.anzacsite.gov.au/>



Dept. Veterans' Affairs, Canberra

Western Front:

<http://www.ww1westernfront.gov.au/>

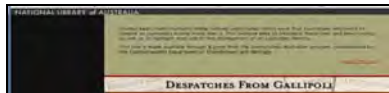


Gallipoli Campaign: <http://www.anzacsite.gov.au/>



National Library of Australia

<http://pandora.nla.gov.au/pan/49545/20050730-0000/www.nla.gov.au/gallipolidespatches/index.html>



Australians at War Film Archives

<http://www.australiansatwarfilmarchive.gov.au/aa/wfa/>



New Zealand

Ww100.govt.nz



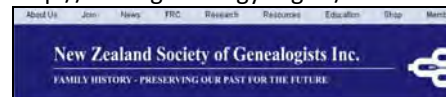
<http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/war/researching-first-world-war-soldiers>



<http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz/>

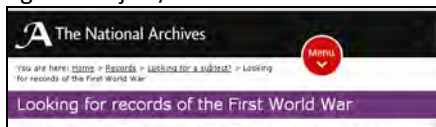


<http://www.genealogy.org.nz/default.aspx>



United Kingdom

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/looking-for-subject/firstworldwar.htm>



<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/first-world-war-centenary>





**ANZAC – 2014–2018 –
CENTENARY**
Sharing Victoria's Stories & Making Connections

*“We must look forward one hundred, two hundred, three hundred years, to the time when the vast continent of Australia will contain an enormous population; and when that great population will look back through the preceding periods of time to the world-shaking episode of the Great War, and when they will seek out with the most intense care every detail of that struggle; when the movements of every battalion, of every company, will be elaborately unfolded to the gaze of all; **when every family will seek to trace some connection** with the heroes who landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula, or fought on the Somme, or in the other great battles in France ...”*

- Winston Churchill, London, December 16, 1918.

2014 CENTENARY – key dates *

- Jan 1** Lloyd George declares that the build up of military capacity in Europe was “organised insanity”.
- Feb 9** Col John Monash – Lilydale Lake “Camp of Instruction” Military Manoeuvres with Sir Ian Hamilton (Commander in Chief, Home Forces & Inspector General of Overseas Forces).
- Feb 12** Mock Battle at Coldstream (near Mount Mary) observed by Governor General Lord Denman & Sir Ian Hamilton.
- June 18** William Watt succeeded by return of Sir Alexander Peacock as Premier (to 1/17).
- Jun 28** Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand of Austria assassinated, Sarajevo.
- Jul 23** Austria-Hungary, with the backing of Germany, delivers an ultimatum to Serbia.
- Jul 28** Austro-Hungarian Empire declares war on Serbia.
- Jul 30** Austrian warships bombard Belgrade.
- Aug 1** Germany declares war on Russia.
- Aug 3** Germany declares war on France and invades neutral Belgium.
- Aug 3** Cabinet meeting in Melbourne to consider the situation in Europe; Ministers agree that the Royal Australian Navy will be transferred to the Admiralty and that a force of 20,000 Australian soldiers will be raised in the event of war.
- Aug 4** Great Britain declares war on German Empire & Allies – 11.00pm GMT (note 5/8/14 AEST 9.00 am).
- Aug 4** Victorian Premier, Sir Alexander Peacock adjourns Parliament for one week.
- Aug 5** **First Empire Shot of the War:** Pt Nepean – SS Pfalz – 12.45pm AEST.
- Aug 6** **Melbourne Town Hall Meeting: Mayor David Hennessy, Premier Sir Alexander Peacock, Opposition Leader George Elmslie.**
- Aug 7** The first British troops land in France.
- Aug 10** First Enlistments Melbourne Town Hall.
- Aug 12** Great Britain and France declare war on Austria-Hungary.
- Aug 12** Australian Destroyers ‘**Warrego**’ and ‘**Yarra**’ enter Rabaul Harbour, German New Guinea.
- Aug 13** **Red Cross** Founded – Lady Munro Ferguson.
- Aug 17** **Australian Naval and Military Expedition Force** depart Williamstown– by rail to Sydney to join HMAT **Berrima**.
- Aug 17** 1st Australian Flying aircraft (x2) leave **Pt Cook**.
- Aug 20** German troops occupy undefended Brussels.
- Aug 23** Japan declares war on Germany.
- Sep 5** First Double Dissolution of Federal Parliament.
- Sep 11** **Seizure of German New Guinea – Bita Paka – includes HMAT Berrima.**
- Sep 11** First Australian Deaths – Able Seaman Billy Williams and Capt Brian Pockley.
- Sep 14** **Loss of Submarine AE1, off Cape Gazelle, Papua New Guinea.**
- Sep 17** First ship of First Convoy departs Port Melbourne - HMAT **Geelong**.
- Sep 17** Andrew Fisher sworn in as Prime Minister for 3rd time, succeeding Joseph Cook.
- Sep 19** Col. John Monash enlists – appointed Commander of the 4th Infantry Brigade.
- Oct 8** Federal Parliament meets – first time since war declared.
- Oct 8** 83rd anniversary - General Sir John Monash’s death (8 October 1931).
- Oct 17** HMAT **Hymettus** departs Victoria Dock, Melbourne.
- Oct 18** HMATs **Pera, Southern, Wiltshire** (Light Horse), **Hororata**.
- Oct 19** HMATs **Morere, Rangatira, Benalla, Anglo-Egyptian, Omrah** dep Port Melbourne.
- Oct 20** HMATs **Armadales, Shropshire, Karroo** (Light Horse), **Star of England, Militiades**.
- Oct 21** HMAT **Orvieto** departs Port Melbourne leading first convoy – **6,447 troops (in the first convoy)**.
- Nov 1** First AIF convoy departs Albany WA.
- Nov 5** Great Britain declares war on Turkey.
- Nov 9** HMAS **Sydney** sinks the German cruiser **Emden, Cocos Islands, Indian Ocean**.
- Dec 22** Monash departs Port Melbourne on HMAT **Ulysses**.

2015 CENTENARY – key dates *

- Feb 19 **Dardanelles** – Long Range Naval Bombardment begins.
- Mar 18 **Dardanelles** – Naval Assault begins.
- Apr 25 First Landing – Gallipoli.**
- Apr 30 **Submarine AE2** lost (after being shot by Turkish gunboat Sultan Hissar) in Erdek Bay in **the Sea of Marmara**. The AE2's crew captured and spent the rest of the war in Turkish prisoner-of-war camps.
- May 5 Turkish assault, Gallipoli – Battle of **Krithia, Cape Helles**.
- Jun 27 150th Anniversary of birth of John Monash (1865).
- Aug 5 August Offensive – **Gallipoli, The Nek and Hill 60**.
- Aug 6-9 Battle of **Lone Pine** – Main Turkish trench taken by Australians in 20 minutes, followed by 4 days fighting resulting in 2,000 ANZAC casualties. 8th Light Horse all but wiped out..
- Sep 2 HMAS **Southland** sunk – **Lemnos**.
- Oct 27 Andrew Fisher resigns as Prime Minister; succeeded by Billy Hughes (to 1923).
- Dec 15 Prime Minister Hughes' "Call to Arms".
- Dec 20 Evacuation of **Gallipoli** – RAN Bridging Train supported last Australian contingent departing at 4.10 am.

2016 CENTENARY – key dates *

- Jan 20** Prime Minister Hughes leaves for Great Britain.
- Apr 25** Monash distributes red ribbons to soldiers in the first landing at **Gallipoli**, and blue ribbons to soldiers in subsequent landings.
- July 1** Battle of **The Somme** commences.
- Jul 19** Battle of **Fromelles**.
- Jul 23** Battle of **Poizieres**.
- Aug 8** Prime Minister Hughes returns from Great Britain.
- Aug 30** Prime Minister Hughes calls for 32,000 extra men + 16,000 each month thereafter.
- Oct 28** Conscription Referendum – Defeated – Victoria voted "YES".

2017 CENTENARY – key dates *

- Apr 6** President Woodrow Wilson declared war against Germany. The **United States** joins the Allies in defending Atlantic shipping and on the frontline in France.
- Apr 11** First Battle of **Bullecourt, France**.
- May 3** Second Battle of **Bullecourt, France**.
- May 5** Federal Election – new Hughes Government.
- Jun 7** Battle of **Messines, Belgium**.
- Jun 30** Soldier Settlement Act – Victoria.
- Jul 22** First Bravery Awards (Military Medals) given to Australian nurses in action: Australian Army Nursing Service Sisters Cawood, Deacon and Ross-King and Staff Nurse Derrer - **Trois Arbres, France**.
- Aug 1-Nov 14** **Battle of Ypres**.
- Sep 20** Battle of **Menin Road Bridge**.
- Sep 26** Battle of **Polygon Wood (near Ypres) – 14th Battalion, Albert Jacka VC**.
- Oct 7-10** Battle of **Passchendaele**.
- Oct 31** Battle of **Beersheba** –Australian Light Horse charged Turkish positions (Israel).
- Nov 29** Sir Alexander Peacock succeeded as Victorian Premier by John Bowser.
- Dec 20** 2nd Conscription Referendum – Defeated – Victoria voted "NO".

2018 CENTENARY – key dates *

- Jan 8** Prime Minister Hughes resigns.
- Jan 10** Prime Minister Hughes reinstated.
- Apr 25** Battle of **Villers Bretonneux**.
- May 26** Prime Minister Hughes leaves Australia (returns August 1919).
- Jul 4** Battle of **Hamel**.
- Aug 8** Battle of **Amiens**.
- Aug 30** Battle of **Mont Saint-Quentin**.
- Oct 1** Battle of **Damascus**.
- Oct 30** Armistice signed, **Mudros Bay, Lemnos** ending WW1 Middle East hostilities.

2019 CENTENARY – key dates *

- Jun 28** **Treaty of Versailles** signed by Allied Powers & Germany, Versailles – officially ending World War 1. Prime Minister Hughes represented Australia.
- Aug 19** **Prime Minister Hughes returns to Australia**.
- Nov 16** Monash Returns – **S.S. Ormonde**.
- Dec 23** Last repatriation ship – **S.S. Port Napier** – leaves England (arrives Port Melbourne, 10 February 1920).

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