



# CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY (Australia)

## Newsletter No 19, March 1990

### 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*).

GÆLIC NAME : *MacGhille-Mhaolain.*

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### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings to all in our first Newsletter for 1990. It has been an interesting year as we've become aware of the Council of Clans and their involvement in the Highland Gatherings, The Kirkin o' the Tartan ceremony at Scots Church and the St. Andrews Day Remembrance Ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance.

Bob and Louise Mc.Millan-Kay, Bruce & June Mc.Millan and Max and I travelled to Daylesford on Saturday, 2nd. December for their Highland Gathering. We met several Mc.Millan's that day and they were interested to learn of the Mc.Millan Clan and to become members.

We will be in attendance at the Ringwood Highland Gathering again this year on Sunday, 1st. April. It is a great opportunity to enjoy a family outing with non-stop entertainment. Do come along to the Mc.Millan tent at site 135 and meet some of your fellow Clan members.

Looking forward to seeing you at Ringwood.

Kindest regards,  
June Senior  
President.

### HIGHLAND GAMES - DAYLESFORD

As mentioned in our October 1989 Newsletter we held our Annual General Meeting at the Highland Games at Daylesford, on 2nd December. Attendance was very poor. We do as a Committee endeavour to find suitable and interesting venues for gatherings and our AGM. There are always our loyal attendees but we would really like to see new faces at our meetings. We were pleased to meet new people this time, as well as two new members. As Committee we understand that these days everyone is involved in many things, especially if they have children and it is often difficult to attend all outings, but once a year is not asking a lot, we feel.

We were unable to have a proper meeting and re-elect office bearers so those in office still remain, although it would be nice to give some of us a rest.

It was good on the day to see some of our members call into our tent to say hello. Those who attended and called in on the day are listed below, including our two new members.

Jeff & Judy McMillan...	Great Western.	Colin McMillan	Ballarat
John & Pat McMillan	West Brunswick	Max McMillan	Altona
John McMillan	West Brunswick	Gwen Connor	
Bruce & June McMillan	Kew	Max & June Senior	Glen Waverley
Bob & Louise Mc.Millan-Kay	Ferntree Gully		
New members: Robyn Flint from South Australia & Dorothy Cowie...Baxter.			

## COMING EVENTS

"Please take a note of these"

Kirkin 'o the Tartan, 1990 - Sometime in August. Details in next Newsletter.  
Council of Clans Luncheon - 7th October 1990. Usually attended by Committee members only.  
St. Andrews Day Remembrance Service - 25th. November 1990. Assembly Shrine 2pm.  
The next and most important coming event is of course the Ringwood Highland Games. We apologise for the short notice, but it is to be held on 1st. April at Jubilee Park, Ringwood. All details shown below. We are organising a tent on site 135, so please come and say hello.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Since our last Newsletter I have received several letters accompanying fees from members, including Madge Mc. Donald, who also sent a copy of her family tree, Joy Von Harten (new member), John & Connie McMillan (plus a donation for the Society), June Danks and Kathy McMillan. I hope I haven't forgotten anyone.  
P.S. We also received another copy of the Newsletter of the Clan MacMillan Society of North America and other Clan Society Newsletters which have been very much appreciated.

## LIBRARY ITEMS

Also in the mail I received a copy of a family history donated to our library by Joyce Murphy. The book is titled "Always Further Out" researched by Bill Banham. We wish to pass on our sincere thanks to Joyce for her kind thoughts.  
Another addition to our Library is a photocopy of the rare book "The MACMILLANS AND THEIR SEPTS" by Somerled MacMillan. Colin McMillan of Ballarat gave us a copy to photocopy for our Library. He was fortunate to obtain a copy from Somerled's widow in Scotland some years ago, as the book was out of print and almost unobtainable. Our thanks to Colin for his thoughts and consideration.

## CLAN TARTAN

Thanks to Bruce McMillan, our committee member, we have a piece of Ancient MacMillan Tartan purchased from The House of Scotland. We intend to print our Society name and Crest on it as soon as we can arrange it, to prepare our own Clan Banner.

## SOCIETY FEES

Our annual Society fees were due at our Annual General Meeting as everyone is aware. We still only ask for \$5.00 so for those who are owing fees, could they please forward them on to me as soon as it is convenient. If anyone is unsure as to their fee situation please don't hesitate to ring me.



## DAYLESFORD HIGHLAND GAMES PHOTOS

Max and June Senior kindly gave me a set of photographs that they took at the Daylesford Games. I will endeavour to include some of them in our next Newsletter, planned for June/July.

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Finally, I wish to apologise for the less than usual standard of our Newsletter. I left my job at the State Electricity Commission of Victoria last November and therefore do not have access to the Phototypesetting facilities I had there. I was absolutely flat out at the end of the year, plus moving into a full time Landscaping business, therefore I was unable to produce a December Newsletter. However we have managed to produce this in the meantime thanks to the help of June Senior and her trusty Typewriter. Hopefully in the future I will be getting a Personal Computer with word processing capability to continue our usual standard of Newsletters.

STOP PRESS

Just as we are going to press we received in the mail a letter from Gulf Station advising us of their Ayrshire Calf Show on Sunday 29th. April, from 11a.m. to 4p.m. Billed as a "Traditional Country Show with a Scottish Flavour" Bagpipe music, Scottish dancing, Highland Games, Scottish Fare to sample with Sausage Sizzle, Teas to be held in the historic farm established by a Scottish family in the 1850s. Gulf Station is on the Melba Highway, Yarra Glen. Admission \$6.00, Children and Pensioners \$3.00, Family Ticket \$18.00. National Trust members ½ price.

## 24th ANNUAL RINGWOOD HIGHLAND CARNIVAL

**7th Annual Gathering of Clans and Societies**

**Aust. Commonwealth Highland Dancing Championships**

**Victorian Highland Pipe Band Championships**

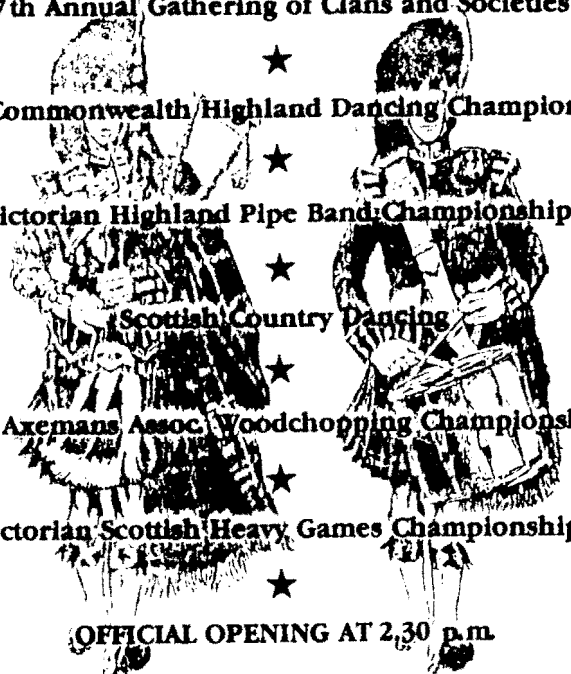
**Scottish Country Dancing**

**Vic. Axemans Assoc. Woodchopping Championships**

**Victorian Scottish Heavy Games Championships**

**OFFICIAL OPENING AT 2.30 p.m.**

**SUNDAY 1st APRIL, 1990**



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## ANGUS McMILLAN - PATHFINDER (Continued)

We have the dutiful overseer giving to his employer an accurate account of the land discovered by him and calmly contemplating the use of such a large area of land. To-day it embraces many hundreds of prosperous farms.

They never relied on fences. Natural boundaries and periodical musters were the main forms of stations.

McMillan allowed himself no time to recover from the harrowing journey. Leaving the party at Ensay he immediately proceeded to Monaro. Here he found Lachlan Macalister who was pleased with the account of the overseers near success in reaching Corner Inlet. One thing was clear to the squatters the overseer must not mention his discovery to anyone else.

Macallister wanted to occupy the new country without delay from Monaro to the sea, he would then have a chain of stations embracing Omeo, Ensay and the country to Corner Inlet from which his cattle could be shipped to Tasmania and through which he could obtain supplies along the track from Clifton to Monaro.

Macallister was elated but the attitude to his overseer was a trifle cool, to McMillan he was the employer, the wealthy squatter who had worked his way up from soldiering to a position of strength.

Angus found his attitude condescending and without a full realisation of the hardship and effort his journey must have entailed. He agreed to keep his discovery a secret with the mental reservation that in view of his employers attitude, he would henceforth look to his own situation as well. The last thing they both wanted was a rush of squatters from Monaro pushing South with drays and stock.

This did not prevent McMillan from writing in confidence to a friend in Sydney acquainting him of his discovery and seeking advice. He pointed out that as an overseer on forty pounds a year, he could never hope to succeed unless he took the step of breaking loose and forming his own property. McMillan would need stock and capital. Perhaps this friend could assist in such a matter.

Macallister returned to Clifton after again telling Angus the need to keep his mouth shut, and requesting that McMillan write a full report of the expedition for submission by Macallister on a confidential basis to his bankers and stock agents. Although McMillan kept a copy of his letter it was lost. McMillan told Macallister that with all his friends he could not half stock the new territory with its rich land and good climate.

(To be continued)

Steven McMillan  
Secretary

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR CLAN CHIEF

It was great to receive Christmas and New Year greetings from our Clan Chief George and his wife Jane. George writes -

"This year (the year in which the Berlin Wall came tumbling down, and even the Tories turned a little green) saw some green construction work at Finlaystone. Jane at last realised her dream of converting part of the stable block into a place where visitors would feel welcomed and perhaps also challenged. The Eye-Opener was officially opened in August by the Chairman of the Countryside Commission for Scotland, which had supported the scheme. The event could justly be called a big bang; but we hope the place will be seen as an example of continuous creation, where people can find something new each time they visit".