

# CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY (Australia)

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## 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

As this will be our final newsletter for 1990 I would like to send Christmas greetings to all members and wish everyone good health and happiness in 1991.

As you will read in this newsletter Bob McMillan-Kear has tendered his resignation as a Committee member. Bob has done a tremendous job for the Society as Archivist/Editor since 1984 and Treasurer since 1987.

I would like to thank Bob on behalf of all members for the sterling job he has done in producing the newsletter for the past 6 years. His work as Archivist has been invaluable and he has been a very able Treasurer.

We wish Bob, Louise and family our very best wishes for the future.

You will all realize we now have these vacancies to fill and the Committee will appreciate any help members feel they can contribute.

We intend to be present at the Ringwood Highland Games Silver Jubilee on Sunday 24th. March 1991. Members who are able to attend please call and see us at the MacMillan tent site.

The Committee is hopeful of arranging a Gathering and Annual General Meeting in October 1991. Any suggestions of a suitable venue from members would be appreciated.

Once again Christmas and New Year Greetings to all,

Kindest regards

June Senior  
President

## NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome Sister M. Felix of Newtown, Victoria; James(Mick) Bell of Tecoma, and Herbert & Jessie of Redfern, N.S.W. as new members of the Society. On behalf of the Society I welcome them to our Clan and hope they enjoy our kinship and newsletters.

## LIST OF MEMBERS

Some members over the past months have requested a list of our membership. I am pleased to update our membership list and include it in this issue.

## CORRESPONDENCE

I have received a number of letters with fees which are always a pleasure to read. It is great that some members go to the trouble to write a few lines to let us know what is going on and to let us know that they enjoy the newsletters.

A thank you note was sent to us by the Genealogical Society of Victoria(GSV) for sending them a copy of our last newsletter.

For the interest of members we now send a copy of our newsletter to the GSV and the Australian Institute of Genealogical Studies for the interest of their members and to assist anyone searching for MacMillan heritage or ancestry.

A thank you to the Clan Morrison Society on receipt of their newsletter "Driftwood Digest".

## HELP WANTED

Would any descendants of David McMillan and Jane McKean Linton of Happy Valley and Victoria around 1864: Their children were- Daniel, John, Alexander, Jean, Mary, David, Agnes, William, Jessie and Robert.

Please contact Mrs. Lynette Ryan, P.O. Box 55, Belgrave,Victoria 3160

## SOCIETY FEES

As mentioned in previous newsletters some members have failed to pay 1989/1990 fees,even after continual reminders attached to newsletters.

This is disappointing considering the annual subscription is only \$5.00 and has not risen since the Society began.

The committee has decided that a similar reminder will be attached for the last time to overdue members, after which a separate letter will follow reminding members again of the due fees.

If payment is not received in time for the next Newsletter those who have not paid will not be sent newsletters. It is unfortunate that the Committee has had to do this but financial and donating members should no longer have to subsidize those members who have not paid.

Bob McMillan-Kay  
Archivist/Editor/Treasurer



\* Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year \*

## COMMITTEE MEMBER RESIGNATION

I wish to formally announce to all Clan Society members that from the issue of this Newsletter I tender my resignation as Archivist/Editor and Treasurer of the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia.

In past newsletters I have expressed my disappointment at the lack of support given to the committee by members of the Society, but that is not my main reason for my decision. My family and I have bought a home in Maleny, Queensland and will be moving there shortly after Christmas.

It would naturally be difficult and quite impractical to continue in my positions so far from Melbourne and the rest of the committee, so it is with regret that I have to resign and leave June, Steven and Bruce the task of finding replacements for my positions. Hopefully someone will offer their talents and time after having read this and take on one or more of the duties and thus help the committee continue all the good work.

A sad time it would be for me now if the Society was to discontinue as a result of my resignation after all this time and throw away all the hard work put in by present and past committee members.

I certainly wish the Society all the success it deserves and I especially wish to thank the present and past committee members for their support and assistance during my years on committee.

Naturally I will continue as a member of the Society from our new home in Queensland and look forward to the continuation of regular informative newsletters.

I have had an interesting and worthwhile time on committee and have met many lovely people as a result.

On leaving Melbourne and the committee I wish everybody the very best of luck and continual kinship and success.

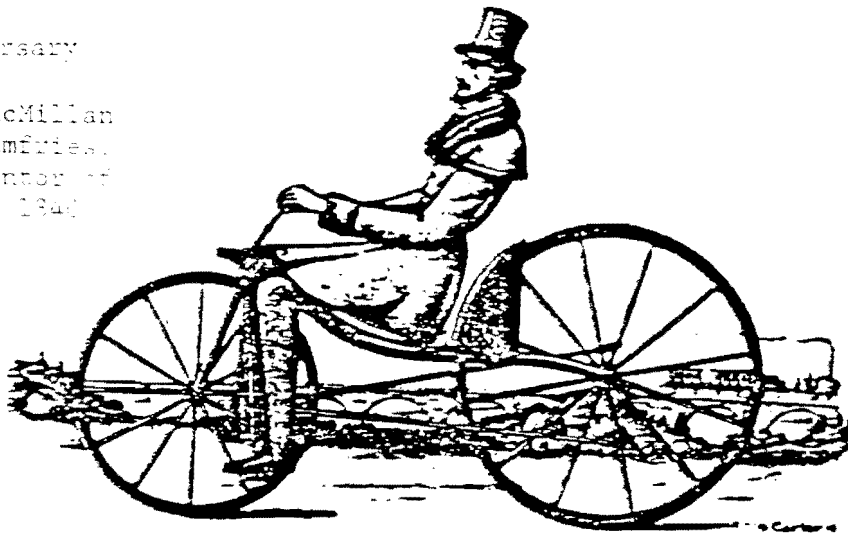
Kindest regards

Bob McMillan-Kay

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

St. Andrews Shrine of Remembrance Gathering & Celebration on 25.11.1990  
Clans to be at the Shrine by 2.00 p.m.

Daylesford Highland Gathering on Saturday 1.12.1990

Geelong Highland Gathering March 1991

Ringwood Highland Gathering Silver Jubilee on 24th March 1991 held at Jubilee Park, Ringwood. More details of Ringwood Games in next Newsletter as Ringwood Games will be the only one the Committee will be at a tent site.

### Ceilidh

Max & I were honoured to attend the Morrison Clan Society's second Ceilidh in September. We had a very interesting programme of songs & stories. We also very much enjoyed hearing the Northumbrian Pipes and learning of their origin. It was great to meet so many interesting people, many of them had travelled from country Victoria for the evening.

June Senior

### ANGUS McMILLAN- PATHFINDER....Continued

At Ellerslie Strzelecki linked up with James MacArthur and his party. The cost of the journey was about five hundred pounds and was paid for by MacArthur.

On March 2, 1840 the party left Ellerslie. Over a month before, McMillan had returned from the Latrobe River within a days journey of Corner Inlet. Mount Kosciusko was ascended and named by Strzelecki.

At Omeo, they were received by James McFarlane and James Pendergast. They eventually reached MacAlister's out station at Ensay. In charge was Matthew MacAlister in place of McMillan, who had left for Monaro to tell Lachlan MacAlister about the discovery. Despite the pledge of secrecy, Young Matthew MacAlister told Strzelecki of the splendid grazing country to the south, together with details of the journey.

On March 27, 1840 the party left Ensay with provisions supplied by MacAlister. Matthew, from his experiences as one of McMillan's companions, accompanied the party for one day, pointing out the various tracks and showing how easy they were to follow. He carefully described the type of country to be expected and where the rivers could be safely crossed.

For days the party travelled an almost identical route to McMillan's crossing the Nicholson, Mitchell and Avon Rivers in succession. Finally they came to the left bank of the Mac Alister. Here their tracks diverged

McMillan had continued south to the present site of Sale, whereas Strzelecki travelled south-west and crossed the Latrobe River not far from the present city of Traralson.

Strzelecki, in the full knowledge that he was following McMillan, gave his names to these rivers. Thus the Nicholson and Mitchell rivers were renamed the Riley and MacArthur.

Fortunately McMillan's names all survived, except that to Strzelecki fell the honour of selecting the name by which the Province was to be called -Gippsland.

At Traralgon the party was within 40 miles of Corner Inlet.

Within days, Strzelecki and MacArthur were confident they would be in the waters of Corner Inlet and embarking on a vessel for Port Phillip.

For some unknown reason the completion of the expedition changed. Instead of striking south to Corner Inlet from Traralgon, the party for some reason continued in a westerly direction.

Steven McMillan