



# CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY (AUST)

## Newsletter No. 63 November 2004

### 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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### President's Report for October AGM 2004

On October 10th Debra Vaughan and I attended the Annual Luncheon of the Council of Clans in Ringwood. It was a beautiful sunny day and proceedings were opened by the Hon. John Pandazopoulos MP, Minister Assisting the Premier on Multicultural Affairs. He, of course, was of Greek origin, and his wife, nee Jenkins had Welsh forebears. His main point was that all of us, ? Indigenous people: have come from many different countries & cultures but we are all citizens of Australia and have Australian values. It is important that each of us knows our past and from whence we came. So the knowledge of original cultures should be maintained such as music, sports & dancing, remembering that Australia too has its own ideals.

The Chief, Doug McLaughlin, then spoke, saying that this occasion had been enhanced by a grant from the Victorian Multicultural Commission so that we could enjoy some of the Scottish culture. He said that although we do not speak Scottish Gaelic & may not play the pipes or do the Highland fling or Scottish Country dancing there are still many who want to enjoy Scottish customs. However with the ageing of the identifiable Scottish- Australian fraternity it is a struggle to maintain the Scottish groups. He suggests that it may be realistic for the groups to cooperate with each other in order to keep the culture alive for future generations.

He doesn't want the various clans to lose their specific identities, but –

“if we can easily identify ourselves as Scottish-Australians with our own ways of seeing the world and enriching it, we should be able to appreciate other Australians with different ethnicities who can add other dimensions to that world.”

We then witnessed the “Address to the Haggis”, accompanied by Gaelic poetry with William Tait. As well we were entertained by the Scottish Fiddle Group and also by the Scotsraig Scottish Country Dancers. It was a very nice afternoon. Perhaps other members will join in next year.

2004 marked 150 years for many organizations. One was the Victorian Railways; the Royal Historical Society of Victoria joined with them to celebrate the important role of the railways over the past 150 years in the life of Victorian communities. The “Making Tracks ” exhibition opened at Station Pier on 12th September and will travel to Geelong, Ararat, Bendigo, Mildura, Wangaratta, and Traralgon over the next year and then back to Melbourne. Visitors to the exhibition are asked to contribute their railway story and these will be bound into an album and kept as part of Victorian history.

There is more and more information available on the internet. The Genealogical Society of Victoria has new online services available to members of GSV. We look forward to the talk on Computer Help in Tracing Family Trees to be given by Ms. Joy Roy FGSV at our AGM on 24th October. All are welcome.

Please keep in touch. We are always interested in your news.

June Danks.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS



**Subscriptions** are now due and will remain at \$15.00 for 2004-2005. If you have misplaced your cheque book or have had such a busy schedule, as have I. This is just a gentle reminder that it's time to pay your dues. Otherwise you'll no longer be entertained by this Newsletter. So, if members could forward their Subscription 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.

A very big thank you from all who submitted articles for this Newsletter. Your contributions are very much appreciated. I still have a few articles previously submitted and will include them as soon as possible. If you do have any articles that you think maybe of some interest to your fellow members, I'd appreciate the input. Ed.

## COMING EVENTS

**Daylesford Highland Gathering**      **Saturday, 4 December, 2004.** Victoria Park, Daylesford.

This year is the 53rd Gathering and sadly, there will be no street march this year, all competition will be held at the park commencing at 9.30 am. Entry will be \$10 payable at the gate.

**Edinburgh Tattoo in Sydney**      **3-5, 7 & 8th February, 2005.** Stadium Australia, Sydney.

It has been confirmed that one of the highlights from the 2003 Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Top Secret Drum Corps from Switzerland will join the superb international line-up of marching bands at Aussie Stadium. They will perform alongside The Highland Band of the Scottish Division, The Scots Guards, The Royal Marines, and The Central Band of the Royal Air Force from Britain; The King's Guard from Norway; 200 dancers and musicians from The Cook Islands; and pipes and drums from the Royal Australian Regiment. The OzScot Australia Highland Dancers will also be joining forces with The Tattoo Highland Spring Dancers from Scotland. Tickets for the first three days are already sold out, hence the extra days.

**Clan MacMillan Picnic**      **Saturday, 5th February, 2005.** Eastern Park, Geelong.

It has again been decided to have another Picnic at Eastern Park, (next to the Geelong Botanical Gardens). It is a B.Y.O. picnic so bring your lunch and beverages, and anything else you think you may need to enjoy the day. All are welcome so we hope to see you there.

**Berwick Highland Gathering**      **Sunday, 6 February, 2005.** Arkoonah Park, Berwick.

**Geelong Highland Gathering**      **Sunday, 20 March, 2005.** Queens Park, Geelong.

The Clan will again be represented at this Gathering. Ken MacMillan (Geelong) is to organize a tent for us, so if you're thinking of attending, then maybe you could also assist in manning the tent for a short time during the day. We're looking forward to seeing you there. The official opening time is 9:30 am.

**Ringwood Highland Gathering**      **Sunday, 3 April, 2005.** Jubilee Park, Ringwood.

The Clan as always will be represented at these Games. Also the tent will be manned primarily by June, Max & yours truly, but all visiting members wishing to help will be appreciated. Council of Clans AGM will be held at 11:00 am., in the Function Room, Grandstand, Jubilee Park, Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood.

Looking ahead to the 2006 Highland Games, Ringwood will be hosting the Australian Pipe Band Championships, and the event will be part of many being held at the time the Commonwealth Games are on in Melbourne.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the CLAN MacMILLAN SOCIETY of AUSTRALIA**

Held at Soroptimist House. 383 Toorak Rd Sth Yarra 3141 [24<sup>th</sup> October, 2004].

1. OPENING: Vice President Mick McMillan, opened the meeting at 2.20 pm.
2. PRESENT: Eileen MacMillan, Ken MacMillan, Myrtle Beitlich, Mick McMillan, Shirley Etheridge, Jan Brooks, Carol Ainsworth, Kaye O'Reilly, Debra Vaughan, June Senior, Myrna Robertson.

APOLOGIES: Judie MacMillan, Max Senior, Trish Sinclair, June Danks.

3. MINUTES OF THE 2003 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:  
The minutes having been read by Myrna Robertson. Moved Ken McMillan, seconded Shirley Etheridge, that they be accepted. Carried.

4. BUSINESS ARISING: Debra Vaughan enquired about the Scottish Banner Subscription.  
The cost is shared with the Clan in New Zealand. The period is from Oct 2004 to Oct 2005 and is \$120 p.a.

5. REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: June Danks' written report, read by Mick McMillan in June's absence. [*See Front page*]  
Moved Kaye. Sec Debra.

TREASURER: June Senior presented a written report. She said she will be able to send another donation of \$500 or \$600 to the Clan Centre this year. Carol suggests sending \$500 this year and possibly \$600 next year when we are more financial. Jan told us of Golden Days Radio FM 95.7 in Caulfield as a possible radio contact. Kaye asks if Metung Village pay their Clan Membership, June said they pay each year plus a \$20 donation. Moved Myrtle. Sec Myrna.

SECRETARY: Myrna Robertson [Correspondence]

National Celtic Festival 2005: to be held in Portarlinton on the 10th-13th June. The committee are asking if we would like to be a part of it; e.g. Stall holder or Static display. Kaye suggests it goes in the Newsletter, for information for members.

Daylesford Highland Gathering: Ken MacMillan said he would be attending. Doug McLaughlin has negotiated a better deal than is offered for the Clans. [*See Coming Events*]

Geelong Highland Gathering: Ken MacMillan will be able to help us get a tent. Myrna to send the application in with tent size and current insurance policy information. [*Coming Events*]

Ringwood Highland Games: June and Max are willing to represent us once again.

WEB-MASTER: Kaye O'Reilly presented a written report, she will email to Mick. [*See 'Web News'*].  
Moved Carol, Sec Eileen

6. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS: Ken MacMillan presided:-

President:	June Danks nominated by Mick Sec Myrna.
Vice President:	Mick MacMillan nominated by June Sec Kaye.
Newsletter:	Mick MacMillan.
Treasurer:	June Senior nominated by Kaye Sec Eileen.
Secretary:	Myrna Robertson nominated by Ken Sec Debra.
Web-Master:	Kaye O'Reilly nominated by Jan Sec Myrtle.
Committee member:	Debra Vaughan nominated by June Sec Mick.

### OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS

Picnic next year in Geelong Saturday 5th February 2005.

Geelong Highland Gathering 20th March 2005.

There was some discussion about combining the two. The Picnic and the Games, it was thought that would mean less chances of getting together, and if you can't get to one you can get to the other.

Ringwood Games 3rd April 2005. June will organize, Ken will help if he is able because he is not competing at the games. Debra asked about the site of the Clan tent at Geelong, Ken reassured her that he would look into it.

June Senior to send a copy of the current insurance policy to me, for Geelong.

Membership to stay the same \$15-00, subs now due.

OTHER GENERAL BUSINESS (contd),

AGM date for 2005:- this was discussed and a date was set at 23rd October 2005

Place:- June to check the date for availability of

Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Rd., Sth Yarra, 3141.

The meeting closed at 3-30pm.

Prior to our AGM we had a shared lunch at 12:30, a chance for members to have a chat and get together. We were able to involve our Guest speaker Joy Roy. who after lunch gave a wonderful talk on Scottish History using the internet. "SCOTTISH INTERNET MASTER CLASS" displayed on a screen using varying search engines. A copy of this is going in the newsletter.

BERWICK HIGHLAND GATHERING to be held at Arkoonah Park Berwick on Sunday 6th February 2005. Ross Chudliegh has contacted us, he is aiming to include the Clans in the Opening Ceremony. He is asking for any ideas or suggestions.

A feature this year was the best Clan Display with \$100 for the Best Display this will continue next year.

Ross is the convener. and Member of the Rotary Club of Narre Warren.

Anyone interested ? Myrna R (Sec)

**Clan MacMillan Society Australia**

**Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ended 30th June 2004**

	Balance brought forward from 30th June 2003		Cr \$1,796.74
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
Subscriptions	\$1,060.00		
Donations Australian Clan Society \$35.00		95.00	
Donations - International Clan Centre \$60.00		87.67	\$1,242.67
Advertising			
		Cr	\$3,039.41
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Government Debit Tax		5.20	
Printing 1 Newsletter and photos.		96.65	
Postage -3 Newsletters and stamps		171.10	
Donation to International Clan Centre		510.00	
Insurance		164.00	
Subscriptions		97.00	
Stationery, Photocopying		21.00	
Sundries:			
1/2 cost Scottish Banner subscription	60.00		
Hire room for A.G.M.	50.00		
Hire of tent -Ringwood Games	30.00	140.00	
			\$1,204.95
			Cr \$1,834.46
Bank balance as per statement	\$1,840.46		
At 30th June 2004.			
Cheque No. 64 for \$6.00 had not been presented by 30th June 2004.			
Audited and found correct			

M. W. Senior

Date

## WEB NEWS

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/-mcmillan/>

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### Clan MacMillan Society of Australia

Our Welcome page offers visitors to the site information about our Clan, our aims and objectives. How to obtain membership, along with contact details of our committee.

This year details of our A.G.M. are displayed.

Members can send me their family history stories for publication in the MEMBERS INTEREST page with the hope that they might find new family contacts. I have recently made contact with extended family through the death index page, due to someone sending me a correction. The DEATH INDEX lists MacMillan Deaths in Victoria 1921 to 1986 and a link to your home email can be placed on the page offering further hopes of contact.

We now have 49 cemetery lists of MacMillan burials, with links to online CEMETERY INDEX'S. Springvale and St Kilda cemeteries are now on line, and you can email the Melbourne General Cemetery.

If you only send them one or two queries they will answer you at no charge. Fremantle and some Western Australia Cemeteries are also online: (<http://www.mcb.wa.gov.au>) and have an easy search engine.

Our lists don't offer a search engine but you can use the find key under the edit button to get about more quickly.

The latest cemeteries on the site include Hazelwood, Yallourn and Frankston. Hazelwood being my local cemetery has the Monumental Transcriptions.

Other new databases are MacMillan's in the SOUTH AUSTRALIAN B.D.M.'s, 1842 to 1906, (they have 11 different spelling variations for MacMillan.)

The TASMANIAN PIONEERS Index is also there and covers 1803 to 1899.

Kay Morris's SHIPPING INDEX'S are listed and I'm sure anyone looking for their first settler finds the work she has done of great benefit.

I haven't put a counter on the VicNet site as yet so can't tell how often we are being visited but the old Freeservers site has had 8666 hits as of yesterday and has been up since May 2001.

A couple of sites to try are: <http://www.sctbdm.com/index.htm>

The Births, Deaths and Marriages Exchange for Scotland – a free resource for Scottish genealogy and Family History.

<http://www.sctbdm.com/births/bir-mamc.htm>.

No doubt some of our members are internet enthusiasts and have visited far more sites than I have. But if you have just started becoming interested in 'surfing' then here are a few suggestions that may well whet your appetite for more Scottish of course:

<http://www.great-houses-scotland.co.uk> [Features five 'Grand' Houses]

<http://www.thescotsman.gov.uk> [Scotland's National Newspaper]

[www.gro.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.gro.scotland.gov.uk) [General Register Office]

[www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk) [National Trust for Scotland]

[www.visitscotland.com](http://www.visitscotland.com) [This is worth looking at if a trip is planned]



# SCOTTISH INTERNET MASTER CLASS

Use varying search engines:

Google [www.google.com](http://www.google.com) or  
[www.google.com.au](http://www.google.com.au)  
Dogpile [www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com)  
Yahoo [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com)  
Vivismo <http://vivismo.com/>  
Teoma [www.teoma.com](http://www.teoma.com)

What is your ancestors' surname? ..... type that into a search engine and see if someone else is already researching your connections. Frequent surnames may prove more of a difficulty. Surname searches at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com) and [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) can lead you to both contacts and resources.

Resource sites such as [www.rampantscotland.com](http://www.rampantscotland.com) or [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk) will lead you to millions of links to a myriad of sites, resources and information. Try [www.electricscotland.com](http://www.electricscotland.com) you never know where you will find your ancestors lurking.

Where did your ancestor come from? ..... type in the village, parish, county or state. Look for background material on your ancestor life. Try the Statistical Account of Scotland <http://edina.ac.uk/statacc/>

Details of Birth, Death and Marriages: try [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) this is a great pay-for-view site with access to the Old Parochial Records pre 1855 and post 1855 statutory registrations. Some images are not yet available, many are to be added in Summer of 2004. Alternative source for cemeteries is [www.scotlandsclans.com/cemeteries.htm](http://www.scotlandsclans.com/cemeteries.htm)

Another source for christenings and marriages is Scots Origins free IGI search at [www.scotsorigins.com](http://www.scotsorigins.com) this has a better interface with the [www.familysearch.com](http://www.familysearch.com) allowing you to search by County and Parish.

Census Records are an invaluable resource for the family historian - the 1881, 1891 and 1901 Censuses are on-Line at [www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk](http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk) this is a pay-for-view site; but check the free index. *RootsWeb* free census may bring you luck - <http://freecen.rootsweb.com/>

How did they get here? ..... try [www.prov.vic.gov.au](http://www.prov.vic.gov.au) check out both assisted and unassisted shipping lists. NSW archives site <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/> also look at the Scottish Archive Network website [www.scan.org.uk](http://www.scan.org.uk) and visit the 'Virtual Vault' section of Emigration. For detailed information on the Highland and Island Emigration Society visit [www.angelfire.com/ns/bkeddy/HIES/1.html](http://www.angelfire.com/ns/bkeddy/HIES/1.html)

Do you already know the name of the ship? ..... type the ship's name into a search engine. Look for a picture, details of the voyage.

Did your ancestor leave a will? Try [www.scottishdocuments.com](http://www.scottishdocuments.com) Check the pre 1858 PCC will, the index gives some information, some Scottish people have wills proved in England; for the actual will from either source there is a charge.

Did your ancestor serve in the Military? Try the [www.awm.gov.au/index.asp](http://www.awm.gov.au/index.asp) or the Commonwealth War Graves Commission [www.cwgc.org/cwgcinternet/search.aspx](http://www.cwgc.org/cwgcinternet/search.aspx) from there also select the 'Links' page, this gives you lots more avenues to follow. If you have an interest in the Somme area of France try [www.anzac.org](http://www.anzac.org) For service in India try [www.a2a.org.uk/](http://www.a2a.org.uk/) or [www.nationalarchivist.com](http://www.nationalarchivist.com)

Maps are also invaluable to understand not just the location on a flat road map, but the Ordnance Survey and topographical map give you a picture of the terrain. Try sites: [www.multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com) [www.nls.uk/digitallibrary/map/townplans/](http://www.nls.uk/digitallibrary/map/townplans/)

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# SCOTTISH ARCHIVE NETWORK

By Joy Roy, FGSV



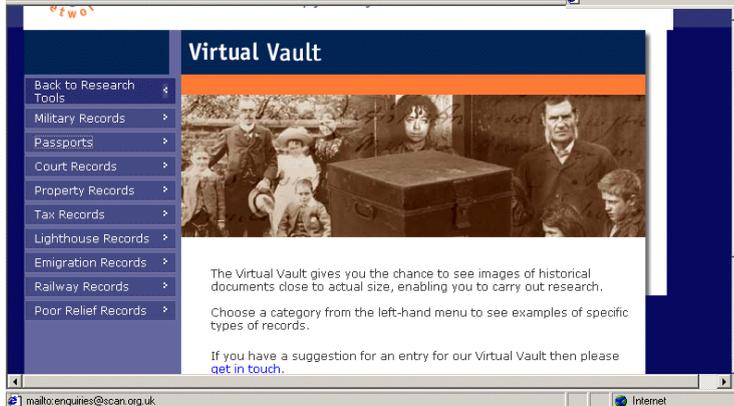
Welcome to the **SCOTTISH ARCHIVE NETWORK** at [www.scran.org.uk](http://www.scran.org.uk)

This site is a must for those with Scottish Ancestry.

Being a virtual treasure-trove of information about Scottish life and time.

Select the Digital Archive.

Topics can be entered from the hyper-text words or from the side menu bar. From the Menu for Virtual Vault you will find some key topics of interest.

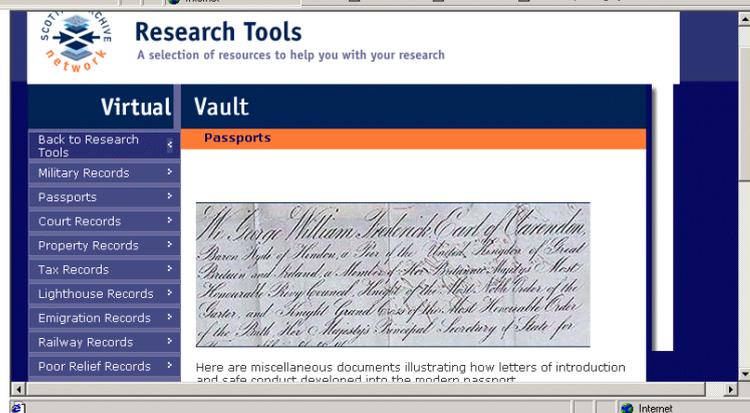


Don't be afraid to visit each area, and consider **WOULD** your ancestor be involved, **DID** they go there or do that?

Whilst the examples are for those higher up the social scale, it makes me wonder did my ship-faring ancestors have a passport.

Each topic contains a digital extract or photograph and explanation text.

Your family may not have had a passport, were that part of the Highland and Island Emigration Society.



## **Scots of Victoria Co-Ordinating Group Inc. AGM 2004 Reported by Clan McMillan**

The pleasant upstairs meeting and dining room of the Celtic Club was the setting for the 2004 AGM of the Scots of Victoria Co-Ordinating Group Inc. There were five tables of nine, at which were seated 48 attendees, representing 150 Clans, an increase on the 38 attendees last year. The clan groups range from the Armorial and Heraldry Society through the Peninsula Old Time Ceilidh Dance Group to the Woodend District Scottish Country Dance. Clan McMillan was represented by its Committee members' webmistress Kaye O'Reilly, and Debra Vaughan. We were lucky to be seated with Mr & Mrs Doug & Barbara McLaughlin, and John Blackwood, when they weren't presiding over their official duties; two ladies, June Rivett & Trevena Jacques, who represented the dancing fraternity, and also Mr and Mrs Robert & Julie Stewart, he being secretary of the Council of Clans.

Kaye had organized a "Getting to know Clan McMillan" speech, and kindly delivered it to the throng. Bill Schrank tells me it was much appreciated.

An enquiry early in the proceedings as to the running order of the day to Bill Schrank, Secretary and Public Officer, bore shining fruit for us McMillans. Contact details being [blschrank@optusnet.com.au](mailto:blschrank@optusnet.com.au) and (03) 8361 0282. His great grandfather was a Patterson, married to a Mary McMillan. Now that he will have more time to follow the branches of his family tree, we may be able to "share some leaves" for the pages of our records. He will let me know more as to his contacts in Adelaide, Ms Enid Green, and Sydney, where someone is concentrating on following up the Pattersons.

Bill is standing down from the Secretary's position this year and Doug sang his praises, noting as he went that the Secretary really does all the work! A little later, an extempore speech of appreciation was made by Chieftain Sue McLeod for Bill and his wife Lorraine's valued and busy input since 1992.

As well as the business of the AGM, another point of the meeting was to discuss the goals and concerns of the Scottish fraternity for the next year and beyond, focusing on the tasks needing completion.

The new Scottish Community Resource Center at the Celtic Club, 320 Queens Street, Melbourne, spearheaded gains made during the past year. The phones and furniture have arrived and it's the fond hope of the organizers that some volunteers will turn up to give of their time for the cause (of which Kaye O'Reilly will be one).

Notable losses included the insurance issue that has dogged so many community groups in the last few years. As a stand out expense, insurance costs for SoV were huge at \$6271.50, over 500% larger than any other single item. SoV has gained insurance under the Life Planning Foundation, under the umbrella of the SoV Life Planning Activities Club. While there has been some interaction, such as highland dancing and piping, SoV has not joined in on other activities such as golf and theatre bookings.

Doug McLaughlin raised the point that by aligning with the Anglo Saxons, the cultural majority, the Scots submerged their specific cultural characteristics. This led to homogenization rather than the richness of diversity. In the wider community it seems the Scots are not supposed to have significant cultural issues (does anyone else hear dear Robbie Burns spinning?).

The issue of the use of ceremonial swords was raised with satisfaction that common sense had prevailed for the use thereof by Scottish groups in their rituals and celebration.

This process of assimilation rather than promotion of the multicultural was not evident in the strong connection forged with Mike Zaffaropoulos of SBS, although in the unsuccessful, at this stage, campaign to have the Celtic language recognized. Details proved difficult to find out, but it was finally established that SBS's decision came from a meeting with the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria. So the decision was made to join the ECCV, in order to make a difference and promote our cause. Membership is only \$55 per annum.

Scottish Gaelic Language Programming was being fostered by eleven weeks so far of a spot on 3ZZZ's radio program, 92.3 FM on the dial, from 11 pm to 12 midnight on Monday evenings. While the time slot wasn't ideal, it gave us a foot in the door. The program isn't yet listed in The Age's Thursday Green Guide.

## Scots of Victoria Co-Ordinating Group Inc. AGM 2004 Reported by Clan McMillan

There were no contentious issues raised until there was a discussion as to donation of Scottish artifacts, which Doug felt would be best protected by donation to the Melbourne Museum, as controller, so they could send/loan to Immigration Museum, and others as there they would be kept in a controlled, conserving environment. A few folk raised the issue of saving various items for when the SoV had its own rooms, but Doug felt this was too far off in the future, if ever.

Others wondered if it were possible to broker a deal where memorabilia were loaned for specific periods or certain lifetimes, since the cost of preserving was an issue.

Another objection was raised from the floor as to the likelihood of all exhibits being able to be regularly displayed. At the Mildura Family History Conference in April this year, one of the keynote speakers from the National Archives of Australia also broached this issue with me, saying it may be better to deposit items with a good historical society as the evitability of display was more likely in holdings with fewer items.

Guest Speaker was genealogist John Blackwood, President of the GSV's Scottish Ancestry Group. His fine talk "Scottish Genealogy from Australia" included the gift of a handout of handy internet addresses for researching our Scottish forebears, including a few not mentioned by Joy Roy at the AGM a few weeks ago. He did have a slide show prepared, but unfortunately the organizers forgot to bring the projector.

Lunch was good Sunday fare, roasts, with cheesecake and crumble for dessert. Clan McMillan paid for Kaye and my lunches and SoV also subsidized \$5 towards the \$25 per head figure.

Scots of Victoria's website is: [http://www.latrobe.edu//scots\\_of\\_victoria](http://www.latrobe.edu//scots_of_victoria). Current projects included curriculum materials for use in schools, namely the interesting sounding Scottish resources kit, aimed at Grade Four level. According to many teachers, it stood out by being much more user friendly than others.

Another project is the Scottish Book, being a Directory and History of Scottish organizations in Victoria and contact names. N.B. Does Clan McMillan have an entry?

Tony Sell, standing in for President Tim McLeod of Warrnambool, gave the report on the Victorian Highland Pipe Band Association. He told a sad and salutary tale, of some few years back, of folk keen for membership being turned down due to their lack of Scottish heritage. It was clear that outmoded attitude did not prevail in present company.

Various highland gatherings were mentioned, with the next one being at Daylesford in December. Future events brought to our attention were the Centenary Celebrations 2005 of the VSU, Prahran and the Scottish Gaelic Society. The VSU had for distribution a flyer for its Rushworth First Annual Conference, 2 - 4th September 2005, and attached was a charming old photo of what I presume was the inaugural 1905 lineup of members.

### **VALE**

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of

#### **Donald Robertson Thomson MacMillan**

[5.1.1928 – 19.11.2004]

Don was the Founding President of Clan MACMILLAN Society of Australia from 1983—1988. He was supported by his wife Geva (dec). They hosted the first meetings on the banks of the Yarra near the Scotch College Rowing Sheds. In his retirement he remained interested in CMSA and was present when Clan Chief George from "Finlaystone" visited in 1997.....Of recent years his main interest with his wife Meg, was the restoration of flora and fauna on their rural property. He will be remembered with great affection by all our members.



*A Celtic Blessing  
for you  
at Christmas*

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
The wind be always at your back,  
the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rain fall soft upon your field,  
And, - until we meet again, -  
May Almighty God hold you  
In the hollow of his hand*

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