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Newsletter

Clan MacMillan Society of Australia

Welcome to our latest newsletter! We're excited to announce our new website and newsletter format. Enjoy!



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President's Report



This year our events began in February when the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia held our AGM in Cheltenham. The committee remained with myself as President, Myrna as Secretary, Amanda as Treasurer with Jan as Committee Member.

I would welcome someone else to take on my role of President this year so if you are interested please express your interest in the position before this year's AGM. I would then express my interest in becoming a committee member. At The AGM the positions of Web person and Newsletter editor remained vacant. These positions have now been filled with Richard Brown now taking on these rolls.

This years AGM will be in Broadford on the 31st of August. Broadford is about an hour's drive from Melbourne and also on the Seymour train line. If you would like to catch the train we would then send someone to pick you up from the station, if needed. Please register your attendance by emailing myself Kaye O'Reilly details below, before the 20th of August so we can organise seating. Join us around noon for a shared lunch after which the meeting would begin about 1 PM. New and existing members are welcome, and zoom is also a possibility.

On the 24th of March Jan Brooks, Aaron O'Reilly and I manned our information tent at the Melbourne Highland Games & Celtic Festival in Croydon, Vic. As always the event was well attended and a number of people took interest in our display.

Jan, Myrna, Amanda and I were at Scots' Church in Melbourne for the Kirkin' of the Tartan service, alongside many others. Before the Presbyterian service the procession of the clans entered the church headed by a piper. We marched alongside other Scottish Clans and laid our tartan on the steps of the alter for blessing before taking our seats in the front pews. With it's Gothic Revival architecture outside, and the huge Rieger organ inside as well as the cathedral glass the music and choir is world class. This is a yearly event we attend after which morning tea is served before some of us go out for lunch in the city. We would love more members to take part so you are very welcome to join us next year.

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We have a new website!

Our new, updated website is:

clanmacmillan.au



- Replaces our old website - don't go there!
- You can find forms to **join or renew your membership**.
- Interesting facts about your clan.
- Upcoming events for MacMillans and lovers of Scottish Heritage

MacMillans in the News

This year, Gerard McMillan of Singleton, NSW was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia, recognising his unwavering dedication to the community of Singleton and returned servicemen. Congratulations, Gerard!



Clan MacMillan Society of Australia President, Kaye O'Reilly and committee member, Jan Brooks at the "Kirkin' of the Tartan" at Scots Kirk, Melbourne.



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What's on

Events for MacMillan Clan and lovers of all things Scottish

August 2

Warringah Scottish Society Ceilidh - NSW

August 4

Tasmanian Whisky Week - TAS

August 13

Scots in the Bush Boondooma - QLD

August 23

Hunter Valley Highland Games - NSW

August 30

Highland Spectacular - Ballarat - VIC



Aaron O'Reilly at the Melbourne Highland Games & Celtic Festival

Pass It On...

An important role for the Clan is attending cultural events to pass on information about Clan MacMillan - its history, Australian connections and values. Many MacMillans have no knowledge of their deep family and cultural ties to one of the most ancient clans in Scotland.

Who's Who in the Clan MacMillan Society of Australia

President: Kaye O'Reilly email: oreillykaye@gmail.com

Treasurer: Amanda Fing email: fingy2@bigpond.com

Secretary: Myrna Robertson

Committee Member: Jan Brooks



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Join Us!

The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia welcomes every person with the MacMillan name or in their ancestry as well as the many variations on spelling and the MacMillan Septs. Receive regular Newsletters, visit our website for Clan information, and make contact with other Clan MacMillan members.

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