



CLAN MACMILLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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MACMILLAN

SYMBOLS

CREST: A dexter with a hand issuing from the wreath, grasping and brandishing aloft, a two-handed sword.

MOTTO: Miseris succurrere disco



PLANT BADGE: Holly

GAELIC NAME:
MacGhille-Mhaolain.



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Presidents Report, December 2018

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all from the Committee of CMSA and Chief George.

Our first event since the July newsletter was the AGM held in September. Myrna was back from her trip to Scotland so we more than reached our quorum. Mick and Mary-Anne's daughter Narelle held the chair for the elections and the results were that all of the committee remains the same. As can be seen from the attached photo a more perfect day in the Yarra Ranges couldn't have been asked for. We have decided on the same place for next years AGM. "As we are a very wide spread group I managed to pick June up from the Belgrave train without a problem, it was then we had a mystery tour of the surrounding hills before ringing Mick for help. The navigation device kept taking us into a service station car park. Jan and Mike however managed to drop June home with no problems".

Our next event was the Scots of Victoria AGM at Flemington. Unfortunately the date coincided with my Milligan cousins reunion which is a weekend affair so I was unable to attend.

The July - December period is the quietest time for CMSA but the January - April time frame is when the Games Begin. We hope to see you at Bendigo, Ringwood and Tooradin Games. Dates in the "What's on" section. **SAVE THE DATE: 31st March, Ringwood Highland Games & Celtic Festival CMSA Annual get-together.** Come and meet the committee and use our tent as your meeting place. New members also welcome.

Kaye O'Reilly, President CMSA

Photo Left to right: Kaye, Myrna, Jan, Mike, Mick & Mary Anne, Fay Ryan and June Danks

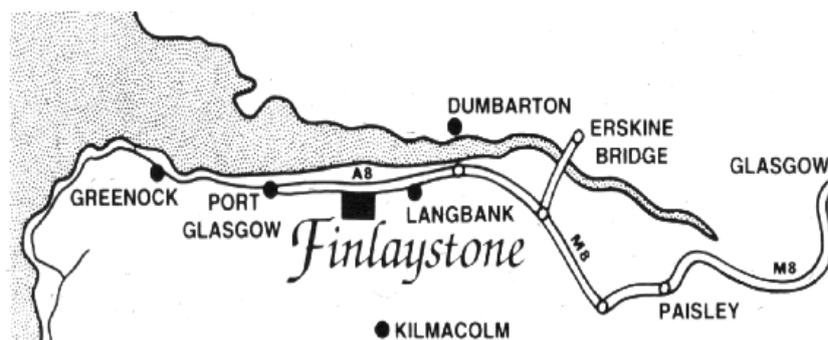


Chief George's Advent Verse

**'Blessed are the meek;
for they shall inherit the earth'**

Time was, as I can just recall
 When one might make assumptions:
 The sun would rise, The rain would fall,
 Good be rewarded, evil stall,
 And other such presumptions.
 The rain may fall, the sun will rise
 So long's the planet spinning;
 But who can tell when evil dies
 Or whether good has won the prize,
 When 'losing' can be 'winning'?
 Without a polar star to guide
 Or a moveless circle's center,
 We drift like flotsam on the tide
 Or stretch our orbits unco wide
 And wonder where we went to.
 To hold a straight and steady course,
 Whatever fright or lure us,
 To keep our cool, forestall remorse,
 Must we not tune to some resource,
 Some voice to guide and power us?
 A man there was who lived a life
 Robust, demanding, healing,
 Renouncing self-defensive strife:
 "The 'weak' will win", he said... Good grief!
 That slogan beggars all belief:
 He died no better than a thief...

And still that life's appealing.



Finding Finlaystone, Langbank, Scotland

CHIEF'S ADVENT MESSAGE

Advent 2018

Dear All,

Partly, perhaps, because mobility is becoming problematical, I've recently accepted the value of Talking Books. Thanks to nano-technology, they're now so compact that one can go anywhere with a pocket library. Hours spent in airports now pass so quickly that there's a danger of missing the call to board.

I'd hoped to fly to Maine for a Clan Gathering at the end of June; but that was thwarted by my failure to find an insurer willing to take a risk on me. A chat on Skype, though no substitute for the real thing, was a satisfying 'second best'. I wasn't totally grounded. In April Judy and I were wafted to Italy, where we spent time with Alice (her daughter) and her husband David near Ancona, before driving under the Apennines to stay with Andrew and Berta. In spite of serious earthquake damage in the Ancona area, neither of their houses had suffered; and the Italian spring, though late, was as lovely as ever.

By way of contrast, Malx and Tadpole took me to their holiday home by the Argyll seaside in July, just after three months of dry weather which left most of Britain parched. Though the wind was cool and often damp, that didn't stop the younger generation from leaping into the sea from a local pier whenever they could.; and sometimes it was even calm enough to launch the speed boat and ski. Meanwhile I surveyed the scene from the beach supported by a throne like deck-chair with a socket in its arm for a glass.

Back at home I don't lack entertainment-regular suppers with Arthur and Barbara through the wall, and frequent meals with Judy, David and Liv up the hill, and with Malcolm and Tadpole down the road. This year I've also had a lot of welcome visits from old friends and members of the Clan. Since John and Blynder moved into No. 14 Main Street, Thornhill (an unassuming, but surprisingly capacious house with a decent garden) my name has been all over their Visitors book.

In June Arthur and Barbara took me to see Rory receiving his degree from Durham University. He is now in London doing a job which he seems to be enjoying.

CHIEF'S ADVENT MESSAGE

Hugo is in his fourth year reading Engineering, also at Durham. They have both been active-and successful - Triathletes this year. Emily is in her last year of a teaching degree in Canterbury, for which she seems well fitted.

Fergus has started his second year at Loughborough University by helping to organise the Freshers' Week (more like a fortnight), which sounds like a huge job. Jamie, in his last year at Sedbergh, has plenty to do: besides the usual task of getting qualified for a university place, he'll probably be defending his title as last year's winner of the big cross-country race - a title that just eluded Fergus.

A year or two ago, under Andrew's inspiration, my generation of the family wrote a book about our father, which, though not critically acclaimed' nor 'award-winning, was quite well received. Now we've been given the job of writing about the recent history of Finlaystone. Though we can't promise to include them, we would certainly welcome any personal reminiscences from friends who have known the place and its inhabitants.

What with 'fake news' and its attendant conspiracy theories - not to mention the populist leaders' habit of playing the victim, it's hard to find firm ground under our feet these days. To make matters even worse, a book I'm reading called 'Mistakes were made, but not by me' by exposing the devices we use to preserve our self-image, leaves its readers doubting their own rationality. I've often wondered about the meaning of the word 'meek', used in most translations of the Beatitudes in chapter 5 of St. Matthew's gospel. Dictionary definitions suggest an association with 'wet' or even 'gullible'. I believe, though, that it often implies a refusal to defend an indefensible ego; and that can require considerable inner strength. Hence this year's little verse. (On previous page ED.)

**George (= Jane)
John = Blynder
Judy = Robin Hutton David = Liv
Andrew = Berta
Arthur = Barbara**

**Malx = Tadpole
Alice = David
Rory, Hugo
Emily, Fergus, Jamie**

Members Interests

McMillan – Linton Victoria

Fay's Great Great Grandfather **David McMillan** (bootmaker) from Ayr ,Scotland married **Jane McKean** in Happy Valley VIC AUS, (near Linton VIC)

They had 10 Children

Great Grandfather **Daniel McMillan** (bootmaker) Married **Helen Brown** at Linton Hotel VIC. They had 5 Children

Margaret, Annie, Jessie, Emily and David

Fay's line follows Jessie McMillan who married **John Wise** 1915

They had 4 children, **John, Lorna, Helen (Nell) and Verna.**

Helen, Fay's mother married Lawrence **Stokie** 1939 and they had the one child Fay Stokie Ryan b. 1940

If you have any information on any of these families please contact Fay:

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What's On



The Clan MacMillan Society of Australia
Are holding their 2019 Annual Members Picnic & Get-together
At the Ringwood Highland Games & Celtic Festival
In our tent at the J.W. Manson Reserve, Selkirk Avenue, Wantirna. 3152
Sunday, 31st March 2019 9 am - to 5 pm

Feel free to bring your chairs and esky to leave with us while you take advantage of all this event has to offer. Mick and Mary-Anne McMillan will be your hosts this year with the rest of the committee planning on attending. Old and new members welcome.

Other Games and Event's we are attending.

Australia Day Parade, 26th January 2019. Melbourne, VIC.

Participants are to meet our group representative, Myrna Robertson, in the Bourke Street Mall before going on to the marshaling point in Swanson Street (usually we march behind the Scots of Victoria Group). Bring along a BYO lunch and drink for the end of march, picnic. A back pack is recommended.

**Bendigo Scot's day out - Saturday 2nd March 2019, Rosaland Park, Bendigo, VIC
 10 am to 4 pm. FREE**

**Scots on the Swamp - Harewood House Charity Open Day
 7th April 2019. 3300 South Gippsland Highway, Koo-Wee-Rup. VIC 10 am- 4 pm**

**We will also be attending the Vaffo Family History EXPO at Hamilton VIC.
 Saturday 1st June, Monivae Collage, 133 Ballarat Road, Hamilton.
 10 am - 4 pm Cost \$15 pp**

Help Wanted

Looking for connections

John McMillan (1806-1856) and **Margaret Hewat/Howat**

Peter Whitehead was a contact for this John McMillan line, however his email is out of date.

John McMillan (1802-1856) married Margaret Hewet (or Howat) (1804-1837) in Barony, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Both died in Scotland. Four of their five children emigrated to Australia,

John (1828 Glasgow - 1891) **Murrurundi** NSW, married **Janet Phillips** in Scotland before emigrating to Sydney on "Mary Anne" arriving in Sydney 19th March 1957.

William (1830-Glasgow - 1890 Sydney) came to Melbourne on "Lapent". It is family oral history that he made good money on the goldfields, although we have no record of this, then came to Sydney. He sponsored his brothers and sister to NSW

Edward (1832-Scotland - 1879 at Murrurundi NSW) married **Jane Bryans** (1844 Ireland-1889 Murrurundi) at Murrurundi in 1868 and had five children.

Isabella (1825 Glasgow - 1923 Dubbo NSW) married **Robert Mitchell** (1833 Fife Scotland - 1890 Dubbo NSW) at Sydney in 1858 and had 10 children

Robert (1837 Scotland - death unknown) - nothing known about Robert.

I have quite a bit of information about William McMillan (1830-1890) as he was a publican in Sydney and in his latter years operated "The McMillan Hotel" on the corner of Margaret and Sussex Sts Sydney. The hotel was demolished for one of the supports of the harbour bridge's southern access. My grandfather **Alfred William** (1873-1956) was born at there. William was twice married, **Catherine Gallagher** (1832 County Tyrone - 1866 Sydney) having two male children with William. His second wife (**Ellen Ryan** 1844 Canada - 1924 Sydney) with whom he had five children Arthur (1868-1958-never married), John Herbert (1869-1870), Catherine Mary (1871-1960 never married) Alfred William (1873-1954 my grandfather) and Robert Joseph (1977-1944).

William McMillan (born in Lanarkshire 1830, died in Sydney 1890), son of John and Margaret, had a son by a second marriage to Ellen Ryan - Alfred William McMillan who married Ellen McCabe. Their daughter Margaret (1907-1992) was my (Robert Paterson) mother.

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Help Wanted

Are there any members out there who have connections with MCMILLAN, lead miners in WANLOCKHEAD, Scotland in the late 18th and early 19th Century?

These are Graeme Symington's ancestors, he would be grateful to receive any information anyone may have about those McMillans

Contact: Graeme Symington graemesymington@bigpond.com



Photo and text Wikipedia: Wanlockhead is a village in Dumfries and Galloway.



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It is still in it's infant stages. As of December we have 32 members, baby steps, I'd love to see it reach 100 by June?

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