



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 July 2008

Dear fellow members,

It is now in the middle of winter so it's a good time to catch up on our affairs.

Today at 7am, I participated in a conference call with trustees of Clan Macmillan International Centre. This is a First for me and it was good to hear George and Pauline and others. The main item for discussion was how to help fund the work of the Clan Centre. The Mission Statement drawn up at the Clan Macmillan Conclave in 2003 is

".....—to collect, preserve, display and disseminate material about Clan Macmillan and its Septs for the benefit of clan members and other interested people; and to assist the chief, clan societies and individual clans people around the world in the promotion of the clan and its ideals....."

In summary of the discussion it is important that those who provide research and services to CMIC receive appropriate remuneration. More investigation on details is to be done and there will be another meeting at the Gathering in California in August 2008. It seems that the budget for 2009 needs to be raised. Any suggestions on how this should be done will be gracefully accepted.

A successful celebration of our 25th anniversary of the founding of CMSA took place at a lunch at the Docklands in May 2008. We talked about the All-Clan Gathering in Edinburgh, Friday 24th- Sunday 26th July 2009 and 5 members expressed interest in participation. In the June issue of the Clan Macmillan International Magazine there is notice of a Macmillan Homecoming on Monday 27th –Wednesday 29th evening near Finlaystone. If members would like to join the 5 of us could they contact me asap regarding these events.

The Kirkin' of the Tartans took place as usual at Scots' Church on 6th July and was well attended. The Scottish Gaelic Choir sang and pipers and drummers were from Scotch College. The service was conducted by Rev. Douglas Robertson.

Hoping to see you at our AGM on Sunday 12th October at 12 noon at

Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Road South Yarra.

Regards
June Danks.



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8 May 2008.

Dear Everybody,

This is an auspicious day. Many of us will remember the great barbecue at Scotch College that started everything off.

But it's easy enough to start things up: maintaining them requires far more effort and dedication. The Branch has been very lucky in its leaders, none of whom, I think, has held office for less than five years. What dedication! They all deserve our respect and gratitude.

I suppose we all join groups for a huge variety of reasons - shared background and interests, congenial company, etc. etc. I see Clan MacMillan as a small but significant cohesive force in a disintegrating world. You Australians, with your undaunted attitude to global, travel, contribute vastly to that process. Although I suspect I've little chance of seeing Melbourne again, I really enjoy visits from your side of the world. So I hope you'll keep on coming.

Meanwhile, congratulations on the last 25 years, and good wishes for the next; and I hope you're enjoying a great party.

Yours Sincerely



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SUBSCRIPTIONS



Subscriptions are now due and will remain at \$15.00 for 2007/8. We only have 3 opportunities a year to remind members about their subscriptions, so please respond, and make the treasurer's job that much easier. So, if members could forward their Subscriptions 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 message from our Clan Chief about Tartans

I have been told that two so-called MacMillan tartans have recently been produced. They are called the "MacMillan Black" and "MacMillan Fashion". A clan's tartan identifies its wearer as a member of that clan and therefore should be clearly recognizable. From the pictures it appears clear to me that these "Tartans" do not fall within the canon of the three tartans regarded as MacMillan; Dress, Ancient, and Hunting and their variants. While anybody is at liberty to wear anything they like, it is desirable for MacMillans to stick with these three traditional tartans. With regards to my Coat of Arms (a black lion rampant, three blue stars on a yellow background, supported by two undernourished lions) this is a means of identifying me and only me: anyone else using that Coat of Arms is in effect pretending to be me. This is something I do not want to encourage! There is a clear distinction between the Coat of Arms and the Clan Crest. The Crest is the two handed claymore inside a belt. Any MacMillan may use this as it is our Clan badge. However make sure you get a decent-sized two-handed sword, and not a mere dagger; after all it's meant to be a claymore.

-George MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap....."

[This article was taken from the - "Tonsured Times" Clan MacMillan Southern Branch, Spring Edition Newsletter. - I thought it interesting enough to warrant inclusion. Ed.]

COMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting

Sunday, 12th October, 2008. South Yarra.

Our A.G.M. will again be held on Sunday 12th October at **Soroptimist House, 383 Toorak Rd, South Yarra** from 12 noon till 4 p.m. So bring your lunch and meet fellow Clan members. Tea & coffee will be available. [Melways ref 2M, B6].

Gathering of the Clan

2 -7 August, 2008. Claremont, California, USA

The Clan MacMillan Society of North America will celebrate its 50th Anniversary (1958 – 2008), by hosting an International Gathering of Clan MacMillan & Septs at Claremont, [L.A.] California.

George Gordon MacMillan of MacMillan and Knap Chief of Clan MacMillan will be the honored guest.

[For further information about the "Gathering of the Clan" contact either June Senior or myself. Ed]

Celtic Pilgrimage

9 -14th November, 2008. Beechworth, Victoria

An opportunity to consider major themes of Celtic Spirituality, on a focused contemplative walk over 5 days through the North-East of Victoria, from Bright (Wandiligong) to Beechworth, following the Beechworth Celtic Festival. For further information you can contact your Editor for the brochure, or contact them directly via:-

Celtic Pilgrimage, 32 Elgin Rd., BEECHWORTH Vic 3747

Ph/Fax: (03) 5728 2835 E-mail: dpo25858@bigpond.net.au

Scottish Resource Centre

Scottish Resource Centre at The Celtic Club,
Level 2, 316 – 320 Queen Street, Melbourne.
Office hours: 10:00am – 3:00pm Monday to Friday.

The Co-Ordinator, Ian Murdoch, would appreciate more helpers, so if you are retired and would like to help out for a few hours contact Ian on: [03] 9670 6766 or A/H [03] 9787 5961

*[One such helper, member Ed Hawkes says “.....I would like to support Ian Murdoch in his plea for more help at the Scottish Resource Centre – I am normally in at the Thursday a.m. slot.....”
So if anybody can help out just give Ian a call. Ed]*

Gathering of Clans Scotland 2009

The Gathering will take the form of a major Highland Games, but with the addition of a special clan ceremony, designed by the producers of the Edinburgh Tattoo. This will be held on the magnificent castle esplanade and will commemorate the contribution made by the clans to the culture and history of Scotland. The Gathering is being hosted by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and it is hoped that all clan associations will attend.

The Scottish Government declared that 2009 should be the “Year of Homecoming” and VisitScotland [The Scottish Tourist Board] asked the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs if they would organize something that would attract their overseas clanspeople back to Scotland. The result was “The Gathering 2009 Ltd” set up by Lord Sempill, The Vice-Convener of The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs. Clan MacMillan -and many other Clans – are holding individual events to complement the Edinburgh extravaganza; and there are various historical, genealogical, and cultural events happening elsewhere in Scotland during the week or two prior to it.

The Gathering 2009 Ltd has opened offices in Edinburgh, for further information, please visit <http://www.thegathering2009.com>

[For those interested in attending and require further information about the “MacMillan Homecoming 2009 Package” included in the Clan MacMillan International magazine please contact our President June Danks. Ed]

Clan Luncheon

A celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Clan MacMillan Society of Australia



"A very happy day was enjoyed by members who were able to be present at the luncheon held on the 18th May at the New Quay restaurant "Berth" at Melbourne's new Docklands precinct. Our Committee and members were celebrating the Clan MacMillan Society Australia's 25th Anniversary, and it was a great occasion to mark this milestone.

Local History and Background Briefing re Unveiling of “Cobbers”

[From The Shrine website, & the website of the Western District “Ballarat Genealogy”, run by Daryl Povey, comes the following item of interest.]

The "Cobbers" sculpture at the Shrine Reserve, Melbourne, unveiled on 19th July 2008, features an Australian Digger of the First World War carrying a wounded mate on his back. It was inspired by an incident, recorded in a letter from Lieutenant Simon Fraser of the 57th Battalion, and quoted in Bean's Official History of Australia in War 1914-18.

http://www.shrine.org.au/content.asp?document_id=1943

"A public ceremony to unveil the "Cobbers" sculpture by artist Peter Corlett to commemorate the Battle of Fromelles took place at 11am 19 July 2008. Proposed by the Friends of the 15th Brigade, this cast of the original which is located in France has been reproduced for installation in the Shrine Reserve with the kind permission of the Australian War Graves Commission and jointly funded by the State of Victoria and Tattersall's George Adams Foundation."



The sculpture is a replica of the one unveiled [at right] in 1998 at Fromelles, France. It represents Lt Simon Fraser of Byaduk, near Hamilton, Victoria, and commemorates the enormous Australian losses at the battle of Fromelle in 1916.

The Fromelles Park sculpture is explained at some of the following:

<http://www.ww1westernfront.gov.au/fromelles/fromelles-casualties.html>

http://www.ambafrance-au.org/article.php3?id_article=534

http://www.dva.gov.au/OAWG/war_memorials/overseas_memorials/france/fromelles.htm

<http://www.theage.com.au/news/national/statue-set-to-celebrate-courage-of-our-cobbers/2008/03/15/1205472164046.html>

http://www.webmatters.net/france/ww1_fromelles.htm

<http://www.ciaops.com/guides/battle/page1.htm>

Some further & informative reading can be had at:

<http://www.awm.gov.au/wartime/36/article.asp>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Fromelles

Many of you will be aware of the recent excavations in France of pits said to contain many of the missing Australians after this battle.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2008/06/13/2274151.htm>

<http://www.defence.gov.au/fromelles/images/gallery/20080527/index.htm>

<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,23599,23836452-2,00.html>

<http://www.fromellesmissing.com/home/>

Correspondence

A letter was received from Alec & Verna which read in part:

“.....Thank you for the article about the ‘David Clark’, I am still interested in collecting written articles about our Ancestors. The main road from Boort to Kerang is called McMillans road, named after my G. G. Grandfather who first settled Lake Leaghan in 1845.....” *[I noticed that after putting “Lake Leaghan” into Google (Aus), the only hit I came up with was from our own Website (Archibald McMillan/birth) in the Spare B.D. & M section. Ed]*

[From The 2008 Scottish Datebook & Directory published by The Scottish Associations of South Australia Inc, comes the following item of possible interest to the "Bell" families. Ed]



Sir Keith Macpherson SMITH, Sir Ross Macpherson SMITH

**Sir Keith Macpherson SMITH, K.B.E.
Sir Ross Macpherson SMITH, K.B.E., M.C.*, D.F.C.**, A.F.C.**

In 1919 the Smith Brothers along with their mechanics Wally Shiers and Jim Bennett were the first to fly from Britain to Australia. The flight in a Vickers Vimy Bomber took 27 days 20 hours. They won a \$20,000 prize from the Australian Government offered to the first to make the flight in under 30 days.

Keith was born at Adelaide on 20th December 1890 and Ross was born at Semaphore on 4th December 1892. Their parents Andrew Bell Smith and Jessie Macpherson were Scottish and the boys were educated at Queens College North Adelaide and Warriston School at Moffat, Scotland.

Ross served at Gallipoli and later in the Australian Flying Corps. He was personal pilot to Lawrence of Arabia and emerged from the Great War as one of Australia's most decorated airmen. He and Bennett were killed at Weybridge, England on 13th April 1922 testing a new aircraft.

Keith served in the Royal Flying Corps as a pilot and instructor until 1919. He worked for Vickers and later became a Director of Qantas. He died on 19th December 1955. Both the brothers are buried at the North Road Church of England Cemetery, Nailsworth, South Australia.

The Vickers Vimy Aircraft is on display at the Adelaide Airport.



Tartan up the state: Premier John Brumby models the state's new tartan. Picture: DARREN McNAMARA

State clan is clad in plaid

THREADS of blue, white, green and pink are Victoria's first official state tartan.

The tartan is designed to recognise one of Victoria's first migrant communities, the Scottish.

Premier John Brumby this week launched the tartan and said it recognised the

contributions of the state's migrant communities.

He said more than 32,000 Victorians were Scottish-born and 162,000 identified with a Scottish heritage.

"I am one of those Victorians," he said.

"I am almost half-Scottish — with the saltire featuring

on my paternal and maternal family tree.

"My mum comes from a long line of Adams and Airds — and my dad's grandmother was a Grant and, I'm told, pure Scot."

The Victorian tartan is registered on the Scottish Tartans World Register.

It has blue for the colours on the coat of arms and the Eureka flag, five white lines for the stars of the Southern Cross, green denoting the olive branch on the coat of arms and pink for the floral emblem, the common heath.

— Geraldine Mitchell

No. of Certificate **503**

Register Reference **2509**



THE SCOTTISH TARTANS SOCIETY

Incorporation Noble in the Noblesse of Scotland
Inaugurated by the Lord Lyon King of Arms 1963

Register of All Publicly Known Tartans

FULL COPY OF ENTRY

This is to certify that the following tartan

Victoria State

Thread Count $\frac{G}{44} \frac{W}{4} \frac{K}{8} \frac{W}{4} \frac{K}{16} \frac{R}{4} \frac{B}{112} \frac{K}{4} \frac{LB}{16} \frac{W}{2}$ Full count at pivots

Designed by Betty Johnston House of Tartan Date (if known) November 1998

is entered in the Register of All Publicly Known Tartans

The above entry is solely a record and does not imply this tartan has the approval of the Lord Lyon, clan chief, head of family, 'district' authority or the Council of the Scottish Tartans Society.

Date 27th December 1998 Signed J.N. Paisley of Winton
Chairman of the Society

Colour Legend:-
G: Green
W: White
K: Black
R: Pink
B: Mid Blue
LB: Blue-co
L: Light Blue

It has taken 10 years to achieve but the Victorian Government has recently officially adopted Betty Johnston's design as the Victorian State Tartan. Over that time, the Victorian Government has been pursued by Bob Johnston, then Doug McLaughlin, then James Rattray with Betty Johnston and a few others joining in along the way.

Welcome to National Family History Week

2nd August ~ 10th August 2008

In 1978, the Australasian Federation of Family History Organizations was formed to act as an "umbrella" organization, to pursue the interests of family historians on a wider basis than was possible with individual societies.

This year, AFFHO is pleased to have Mark Holden as patron for National Family Week 2008. He writes: Having a keen interest in my family history, I know that discovering your family history is not only a journey into the past, but that it informs your present.

Where do we come from? How did we get here?

All questions have answers if you are prepared to spend a little time delving into your family history. Some answers are thrilling, others perplexing, but it is a fascinating journey and one that I have thoroughly enjoyed and continue to engage and explore."

To see easily what is happening in your area, you are invited to log onto

<http://www.familyhistoryweek.org.au>

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