

Clan MacLeod News

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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WELCOME

Hello to all Clan members and readers.

Membership forms and magazine subs. reminder

Before I could take a breath to express greetings for the new year, the air was knocked out of me by the horrific events in Victoria.

Our empathy as a nation at times like this, seems as if we all work with one pulse. We breathe again when our neighbours begin to breathe. We rejoice with them when they see hope and are thankful. We cry with them when they grieve for others and themselves, for what they had to endure. Only God knows how their souls were wounded in the conflagration.

As terrible as these events were, we are encouraged, reassured and uplifted by the qualities of people, and the nation. Qualities which are good and have been forged in our psyche by other events and calamities; such as: ANZAC, the great depression, WW2, Darwin X2, floods, the Granville train, Ash Wednesday X2, Beaconsfield, Stewart Diver, and plenty more, all testing our resolve, our identity, our personal and national values.

The Kokoda Trail has given them expression and enshrined some values in our heritage. They are:- "Courage, mateship, sacrifice and determination".

Prime Minister Rudd made the interesting parallel of the symbolism of the yellow helmet, with that of the Diggers' Slouch Hat.

It shows that we, as a great community can all understand and embrace these values and concepts, recognise them and desire them in ourselves, our neighbours, our government, and in Aussies all.

It shows that we are One Commonwealth with a heart and soul that is mature, and able to critically appraise what it wants to be.

IMPORTANT DATES

NOTE: At this stage the Tartan Day March is not on.

Sunday 15 Feb.

Mt. Barker Highland Gathering, Oval 10 - 4

Saturday 7 March

Clan Cafe Breakfast, 8.30am Cafe Continentale.

Sunday 5 April

Clan picnic, (Palm Sunday), Glandore Community Centre from 11.30am

Sunday 17 May

History Week Open Day Pt. Adelaide Cales. Clan display.

Saturday 4 July

Tartan day Ceilidh at Pt. Adel. Cales. 7.30
(The march may be off)

MACLEOD WEEK

• Sunday 23 Aug.

Clan MacLeod Celebration Luncheon. Adelaide International Motel. Anzac Hwy.

• Mid-week function (tba)

• Friday 29 Aug.

Piping Competition.

Sunday 4 Oct.

Kirking of the Tartan, St. Augustine's, Unley, 10am

Sat 17, Sun.18 Oct.

MacLeod Heritage Tour to Jamestown (maybe).

15 Nov.

Annual General Meeting, Trev's 2pm



Mount Barker Highland Gathering
 Top : Set up, Alan, Alex, Stefan, Trevor, Bill
 * Stefan, Alex supervising from the 'Clan Lounge'
 * Doreen rounding up enquirers.
 * Muster of Scottish Association banners and Pipe Bands

COMING EVENTS
ADELAIDE FESTIVALS CLAN BREAKFAST

Saturday 7 March, Long Weekend. 8.30am
What's the Buzzzz?

Parking is generally available early on East Tce. and Rundle Rd.
 This is WOMAD weekend and in the middle of the FRINGE, just before the Adelaide Cup, after the Tour Down Under, and before the V8's. (-The only thing that'll be hotter is your coffee or bacon & eggs on toast). At East Tce. Continentale Café, East Tce, between Rundle/Nth Tce. 8.30am – 10am Informal and intimate get together with friends 'n toast". Share what's on, and the vibe of Adelaide. Contact Trev or Alex
 What is that Buzz...? Oh ! It's tinnitus I bet.

CLAN MACLEOD PICNIC
Sunday April 5 from 11.30

Last year this was a non-event due to the weather. WOW! It was cold enough to send a Highland Cow indoors.
 So before folk forget where it is, we are returning to the shaded grassy surrounds of Glandore Community Centre, Naldera Street, Glandore.
 This time we'd like members to have a "Show & Tell" with items from long or short travels. It might be educational, wierd or funny and ridiculous. BYO picnic & drinks. Committee will provide a range of desserts.

SALES

The South Australian Clan MacLeod Society proudly presents a quality souvenir and heirloom of Clan MacLeod.
 It is Jeweler crafter solid silver with Coober Pedy Opal inserts on the belt.
 A beautiful decoration as a brooch, jacket badge, or cap badge. The size is about the same as an Aust. 50c piece.
 Orders will be taken for \$250 + \$10 p&h (in Aust.)



HISTORY WEEK OPEN DAY,
Sunday 17 May, from 11 am at
Port Adelaide Caledonian Society Hall.

189 Semaphore Road, Exeter.
 It will feature Scottish displays and entertainment, and Clan MacLeod will have its table and information there again. A couple of volunteers to share the time supervising our resources and to assist enquiries will be helpful. Contact Alex

CLAN CAMPBELL LUNCHEON
Sunday 31 May, The Feathers Hotel 516 Glynburn Rd. Burnside.

TARTAN DAY CEILIDH

Sat. 4 July 7.30 for 8pm

Pt. Adelaide Caledonian Hall, 189 Semaphore Rd. Exeter

Bring a supper plate for sharing. BYO drinks & snacks. Entertainment and dancing.

NOTE; The Tartan Day March usually held on this same day will not proceed this year because of an organisational dilemma.

MACLEOD WEEK

❖ CLAN MACLEOD CELEBRATION LUNCHEON.

Sunday 23 August Adelaide International Motel, Anzac Hwy, Glenelg Nth. 12noon.

Please NOTE the change of venue (because the Royal Coach was not available), \$42 pp. will buy a carvery, and hot and cold buffet meal selections and desserts, tea & coffee., and haggis on biscuit. There is a bar in the room with a moderately priced wine list. All wines available by the glass. For BYO specialists there is a corkage fee of about \$7.

There will be Highland Piping and dancing, and toasts.

❖ PIPING COMPETITION

Friday 28 Aug. Pt. Adelaide Cale. Hall. 7.30pm.

\$5 incl. light refreshments. Ph Trev. 84491847

In the MacLeod tradition of encouraging Highland Piping, (complimenting the Clan MacLeod trophy in Highland Dance), we are co-sponsoring with Pt. Adel. Caledonian Soc. a competition for 'Junior' or Sub-Intermediate 1 X 6/8 march tunes (4 parts).

Other categories of piping will also be a feature on the night. These are being developed by the R.U.Brown Piobairòchd Society.

❖ MID WEEK EVENT

We've got the bookends to the week, now we are just working out the middle. Nothing scheduled as yet.



CLAN NEWS

ACMS (Associated Clan MacLeod Societies)

The ACMS Management Council meeting took place in Edinburgh on Saturday 21st February 2009. Reports and documents tabled at the meetings should be available on the ACMS website in a few weeks time. Draft minutes will contain more detail but not available at time of this newsletter. Australia was represented by proxy, Ruari Halford MacLeod of Scotland. Ruari and Anne visited SA for our Jubilee celebrations.

One key point that clanfolk are interested in is the Memorial to Chief John. We had input to that discussion. CMS Scotland proposed that ACMS should commission an annual musical event to include

traditional, modern, Gaelic, instrumental, voice and choir to be held at Dunvegan with a trophy for the entry deemed by an invited practitioner to be the most worthy on the day. CMS Scotland will come back with a more detailed proposal in July.

Clan Parliament 2010

The dates for Parliament 2010 will be:

- **NRG project in Assynt: Sat 17 - Sat 24 July**
- **Pre-Parliament trip to Assynt: Wed 21 - Sat 24 July**
- **Parliament in Dunvegan: Sat 24 - Sat 31 July**

Raasay House Ablaze

Last issue we mentioned that there was a major restoration of the historic Raasay House, former residence of the MacLeods of Raasay in the 1800's and most recently an Outdoor Education Centre, owned by the Raasay House Community. It unfortunately has been severely damaged by fire during the work. The house is still restorable, but it has been a terrible blow to the project.

AUSTRALIA

A reminder to all that our National Coordinator is Peter MacLeod of NSW, who nominated unopposed, after the retirement of Rob MacLeod last year. Peter is President N.S.W.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mount Barker Highland Gathering had the best weather for a few years, and it brought out the crowds in good numbers. (photos on page 2)

Clanfolk there on the day were Stefan and Doreen Kosak, Bill Hain, Allan Lewis, Alex McLeod and Trev Powell. and a big thank you to you all. We had the stall up and display set in good time.

Everyone assisted with the public relations, making the constant stream of browsers welcome and, we hope, satisfied with their enquiries. Doreen photographed as well. A larger than usual roll call of pipe bands filled out the day's entertainment along with the Strong man events, caber tossers and haggis hurlers and various guest dance and display groups. The Highland Dancing competition was another main event. There were more stalls; and with other clans, Keith, Campbell, MacNeil, Donald, Hay, and MacLean, having plenty to say, the Scots had a great day.

If haven't subscribed yet and you are thinking of getting to the Clan Magazine (2 per year), then send \$16 and postage details to Alex immediately

SEARCHER	KEY ANCESTOR
Graham McLeod mcleod66@ozemail.com.au	John McLeod, arrived Pt.Adelaide c1880, of Hugh & Katherine McLeod, Barra
Brett Prentice roto@netspace.net.au	Allan Macleod on Royal Albert 1855, of John and Kirsty MacLeod
Allister McLeod (deceased)C/- Secretary	Donald & Sarah McLeod John & Catherine McLeod, at Portland 1854 on <i>Edward Johnstone</i>
Don McLeod Ph 83711361	Hugh Lambert McLeod of George & Eliz. Glasgow m.Maria Lechmere1892, Rutherglen Vic.
Sue McLeod 83262126	Alexander & Anne, from Jura to Sydney on <i>Clan Macleod</i> , c.1837, +Dugald
Rachel McInness 83639003	John McLeod m. Rebecca Sharples (Hindmarsh 1896) + John WA McLeod, Cecil LS McLeod
Lorraine Gibson 82501775	John Norman & Sarah McCloud on <i>Northern Light</i> to Adelaide 1855
Collen McAllister colmac@chariot.net.au *** Has 3 sets of McLeod ancestors, believed to be from Kilmuir, Skye	Duncan Munro & Catherine (n.McPhee) on the Arabian to Portland, Vic. 1844 .C.McPhee's maternal g-parents <u>Norman McLeod</u> & Catherine Stewart --- C.McPhee's paternal g-parents Archie McPhee & <u>Marion McLeod</u> ---- Duncan Munro' maternal g-parents <u>Duncan & Christy McLeod</u>
Dorothy Silver silver@actewaql.net.au	John McLeod & Kate Cameron- son Donald b.1804 Skye. D 1891 Murrumburrah, NSW
Terence West www.froston-railway.com/pafx.htm	James McLeod b.1876 Balaklava SA, married Daisy F.Mabey24/08/10 Eidsvold

GENEALOGY

Looking for connections

TIPS FOR RESEARCH FACILITIES TO EXPLORE

National Archives of Australia,

Adelaide Office, 78 Angas Street, Adelaide. Tel: (09) 8409 8400. www.naa.gov.au

Military, Merchant service

Immigration

Citizenship

Passenger records

Comm. Employment records.

Indigenous Aust.

Direction to other records

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF AUSTRALIA

www.nla.gov.au/

Australian censuses and musters: print resources

Australian electoral rolls: print resources

Australian family history and genealogy: selected websites

Clan MacLeod Society of Australia (South Australia) Inc. - December 2008

Cemetery records: print resources

Family history sources in the Newspapers and Microforms Reading Room

Newspaper indexes

Ship and passenger records: print resources

We have in our Clan resources, Genealogy and Family histories of:

McLeods of Pabbay (*Royal Albert*)

McLeods from Roskeen (*Electric*)

McCloud James A. (*Duchess of Northumberland*)

McLeod John: Master Mariner from Barra.

MacLeod Harold "*From the Hebrides to the Colonies*".

McLeod MS "*Uphill all the Way*"

The Chiefs and Cadet families of MacLeod

Please add your family history to the collection.

Also welcome are the sept families.

LOCALS



Tess McLeod is selected in Australian Lacrosse Team for the 2009 World Cup. The Aussies, defending World Cup Champions, will be expecting the main challenge to come from a youthful USA team.

The venue is Prague, Czech. Republic. June 17 - 28. The Aussie "Force" is looking for Team or individual sponsorships in their campaign to retain the claim of being "the world's best".



Peter Gibson is having major surgical work at the moment. He'll be in hospital for some time and will be occupied with rehabilitation for many weeks. Wishing you a strong recovery Pete.



Don McLeod is going well, keeping good health and devoting much time to Police Historical Society and the vehicle restoration.



Pauline Powell had some tough treatment in 2008, but has happily regained most of her vitality, Whilst she is not yet plundering the social scene for all its laughs and gaiety, Pauline is getting about in good form.



Merawyn Hocking, a seasoned traveller has been cruising the oceans recently, and her latest was on the Athena (as I recall) which the news reported- stranded at Kangaroo Island when the tender became stuck on a sand bar. Full report at the picnic please.

This section aims to keep people in touch with happenings in our membership. Please feel at ease to forward some update of your situation and a photo (email or post)

Scots folklore

I am musing over the colour and mystique in the weave of the Gael's society. Consider the timelessness of the Hebridean life. Time enough for dreams, stories, fantasy and song. The rich and wierd company of mystical folk, seems more real than the lofty and holy orders of faith and Church. There is a childlike love and romantic attachment with their world, in every Loch and Glen, but in precious and perilous partnership with brutal battle. Honour and legend are equal to lament and sorrow. It is a view I doubt I'd ever understand, even with the language of the Gael I would be just

a reader or listener. This world is painted in lullabyes and whispers in the crib.

THE SEALWOMAN'S CROON from "*The Road to the Isles*"; Kenneth MacLeod.

The seals are the children of the King of Lochlann under spells. Beauty, wisdom, and bravery were in their blood as well as in their skins, and that was why their stepmother took the hate of destruction for them....Seven long years did she spend with a namely magician, a- learning of the black art. Did not the terrible carlin put her stepchildren under eternal spells, that they should be half fish , half beast, so long as waves would beat on the shores of Lochlann!..

Sure you would know by the very eyes of the seals that there was kingly blood in them... Three times in the year, when the full moon is brightest, the seals must go back to their own natural state (*human*), whether they wish to or no. This was so that there would be envy and sorrow in the hearts every time they saw others ruling in the kingdom which is theirs by right of blood.

And if you were to see one of them as they should be (*human*)....you would take the love of your heart for that one, and if weddings were in your thoughts, SURE ENOUGH! A wedding there would be.

Long ago, and not so long ago either, a man in Canna was shore-wandering on an autumn night and the moon was full, and did he not see one of the seal Lady-Lords washing herself in a streamlet that was meeting the waves. And just as I said, he took the love of his heart for her and he went and put a deep sleep on her with a charm.. and carried her home in his arms. But och! och! When the wakening came, what had he before him but a seal! And though he needed all the goodness he had, love put softening in his heart, and he carried her down to the sea and let her swim away to her own kith and kin, where she ought to be. And she spent that night, it is said, on a reef near the shore singing like a daft mavis, and this is one of her croons- indeed all the seals are good at the songs, and though they are really of the race of Lochlann, it is the gaelic they like best.

... The Croon...(continued)

SCOTLAND:- A NATION'S IDENTITY

"Scotland is not a lost cause. It is an unwon cause." (John Steinbeck)

Commencing a series of highlights and articles from an anthology and commentary through Scotland's development as a nation.

Scottish national consciousness exists because Scotland was an independent country for centuries, and has had degrees of autonomy since. The two are interdependent. Firstly, early nationhood was gained through political power. The later sense of nationality gives need for political leadership again.

The earliest recorded statement attributed to an inhabitant of the place which we know as Scotland, occurs in the work of a Roman historian. This was in the *Agricola* of Tacitus, written about AD 97. Agricola who was the father-in-law of Tacitus, was the Governor of Roman Britain from 78 - 84. ...He made a determined attempt to extend Roman control to the north of the Tweed. In 84 he defeated the Caledonians near Mt Graupius, north of the Tay. Tacitus tells us that the caledonian leader was Calgacus. "A man of outstanding valour and nobility" and he gives us the "substance of what he is reported to have said" in a speech to his troops before the battle. His words curiously anticipate Bruce's Bannockburn speech as reported by Barbour, and echoed by Burns, and the Declaration of Arbroath.

"They Create a Desolation and Call it Peace"

Calgacus.

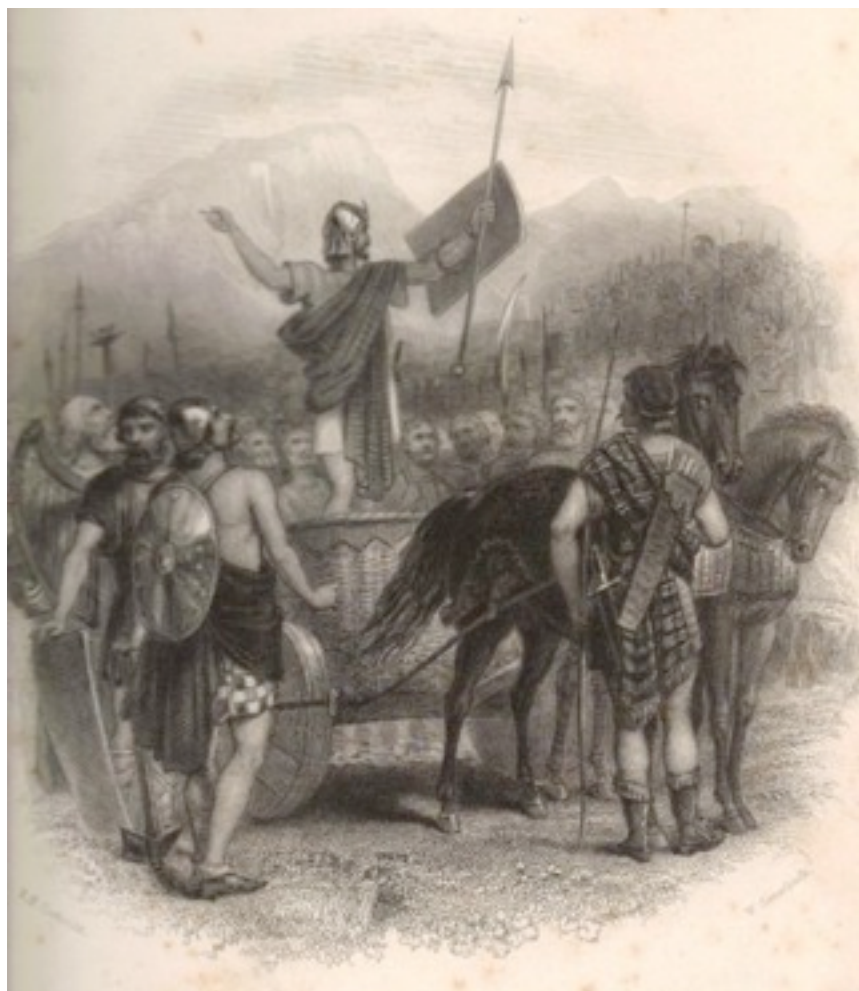
"When I consider the motives we have for fighting and the critical position we are in, I have a strong feeling that the united front you are showing today will mean the dawn of liberty for the whole of Britain. You have mustered to a man, and all of you are free. There are no lands behind us, and even on the sea we are menaced by the Roman Fleet. The clash of battle - the hero's glory has now actually become the safest refuge for a coward. Battles against Rome have been lost and won before, but hope was never abandoned, since we were always here in reserve.

We, the choicest flower of Britain's manhood, were hidden away in her most secret places. Out of sight of subject shores, we kept even our eyes free from the defilement of tyranny. We, the most distant dwellers upon earth, the last of the free, have been shielded till today by our remoteness and by the obscurity in which it has shrouded our name. Now, the farthest bounds of Britain lie open to our enemies.

What men know nothing about, they always assume to be a valuable prize. But there are no more nations beyond us ; nothing is there but waves and rocks , and the Romans - more deadly still than these- for in them is an arrogance for which there is no submission, or good behaviour that can escape.

Pillagers of the world, they have exhausted the land by their indiscriminate plunder, and now they ransack the sea.

A rich enemy excites their cupidity; a poor one, their lust for power. East and west alike have have failed to satisfy them . They are the only people on earth to whom covetousness both riches and poverty are equally tempting. To robbery, butchery and rapine they give the lying name of 'Government'. They create a desolation and call it peace.



Nature has ordained that every man should love his children and his other relatives above all else. These are now being torn from us by conscription to slave in other lands. Our wives and sisters, even if they are not being raped by enemy soldiers are seduced by men who are supposed to be our friends and guests. Our goods and money are consumed by taxation; our land is stripped of its harvest to fill their granaries, our hands and limbs are crippled by building roads through forests and swamps under lash of our oppressors. Creatures born to be slaves are sold once for all, and what is more, get their keep from their owners. We Britons are sold into slavery anew every day; we have to pay the purchase price ourselves and feed our masters into the bargain.

In a private household, the latest arrival is made the butt, even to his fellow slaves, so, in this establishment where all mankind have long been slaves, it is we, the cheap new acquisitions, who are marked out for destruction. For we have no fertile lands, no mines, no ports which we might be spared to work in. Our courage too, and our martial spirit are against us. Masters do not like such qualities in their subjects. Even our remoteness and isolation, while they give us protection are bound to make the Romans wonder what mischief we are up to. Since you cannot hope for mercy, therefore, take courage before it is too late to strive for what you hold most dear, whether it be life or honour. We who have never been forced to feel the yoke, shall be fighting to preserve our freedom, and not, like them, merely to avenge past injuries. Let us then show, at the very first clash of arms what manner of men, Caledonia has kept in reserve.

Do you imagine that the Romans' bravery in war matches their dissoluteness in peace? No! It is our quarrels and disunion that have given them fame. The reputation of the Roman Army is built upon the faults of its enemies. Look at it. A motley conglomeration of nations, that will be shattered by defeat as surely as it is now held together by success. Or can you seriously think that those Gauls and Germans, and to our bitter shame, many Britons too - are bound to Rome by genuine loyalty and affection? They may be lending their life-blood now to the foreign tyrant, but they were enemies of Rome for more years than they have been her slaves. Terror and intimidation are poor bonds of attachment: once break them, and where fear ends hatred will begin. All that can spur men on to victory is on our side. The enemy has no wives to fire their courage, no parents ready to taunt them if they run away. Most of them have no fatherland they can remember or belong to other than Rome. See them, a scanty band, scared and bewildered, staring blankly at the unfamiliar sky, sea and forests around them. The gods have given them, like so many prisoners bound hand and foot, into our hands. Be not afraid of the outward show that means nothing, the glitter of gold and silver, that neither avert or inflict a wound. Even in the ranks of our enemies we shall find willing hands to help us. The Britons will recognise our cause as their own; the Gauls will remember their lost liberty; the rest of the Germans will desert them as surely as the Usipi did recently. And beyond this army that you see there is nothing to be frightened of - only forts without garrisons, colonies of greybeards, towns sick and distracted between rebel subjects and tyrant masters. Which will you choose - to follow your leader into battle, or submit to taxation, labour in the mines, and all the tribulations of slavery? Whether you are to endure these forever or take quick vengeance, this field must decide. On, then, into action; and as you go, think of those that went before you and of those that come after." (CALGACUS, leader of the Caledonians)

THE SOCIAL SOLUTION...

"The following winter was spent on schemes of social betterment. Agricola had to deal with people living in isolation and ignorance, and therefore prone to fight; and his object was to accustom them to a life of peace and quiet by the provision of amenities. He therefore gave private encouragement and official assistance to the building of temples, public squares, and good houses. He praised the energetic and scolded the slack; and competition for honour proved as effective as compulsion. Furthermore, he educated the sons of the chiefs in the liberal arts, and expressed a preference for British ability as compared with the trained skills of the Gauls. The result was that instead of loathing the Latin language they became eager to speak it effectively. In the same way, our national dress came into favour and the toga was everywhere to be seen. And so the population was gradually led into the demoralising temptations of arcades, baths, and sumptuous banquets. The unsuspecting Britons spoke of such novelties as 'Civilization', when in fact they were only a feature of their enslavement.

Tacitus, *The Agricola and the Germania*.