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Ben Nevis from Gallop.

*Photo by Bill Cameron 18.2.16*



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Loch Shiel, showing the Glenfinnan Monument and the railway viaduct.

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## A Message from our Commissioner...

Dear Clansfolk,

This year has been an interesting one for me as a first time commissioner for the Clan. The clan is very lucky to have a number of competent officers which help to run this organization and I need especially to thank Neil for continuing to produce a clan magazine the envy of other clans around the world. I also need to thank our secretary Tanya who whips me into shape when it is needed and to Alison who does a fantastic job as treasurer. The other branch presidents have been especially helpful.

Last weekend I attended the National pipe band contest in Fielding both as a clan member and as a pipe band competitor. The food tent put on as a joint effort by the Manawatu and Hawkes Bay branches was very successful. Special mention must go to Roz Grant for her haggis making. Maybe she would like to post the recipe on our Clan facebook site?. The tent ably run by the Grants, Barbers, John Cameron, and Mike Topham seemed to be particularly busy and had a very good sunny position out of the cold wind. It was great to catch up with other clan members during the contest. I was particularly intrigued to find out from Bruce Alex Cameron (a dairy farmer from Rata) about his efforts to produce A2 milk and this led me to do a little homework later on how this product might vary from our A1 milk supply.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Riccarton Bush Tartan day event on the 28<sup>th</sup> February due to a clash with my daughter Rowan's wedding. The Clan provided its usual free haggis and shortbread on this day at its Clan tent.

For the forthcoming National AGM in Hawera being organized by Neville and Shona Wallace – they have shifted the event to the Swiss Club rooms in Kaponga in South Taranaki. As an interesting way to pre-advertise this event Neville set up a 3 minute interview on Radio Taranaki. Neville produces a regular programme entitled “Neville-rides-the –boundaries” in which he interviews a range of people largely concerned with farming interests. For any one who might like to hear previous interviews by Neville these can be found at the following link:

<https://soundcloud.com/acessradiotaranaki/sets/neville-rides-the-boundaries>

Julie and I have now booked our flights and accommodation at The Park motel for the National AGM at Hawera for April 9<sup>th</sup> so we look forward to catching up with you all there.

Best wishes,

*Nick.*



### Programme for the 51st National Gathering and AGM - April 9 at the Swiss Clubrooms, Kaponga. (Note venue has changed)

11am Executive meeting  
12.30 pm Lunch  
1.45 pm AGM  
5pm Happy hour. BYO.  
6pm Haggis ceremony and beginning of entertainment followed by dinner and further entertainment.  
Raffle to be drawn

Registration Forms can be obtained by email from the Editor.

**Next Magazine Deadline is 15 May**

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## Coming Events:

(See facebook page for details and for other events)

### Sunday 17th April 2016

Clan Cameron Bay of Plenty Branch will hold a Committee meeting on Sunday 17th April at 2 p m at the home of Denis and Joy Cameron, 8 Kokomo Key Papamoa. Phone 575-4659

### Sunday 12th June 2016

Bay of Plenty Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday 12th June 2016 at the home of Denis and Joy Cameron, 8 Kokomo Key, Papamoa commencing at 2 p m and followed by afternoon tea.

### Saturday 6 August 2016

(Note changed date)

Auckland Branch Mid-Winter Dinner at the Quality Hotel, Parnell.

6pm for 6.30.

Price will be \$60 per person. This includes mulled wine on arrival.

Last year's dinner is still being talked about. This year we hope it will be even better.

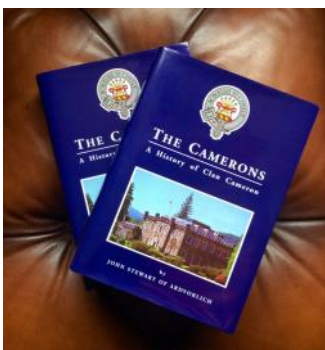
Please let Neil know if you are coming. Registration form will go to all Auckland members with the next newsletter.



### N Z Pipe band Nationals. Fielding 2016

Two bands wearing Cameron tartan march through Fielding. Above: Northland Caledonian (wearing Cameron of Erracht tartan)

Below: Manawatu Scottish No 1 (wearing Cameron modern tartan) Photos: Dean Cameron



## The Camerons A History of Clan Cameron

This book, by John Stewart of Ardvorlich, has been up-dated and re-printed and is now available from the Clan Cameron Museum.

The price is £38 and postage to NZ for a single copy is £15.

To order, contact the Curator, Catriona Fleming, on: [curator@clanameronmuseum.co.uk](mailto:curator@clanameronmuseum.co.uk) (0044) 1397 713 885

## Vale.

### Alistair (Al) Mark Cameron. BEM.

*By the Editor*

Ruth and I have just returned from attending the funeral of Al Cameron, a good friend and mentor. The Naval Chapel was filled to overflowing, showing the respect and esteem in which he was held.

Al joined the Navy as a 15 year old seaman boy in December 1950. He qualified as a radar plotter in 1953 but changed to the physical training branch in 1955. He served on several ships and also had two and a half years at the Anakiwa Outward Bound School, and later two years at the Singapore Outward Bound School. For this he was awarded the British Empire Medal.

Promoted to Warrant Officer (a new rank in the Navy) in 1971, Al went on to serve two years training midshipmen before leaving the Navy to take up teaching. He returned to the Navy in a training role in 1981.

In 1984 he taught physical education at Takapuna Grammar, where he stayed for 19 years.

Since retiring Al has turned his attention to helping service veterans, as welfare or war pensions officer with the RSA and Korean Veterans Assn. His unstinting work has helped many war veterans get the disablement pensions they deserve.

Al's father was John Cameron, whose farm at Putorino was named Ardachie after the tack held by ancestor Samuel Cameron in Scotland. Al started school in Putorino, only 15 yards from the farm gate, and went on to Hunterville Primary and Marton District High Schools.

Piper Bruce Cameron, Al's nephew, from the Manawatu Branch, played at the funeral.

A few years ago we persuaded Al to join the Auckland branch of Clan Cameron. He came to several of our dinners. You always knew which table Al was at by the laughter. He was full of fun and enjoyed life to the full. He will be sadly missed by us all.



*Alistair at a Cameron dinner in Auckland*

# From the Branches....

*Auckland* by Norman Cameron

The highlight of the year must be the 175th anniversary of the barque *Blenheim's* journey to New Zealand. The Auckland Branch of Clan Cameron combined their mid-winter dinner with a celebration of the departure of the *Blenheim*. There were a lot of descendants of passengers who attended plus we were entertained by a Fusion Group from the Auckland City Pipe Band. The guest speaker was Marc Ulyatt the author of the book "Kaiwarra Camerons". A special thanks to Jenny Haggitt for organising the raffle, Jill Cameron & Elaine Ebbett on the door and the Rev. Bryan Haggitt for being MC and addressing the haggis. I appreciated the attendance of the new National President of Clan Cameron, Nick Cameron and his wife Julie. The following week I attended a "Blenheim" dinner at Whanganui where Hugh McPhail launched his book "The Blenheim People".

Dorothy Cameron-Gavin a Life Member of Clan Cameron and also on the committee celebrated her 80th birthday which was well attended by the Clan.

The Auckland Highland Games were held in very damp conditions with the Scottish Dancing transferred to a hall. The outdoor programme of the Waipu Games was cancelled because of high wind and rain, and the piping and dancing went ahead indoors. Neil reported that the Paeroa Games were held in good weather but there was a poor attendance.

It is my endeavour to find younger members for the Committee as a lot of us are well over seventy. We lost Anne Cameron to Thames and David Cameron to Christchurch.

I would like to welcome the following people who have joined Clan Cameron this year:- Peter & Cressida Cameron, Bruce & Lynn Cameron, Ron Jinks, James & Fay Cameron.

*Bay of Plenty* by Denis Cameron

We have been fairly quiet over the summer period and hope all members have been able to enjoy time with family and friends. Many thanks to Rex and Pat Cameron from Pukehina and David and Elaine Cameron from Whakatane for assisting Neil at the Paeroa Highland Games on Saturday 13th February. It was also great to see John Cameron from Manawatu there – a great member and supporter of Clan Cameron. It was a very warm day and those who stayed to see the Tattoo in the evening found it most enjoyable.

We will be holding a Pot-Luck-Luncheon or B-B-Q in the near future – date to be confirmed and we will be in touch through our committee members and will send out emails to all who have advised us of their contact email. For further information please contact me – Denis Cameron 575-4659

Enclosed with your newsletter you will find the invoice for the annual subscription – please note the payment date to get your discount.

Our Bay of Plenty Branch Annual General Meeting will be held in June – date to be confirmed. Once again I must emphasize that I will no longer be standing for President so PLEASE put on your thinking caps – we need our branch to remain active.

*Canterbury* by Rae Magson

Set in the beautiful surroundings at Deans Bush, Riccarton, the sun was shining for the Canterbury Scottish Cultural Festival held in late February. Admission was a gold coin, and the programme of events included solo piping and drumming, highland dancing, pipe bands and lots of stalls. There was the Grand Parade with participating Scottish Clans and Societies and the Address to the Haggis. Clan Cameron Canterbury were there with the usual information, membership forms and giving away of

samples of haggis and shortbread. This is always popular. We also had pens and magnets for sale.

Our President Colin Cameron had a wedding to attend, as did the New Zealand President Nick Cameron. Although we missed their attendance, we still spoke to lots of people, and are hoping to get at least two new members. It was an interesting day, with lots of delicious goodies to eat, kilts galore, and plentiful tartan, what more could you want? One of the hottest days of the year too.

*Hawke's Bay* by Helen Shaw

Congratulations to Hawke's Bay members Robert and Robin Stout who are proud to advise that their son Dan and wife Bella have made them Grandparents with the arrival of their bonny son, Cameron Samuel Stout, born 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2016. Great Grandmother Hilary Stout is absolutely delighted! Robert Stout's Grandfather Percy Douglas Cameron O.B.E was the first President of Clan Cameron N.Z. from 1935 - 1939

Leigh and Maree Cameron are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter Trudi to Liam Moloney. We wish them both the very best of happiness for their future together.

Along with many others, I was delighted to attend the Military Tattoo held in Wellington. The evening was perfect and as well as being enthralled with the wonderful entertainment provided, we were treated to a double ration of fireworks at the end of the evening due to the weather having been too windy the previous night. A simply stunning and memorable evening.

*Manawatu* by Jessie Annabell

Several of our branch members who attended the Tattoo in Wellington, appear to have enjoyed it mightily but one commented that there wasn't enough pipe music. Typical one-eyed Scot. They also enjoyed the Highland dancing and the perfect precision marching of the Norwegian Rifles.

**National Pipe Band Championships, Feilding, 12 March.**

The wide expanse of Kowhai Park in Feilding hosted 45 pipe bands from the North and South Islands and two from Australia, grades 1 to 4b. At first cloudy and cool with a cutting wee S-E breeze, the weather warmed up in the afternoon. National President Nick Cameron, was playing in Canterbury Caledonian Society Pipe Band. There was a grand street march of bands on Friday afternoon. The Manawatu branch rose to the occasion and manned a food tent on Saturday which featured their popular staple, the haggis sandwich, along with steak sandwiches and sausages - all in the face of considerable opposition from the numerous food outlets. Stalwarts John Cameron, Bryan and Barbara Barber were ably assisted by Jo and Dean Cameron, Anne Walker-Long and Nick Cameron amongst others.

*Iar (Taranaki / Whanganui Area)*

Organising of the next National AGM is well under way but is being badly hampered by the lack of registrations. Sadly due to internal costs the caterer has pulled the plug on the executive breakfast. Out of our control sorry but we will reimburse those who have paid for the breakfast.

This is always an exciting time when the Clan meets together so we hope to see lots more registrations soon.

Neville has already interviewed our Commissioner Nick Cameron and this was broadcast on radio last week. Neville is also having a weekly item on his radio show about the Scots and their migration to NZ. These pod casts will be posted to the Cloud and will be available on there under Neville Rides The Boundaries.

We are advertising in the local paper and over radio so are hoping for a good turnout.

**H**eartiest congratulations to new Grandparents Kay & Don Orchiston on the arrival of their son George and wife Claire's first child - a beautiful son named Archie George. I'm sure talented photographer Nana will be busy with her camera more than ever ! Lovely news. We send get well wishes to Bob McConnell, who is in hospital at Te Puia Springs.

Gisborne Branch welcomes Mary Purcell as a new member.

Mary is a daughter of Theresa Willock who was a foundation member of our branch in 1986. Theresa was on our Branch Committee from 1986 until her death in 2008. During this time

Theresa held the office of Branch Secretary and Treasurer, as well as serving on the general committee.

Mary descends from both Donald McPherson Cameron (1818 -1883) and his brother William Cameron (1821 – 1898) who were sons of John Cameron of Corrychoillie (1781-1856) William emigrated to Australia in 1851 then to Southland N.Z. in 1855. Donald emigrated to Australia in 1854, then to Southland

N.Z. in 1859.

During the period 1851 – 1859 Donald and William, together with their brother John ( who emigrated to Australia in 1840 ) held the lease of Morambro Station. This pastoral lease covered 128 square miles on the Mosquito Plains, South Australia, approx 60 km. North of Penola.

Donald was a full partner in this venture from 1851 even though he did not move to Australia till 1854. In 1879 Donald and family moved from Southland to Poverty Bay to join another brother Ewen Cameron who settled there in 1870.

Mary joins nine other members of Gisborne Branch who descend from John Cameron of Corrychoillie.

#### **Vale. June Cameron**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 in Israel , while visiting her Granddaughter who works for United Nations. June was a committed member of Clan Cameron and the much loved Mother of Gisborne members David and Georgina Cameron.

## **Achnacarry and Lochiel Estate**

*With thanks to the Braes of Lochaber and Astie Cameron*

**A** *Brave New World?* An apt description of the ongoing march of progress made by Achnacarry and Lochiel Estate as it embraces the challenges and changes of the 21st century. Whilst stewardship, clan and community remain the guiding principles, diversification has also been at the heart of recent development, enabling the Estate to survive and prosper.

Forty years ago, although the Estate was significantly larger, it supported a limited number of activities. These were mainly in-hand agriculture; sporting; crofting and forestry. Today, although the Estate is smaller in size and there are fewer employees, there is an on site Estate Manager and more people are working *on* rather than *for* the Estate.

Activities have increased to include agriculture, commercial development and residential letting, holiday lets, renewables, forestry, sporting and wildlife enterprises.

Community involvement, where the Estate is part of the community and not set apart from it, is also encouraged and is evident in local community councils, the ABC group, Arkaig Community Forest, the crofting community and the Clan Cameron connections. Marine Harvest on Loch Arkaig and Banavie Quarry provide income, as do a limited number of residential property sites and residential letting, principally around Achnacarry. Five apartments located in the recently converted steadings offer holiday accommodation and there is provision for camping and caravans.

The Great Glen Way and Cycle Route come through the Estate and the Clan Cameron Museum welcomes visitors. Commando aspects are important and there are Commando trails and events.

Fishing and sporting activities are catered for. Stalker (Alex MacDonald) and Tenant (Simon Laird) set up in 2011 “Achnacarry Sporting and Country Pursuits” – specialising in stalking and wildlife tours. The thriving business took over on the Estate’s behalf. Forestry is a highly complex and increasingly regulated concern. A Forest Plan for the next 20 years was recently approved where generally more diverse planting is to be encouraged, a mixture of commercial woodland and amenity woods. Sustainability and renewable energy feature largely in recent projects.

A new biomass heating system was installed by local firm HWE at Achnacarry Castle in June 2015. Three Hydro Schemes have been constructed or are in construction,

including one above the Chia-aig falls and a run of river one by the community hall where an Archimedean screw hydro turbine is being installed, a relative newcomer to the small-scale hydro world, having only arrived on the scene in the last ten years.

There has been immense change over the last 40 years and great progress. Challenges remain, but diversification has led the Estate to be very optimistic and excited about the future.



*Donald Andrew Cameron at one of the hydro schemes up Loch Arkaig side already generating and sending power to the grid.*



**Generating Electricity on the River Arkaig**  
*Twin Archimedean screw hydropower turbines being installed on the River Arkaig. Water will be diverted from above a weir, through the turbines and reintroduced to the river 200 m downstream. The new scheme is being constructed just downstream of the existing weir.*

# A Journey to Tiree

by Neil Cameron (1992)

As a small child I remember my grandfather Neil Clark, after whom I am named, as a large, bluff, hearty man, who came from the romantic (to me) Isle of Tiree, from whence he left to become a seafarer and finally, to settle in New Zealand.

Now, many years later, I was at last on my way to visit the home of my mother's ancestors. Leaving Oban on a calm, still morning, with the town bathed in the early morning sunlight, the ferry *Lord of the Isles* was soon crossing the entrance to Loch Linne, which leads to Fort William and Cameron country. Passing through the Sound of Mull, with picturesque castles, some ruined, on both sides, a mist shrouded Mull to port and Morven, whose Cameron inhabitants suffered greatly at the hands of the Royal Navy before Culloden, with some 400 homes being burned, to starboard.

Our first call was to Tobermory, that colourful fishing village on the north east side of the island of Mull, with "GOD IS LOVE" painted in large letters on a rock at the entrance. Tobermory is a planned fishing village, built in the late eighteenth century post Culloden, as part of the imposed economic development of the Highlands, with limited success. Just twenty miles to the north east is Loch Nam Uamh, where Prince Charles landed in 1745 and where Lochiel tried to persuade him to return to France, before being won over and agreeing to support the uprising.

Leaving Ardnamurchan Point, which is the most westerly point of mainland Britain, to starboard, we entered the Atlantic Ocean. To the north the purple mountains of Skye and the islands in between were shimmering in the sunlight as we approached the island of Coll for a brief call. Then, four and a half hours after leaving Oban, my heart rose in my throat as we went astern into our berth at Tiree. My first impressions were of a flat, sandy shore with white houses scattered over a treeless landscape. As we disembarked it started to rain!

As I stepped on shore from the *Lord of the Isles*, looking somewhat lost and damp from the persistent drizzle, a large man approached me and said "are you Neil Cameron?- I'm the proprietor of the Scarinish Hotel and I've come to meet you." This was my first experience of the friendliness and courtesy of the Tirideachs (people of Tiree)

After settling into the rather basic hotel I set off on foot, in damp conditions, to see something of the island.

Tiree has been described as a landscape of houses. It has few hills and almost no trees, so you always feel you are under surveillance from the windows of the white houses, which dot the landscape.

The island is about eleven miles long, with an area of thirty square miles. It is exposed to the Atlantic gales and is on record as the windiest place in Britain. However the climate is mild and in the summer the island frequently tops the sunshine records. In common with many Hebridean islands the windblown shell sand has produced very fertile machair land which is often a carpet of flowers. I enjoyed the peace and quiet and beauty of this island and the absence of tourists – the few that came off the ship having disappeared to the western surf beaches. I saw few cars, although several had come off the ship.

Tiree was occupied by the Vikings for 400 years, and many of the place names are of Norse origin. In 1831 the population numbered 4450, but after the potato famine of 1845 it dropped to 2700. Today about 800 live on the island, with crofting and fishing the main sources of income. During the Second World War, Tiree aerodrome became an important Coastal Command air base, from which planes patrolled the Western Approaches, and which supported a military population of over 4000.

That first evening, as I listened to the fishermen conversing in Gaelic in a corner of the bar, I realised I had seen

little of my "romantic dream island" and resolved that on the morrow, I would hire the island's only self-drive car to explore and try to find links to my past.

My second day on Tiree dawned damp and misty, and after a massive breakfast, I took possession of the hire car and set off to explore. The main roads are mostly single track with pockets (passing places) marked by white stobs (posts). Lesser roads are just wheel tracks across the grass.

My first call was to the graveyard where I found the headstones of many relatives, including my great-great grandfather. I then headed for the villages of Ruaig and Caoles, familiar names from my family research in Edinburgh. These villages are really just clusters of houses, sometimes only three or four homes. The last Clark had left the island several years before but I did find some distant cousins. (When I knocked at the door of the house, the lady who opened it went quite pale. Her brother had recently passed away in Glasgow and apparently I was his spitting image! I was able to reassure her, with my Kiwi accent, that I was not a ghost!) After recovering they fed me on delicious scones and pointed the way to the ruins of the family home.

The traditional houses of Tiree were known as "black



houses" (tigh dubh), with dry stone walls about five feet thick, a central peat fire and a thatched roof through which the smoke escaped. With the shortage of peat on the island, most of these were replaced with white houses (tigh geal), with stone block walls, a chimney at each end (for fires burning imported coal) and tarred or thatched roofs. My ancestral home was one of the latter, and although the roof had gone, the walls and chimneys were still standing. It was an eerie feeling walking up to and through the doorway.

My grandfather, Neil Clark, was born here, one of seven children. Looking at the land at this end of the island with its stone outcrops and swamp, it is plain that the land could only support one or two of each generation, and it is no wonder that these islands provided so many seafarers and colonists.

The rest of my visit was an anti-climax. I explored the whole island, in the continuing light drizzle, imagining how lovely the beaches and machair land would look in the sunshine

Next day, as the *Lord of the Isles* sailed from the island, the sun broke through and Tiree gleamed like a jewel in the sunshine. I thought of the saying often used in these parts; "Haste ye Back".



## A New Commissioner of Clan Cameron in

### Australia – James Lachlan Cameron

James has been the President of Clan Cameron New South Wales and editor of the Clan Cameron Australia newsletter since 2009, but has attended Clan Cameron NSW and Scottish events since he was a teenager. James has had a keen interest in Clan Cameron and Highland history since a young age, and grew up in a family environment where they were definite influences. His Cameron ancestors arrived in Australia on *The Boyne* in 1839, a voyage that carried over 250 Highlanders, including over 100 Camerons. His Cameron grandfather grew up on a property 40kms north-west of Dubbo, NSW, and was a policeman. His father was an economics teacher and horse breeder, and mother a French teacher.

James has had a varied career, from managing an American Express branch in Sydney, to teaching English in South Korea and Germany, to working as a policy manager for the Australian Automobile Association and the Australian Institute of Building in Canberra. From the start of 2016, he has taken on the new challenge of Executive Director of the Australian Construction Industry Forum. For three years he has also studied and worked in Scotland and England.

James was born in and grew up mostly in Bathurst, New South Wales, but also attended Sydney Technical Boys High School for several years. James undertook his undergraduate studies and Honours year at the University Of New England, Armidale, and Masters and PhD at the Australian National University. The latter, on Scottish politics, is nearing completion.

A fan of country towns with heritage buildings, James currently lives in Goulburn, New South Wales, which is strategically located an hour's drive from the work and study opportunities of Canberra, but relatively close to Sydney and hometown Bathurst.



*James on holiday in Donegal, Ireland, in 2011.*

When not working, studying and involved in clan matters, James likes to spend time with friends, learn languages (speaks fluent German, broken Gaelic, and some French and Dutch), read widely, travel, and watch the occasional film.

*(Reprinted from Clan Cameron Australia News - thank you James)*

And from our Commissioner Nick:

*Congratulations on becoming the Commissioner of Clan Cameron Australia. Thank you also for a copy of your newsletter. You look to have the knowledge and experience with the Clan to do well in this role. If you visit Canterbury in the South Island of New Zealand please look us up. We are about 40 minutes inland from Christchurch.*

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## The Magazine or Newsletter

By the Editor

This issue of '**Cameron**' completes for me 10 years as editor of the magazine - 10 years that I have found most interesting and rewarding.

The first newsletter was published in 1972, under the editorship of Shirley Anne Thomson of Wellington. This appears to be a long serving office as four of the editors have served ten years each:

Shirley Anne Thomson 1972 - 1982.

Rodney Cameron 1982 - 1992

Bruce Cameron / Donald Cameron / John Cameron 1992 - 1995

John Cameron / Dale Bailey 1996

Dale Bailey 1997 - 2006

Neil Cameron 2006 - date

Some 320 hard copies are printed and they, plus electronic copies are sent out to members, Clan Cameron Associations worldwide, Lochiel, other Clans and the National Library. Since 2002 six copies a year have been published, each consisting of eight pages except for the Christmas issue, which is of twelve pages. We introduced colour for the front and back pages in 2007.

In the early days Shirley Anne typed onto a stencil, which was placed on a Gestetner to be inked and run off manually. The advent of the computer and desk top publishing has made the task of the editor a lot easier but editing and mailing out still takes time.

This year we are into Volume 50, which is a important milestone. You will note that it does not tally with a 1972 first issue, but the numbering system was changed and the current

volume numbering started in 1989 with Volume 22.

To celebrate volume 50, I will publish a few interesting articles that have appeared in the newsletter over the years. To start with, and to celebrate my own 10 years, I am re-publishing an article I wrote in 1992, shown on page 6.

This is example of the sort of story I would like you to consider writing for the magazine. If you are visiting Cameron homelands, or have memories of past visits, we would love to read about it. Also, stories about Cameron enterprise in New Zealand would be very welcome.

In Clan Cameron New Zealand History, written by Dorothy Cameron-Gavin, our first editor Shirley Anne is quoted as saying that information was not readily forthcoming and she had to delve around. Today it is still often hard work to get contributions. Please put pen to paper (or should I say fingers on the keyboard) for me. Remember that the magazine is an important transmitter of our branch news and a valuable asset for our clan history. Copies of each issue go to the National Library in Wellington to be held for posterity

I am very grateful for stories you do send in, and especially grateful to Bill Cameron in Scotland, who keeps us up to date with events in Lochaber and sends such delightful photographs.

If I am asked to continue to edit the magazine, I would like to ask you if we can have the two centre pages in colour, as well as the front and back. Also I would like to make 12 pages (as we do for the December edition now) the standard, dropping to 8 pages if I am short of material.

This would mean a price increase per copy from \$1.50 to \$2. Please think about it and let us know at the forthcoming EC Meeting and AGM if you would approve.

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# Aonaibh ri Cheile The Back Page



Photo: Editor

The wonderful helpers at the Paeroa Highland Games  
Rex (seated), Patricia, Elaine, Dave and John, all Camerons



Committee members of the Auckland Branch meet Florence  
Cameron from Fort William for lunch in Devonport. Photo: Ed



Bruce Cameron teaches actor and comedian Pio the pipes at the  
Turakina Games. Photo: Dean/Jo Cameron



Callum Cameron and Nick Cameron shown here  
celebrating wins in the Dunedin Street March with  
Callum's mother Heather. Photo: Nick Cameron



Jo Cameron with Pio at  
Turakina Photo: Dean Cameron



David Cameron, Pat Tarbotton, Rae Magson and Ngaire Power  
At the Riccarton Bush festival. Photo: Rae Magson

Manawatu Branch AGM at Mt. Lees Reserve



Photo: Dean Cameron

From left at back: Jo Cameron, Ewen Grant, Roz Grant, John Cameron,  
Barbara and Bryan Barber, Neal Gilchrist.  
In front: John Annabell, Sonia Cameron, Jessie Annabell, Russell Cameron



At the National Pipe Band Championships. Mike Topham, Jessie Annabell,  
Barbara Barber, Jo Cameron, John Cameron, Nick Cameron. Photo: Dean Cameron



Enjoying the barbecue after the Auckland Branch AGM at the Parnell Cricket  
Club. From left: Elaine Ebbett (Sec/Treas), Norman Cameron (Pres), Gill  
Cameron, Heather Cameron, and Angus Fletcher (Patron) Photo: Ed