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2009 Clan Cameron Gathering

Lochiel has advised that the 2009 Gathering will be held at Achnacarry from Thursday July 30 - Sunday August 2. There may be a large 'Homecoming' event in Edinburgh the weekend before. (The Scottish Executive has declared 2009 as the 'Year of the Homecoming' and many clans will be gathering.) We hope a large contingent from New Zealand will attend. President Denis is investigating group travel options.

(Some of the pictures above are from previous Achnacarry Gatherings)



The Oak, Plant Badge of the Clan

Hastings Highland Games

At Easter the Hawke's Bay members mounted a Clan Cameron display and held a membership recruitment drive.

The weather for the two days was superb and our tent stood beside those of Clan Johnston/e, Clan MacKenzie and Clan Ross. Our grateful thanks to Neil Cameron for lending us the display boards which were very colourful and proved a real draw card attracting many visitors. The two items which drew the most interest were one showing the Septs of Clan Cameron and another giving names, crests and tartans of most Highland Clans.

Shane, Helen and Mike were kept busy answering questions about Clan Cameron and signed up six new members. We also met four other Cameron families who committed to joining us in the near future. Several Clan Cameron members from other branches visited us, being:- Jean and Sarah McQueen, Auckland, Muriel and Michael Imber of Levin, and Malissa Nielson and family from Masterton. – Malissa's great grandfather "D.J." Cameron was a "Blenheim" immigrant.

Our thanks also to Les Hewett, N.Z. Commissioner for Clan Johnston/e for his assistance and encouragement. His enthusiasm as the Games Committee's Representative to the associated Clans is to be commended.

We will be holding a meeting in mid May to welcome new members to our local Chapter and look forward to hearing about their Cameron family history.

by Mike Topham

Gisborne News

Gisborne Branch held their Annual Meeting and luncheon on Friday 4th May at the Tatapouri Fishing Club.

David Cameron was confirmed for a further term as Branch President. David is a direct descendant of John Corrychoillie Cameron (B. 1781 D. 1856) known as "the Lochaber Drover." Four of Corrychoillie's sons emigrated to New Zealand between 1855 and 1860. William, Donald, Robert and Ewen. David is married to Ann and they are proud parents of William age 3. David is at present studying a Bachelor of Design and Visual Arts (Maori) degree at the Tairāwhiti Polytechnic, Gisborne.

We also welcomed a new member to the branch Mrs June Maynard Cameron.

Did you know that all sixteen members of Gisborne Branch are descendants or spouses of descendants of John Cameron of Corrychoillie, Lochaber? In addition Bay of Plenty members- Fraser Cameron, Helen Renner, Patti Howarth and June Wood of Timaru and Donald MacKay of Auckland are also part of the Corrychoillie family. These members are proud of the fact that another of Corrychoillie's sons, Patrick Cameron (1846-1915) attended the Clarendon Hotel, Edinburgh on 27th day of April 1889 and chaired the inaugural meeting convened to establish the Clan Cameron Society in Scotland.

by Mike Topham



Top: The Neilsen family of Masterton showed great interest in the Cameron display at the Hawkes Bay Highland Games. From left Malissa, Kristopher (14), Lochiel (4), Hunter (9) and Garry

Below: Clan Cameron members Helen Shaw, Jean McQueen and Shane East pose in front of the Cameron cabana.

photos by Shane East / Helen Shaw



Congratulations

To Auckland member Jean McQueen (pictured above) on being capped as a Master of Nursing with First Class Honours at a Massey University Graduation Ceremony in Takapuna on April 20th.

This was the culmination of five years hard study and dedication which had to be fitted around her day nursing job, mothering three energetic children, and supporting husband Duncan in Saint Kentigern College extracurricular activities.

The McQueen family have been heavily involved with Clan Cameron events. For example, at the forthcoming Auckland Branch Dinner, Duncan will be MC, Andrew (16) will pipe in the Haggis, Matthew (14) will be a sword bearer and do a drumming exhibition, and Sarah (11) will dance the Fling and Sword Dance. Jean, as usual, will be in the background making sure things run smoothly.

N.C.

Welcome to the following Members who have recently joined us:



Hawkes Bay Chapter

Audrey Melody
Elizabeth Walls
Brian and Racheal Daly
John Cameron Pryce
Phil and Lyndsay Cameron
David and Brenda Cameron

Bay of Plenty Branch

Robyn Cameron-Rahl and Hamish Rahl

Manawatu Branch

Christine and Forbes Cameron
Hilary Stout

Canterbury Branch

Janie Catherine Hall. (Nelson)
Marlene Lucas (Blenheim)
Hilary Gill (Blenheim)
Heughan Cameron (Blenheim)

Auckland Branch

Adrian and Pauline Clarke
Chris Lines
Linda Garland
Gail Alley
Neal Andrew Cameron Bonnick

Gisborne Branch

June Maynard Cameron

Auckland News

Bryan Haggitt, who has recently joined the Auckland branch committee as treasurer, has been rewarded for his outstanding work for the Parnell Cricket Club in Auckland.

At the recent Auckland Cricket Association prize-giving, Bryan was presented with the Carson Cup. The trophy, named for Bill Carson, the New Zealand cricketer and All Black just before the Second World War, is a highly-prized award to anyone, often not in the public eye, who has given long and loyal service to the game.

Hillary Hakaraia has stepped down as Auckland treasurer but remains a valued member of the committee.

by Don Cameron



Auckland members Ruth Cameron, Valmar Cameron, Peg Emery, Donald Cameron, Dave Bower, Diana Cameron and Neil Cameron with Joy Cameron after attending a performance of 'Scotland the Brave' in the Aotea Centre.

Photo by: Denis Cameron

Manawatu News

A pleasant evening was held at the home of Harry and Mary Lampen-Smith on Sunday 20th May to farewell our First Lighter, Kimberley Walker. Forty people enjoyed a sumptuous dinner, and were entertained with a bracket of songs by Fran Barber, piping by Bruce Cameron, and a power point presentation by Kimberley. She enlarged on her Cameron heritage and showed a little of the aspects of New Zealand life that she will show in Scotland.

Kimberley leaves for Scotland on June 2nd, stops over in Hong Kong, then travels to London and Glasgow where she will be met by Margaret and Shona Cameron. At first Kimberley will be spending a few days looking around and at the Museum at Achnacarry. Later she will be at the Snowgoose Mountain Centre working on a database, then at Lochaber College.

by Mary Barber

Papal Award to Harry and Mary Lampen-Smith

Congratulations to Harry and Mary who, on 15th April, received a Papal Award from Pope Benedict. The Pro Ecclesia et Pontificae Award was awarded to both for their services to the Catholic Church in New Zealand. The Certificates and Medals were presented by the Papal Nuncio, assisted by Bishop Cullinane, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.



Denis Cameron beside the Cameron Standing Stone in Glen Innes NSW.

Photo by: Joy Cameron

Celtic Celebrations in Australia

President Denis attended the Celtic Festival at Glen Innes, Northern NSW, From 4-6 May. This included a 'Ceremony of Recognition' held in the Circle of Stones in which Dr. Robert Cameron was brought forward and formally recognised as Lochiel's Commissioner in Australia.

Denis will write about his visit, the ceremony and the significance of the Circle of Stones in the next newsletter.

A message from our President



Dear Clan Cameron Members,

The 42nd Annual General Meeting and Clan Gathering held in Christchurch has come and gone. On behalf of the Clan Members I would like to thank Alex and his wonderful committee for all the work they did to ensure that we enjoyed ourselves to the maximum.

From the Executive Council Meeting, held on the Friday night, where a good turn out of Branch representatives were present, this was the start of a wonderful and fulfilling weekend with plenty of happenings to keep us all on our toes. The AGM started at 9.30am in the Hornby Workingmen's Club in warm conditions. The meeting went very smoothly.

The 2006 Branch membership totalled 406. Auckland, 114, Bay of Plenty, 99, Gisborne, 10, Wanganui, 27, Manawatu, 50, Wellington-Wairarapa, 60 and Canterbury with 46.

The Branch Reports were very interesting with plenty of variety of social events being held throughout the year. The Convenors Group Reports were well received. Everybody appears to be well organised within their groups. I was very happy to be present with most of the branches and I look forward to being able to visit the Gisborne Branch and the Hawkes Bay Chapter in the future.

We were delighted to have our First Light Exchangee, Kimberley Walker present and to wish her well for her trip to Lochaber, the ancient homeland of the Camerons.

Next year, 2008, the Bay of Plenty and Gisborne Branches will combine to hold the AGM and Clan Gathering in Opotiki. Already Fraser Cameron has been hard at work over the Christmas period to make sure that the venue will be a viable option. From his figures everything appears to be dove-tailing very well with the accommodation, venues and various food arrangements looking good.

The current officers were re-elected, which is very gratifying and I would like to thank the delegates for their confidence in electing me for another term. I have certainly enjoyed being at the helm of Clan Cameron and I can assure you that without the loyal support of the Executive Council and the members of the various branches, I would not have had such a smooth role. I thank one and all for your help and support during the year. It was much appreciated.

We are offering the Wanganui – Taranaki Branch the opportunity to host the Annual Gathering in 2009, with the South Island due again in 2010.

Lester Clarke, a piper since 1944, presented a very well researched and enthusiastic History of the Great Highland Bagpipes. Lester gave a lively talk about the component parts and its development over time, ably supported by Barry Shaw, Pipe Tutor for St Andrew's College Pipe Band. We were delighted when Lester told us that he had composed a 6/8 March, "Clan Cameron NZ March", based on the name Clan Cameron. On the Clan Cameron New Zealand Website, Warren has converted the new tune to another format, so it plays in the background when our website is opened.

After a magnificent lunch, we settled down to an interesting lecture on spinning and weaving by Nan Berry from the Wigram weavers. We made a leisurely drive out to Kaiapoi to visit a Whisky Distillery, where we had afternoon tea. We came away learning about different mixes, free tasting and new recipes, using a variety of spirits for preserving fruit along with sugar. Afterwards you could then use the preserving mixture as a liqueur. This sounds much better than the usual method of boiling water.

That night at the Workingmen's Club, we were treated to many courses of good food at the Clan Dinner, plenty of fun and laughter and a very spirited auction ably performed by Alex Cameron.

On Sunday morning, some delegates went to a Church Service at Hornby Presbyterian Church, while others made use of the fine weather to see places of interest in and around Christchurch. A great time was had by all.

"We came away with fond memories of our visit to Christchurch"

On behalf of all of the delegates from Balclutha to Auckland and all parts in between, I would like to say how much the Canterbury members went out of their way to make us feel so welcome. We came away with fond memories of our visit to Christchurch. Thanks Canterbury.

Thank you Joy, for your support during the past year; this too was much appreciated.

"Leis gach deagh dhurachd and Slainte mhath"

[With every good wish and good health]

Denis Cameron



Lester Clarke plays the 'Clan Cameron New Zealand March' on the Small Pipes. Barry Shaw in background. Photo: Neil Cameron



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Coming events

Sunday 17 June 2pm

Bay of Plenty Branch AGM. Committee Meeting will follow. At 8 Kokomo Key, Papamoa.
Enquiries to Denis Cameron 07 575 4659

Sunday 1 July 10am

'Kirkin o' the Tartan'. St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Symonds Street. Organised by the Auckland Scottish Clans Assn. All very welcome Enquiries to Murdoch McDonald. 09 298 4802

Saturday August 18 7.30pm

Auckland Branch Annual Dinner at Romfords, Tamaki Drive. An evening of good food, good company and a celebration of our Scottish Heritage. Cost: \$50 per person.
Enquiries to Neil Cameron 09 446 1177

Saturday 27 October 10.30am

Executive Council Meeting at Turangi. Morning Tea at 10.30 with meeting starting at 11am. Further details will be advised at a later date.

Useful Websites

Clan Cameron New Zealand website
<http://camclan.orcon.net.nz/>

Clan Cameron Online
<http://www.clan-cameron.org/>

Clan Cameron Scotland
<http://www.clanccameron.org.uk>

Clan Cameron Australia
<http://www.clan-cameron.org.au>

Lochaber Life
<http://www.lochaberinternet.co.uk/life/>

Fort William Online
<http://www.visit-fortwilliam.co.uk/>

Clan Cameron DNA project
<http://www.clan-cameron.org/dna/>

Australian Celtic Festival
<http://www.australiancelticfestival.com/>

A Great Site showing Images of Lochaber by J.A.Cameron (includes archive if old postcards)
[Http://mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/FortWilliam](http://mysite.wanadoo-members.co.uk/FortWilliam)

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2007 AGM and Gathering

The Camerons of Canterbury came up with a fine recipe for an annual meeting -- base it on a superb headquarters and have Alex Cameron lead the workers.

The Clan Cameron of New Zealand annual meeting was staged in mid-April at the Hornby Workingmen's Club, long-established and with outstanding facilities on the southern fringe of Christchurch.

The CCNZ annual meeting had one room for the executive room, another for the annual meeting, yet another for lunch, and then a comfortable separate room for the dinner.

Alex Cameron and his able lieutenant Nick Cameron were in top form at the dinner -- Nick, a fine piper, led in the haggis and Alex gave the address, superintended the dinner and ran the auction in lively, if sometimes unorthodox, style.

There was one, minor glitch in the first-floor dinner which even Alex could not have foreseen or removed. At the time of the dinner in Christchurch the Blues rugby team was playing the Sharks at North Harbour stadium. The television screen was in the ground floor bar, where, incidentally, large glasses of very good Speights could be purchased for a trifling sum.

One of the kilted visitors (thinly disguised as this correspondent) was from Blues country, and so at various times visited the screen, and the beer-tap in the bar.

The local people in the bar were un-fussed at the sight of this stray Aucklander in his highland kit, they were as sympathetic about the Blues' loss as Canterbury folk could be, and even tried to pay for the Speights.

Southern hospitality, especially Alex Cameron-style, is hard to beat.

By Don Cameron



Reunion Time.

Two 1960 All Blacks, Hugh Burry (left) and Denis Cameron, are reunited at the AGM. Hugh, a loose forward, and Denis, a wing, toured South Africa with the 1960 All Blacks. Hugh's second name is Cameron and he is a member of the Canterbury Branch of Clan Cameron NZ

Photo & Text:: Don Cameron



'Spinning a Good Yarn'

Alex learning the art from Nan Berry

Photo by: Don Cameron



Alex and son Ewen Cameron conducting the entertaining auction. Visible under Alex's arm are Isabel and Colin Cameron from Balclutha.

Photo by: Neil Cameron



Heather Lowes and Joy Cameron enjoying the visit to the Distillery

Photo by: Alex Cameron



A Cameron Wedding overseas

Anthony Peter Cameron, Staff Sergeant in the Royal Logistic Corps, and 3 Commando Brigade, British Army, formerly of Auckland, son of Clan Cameron member Helen Harris and stepson of John Harris of Albany, Auckland, married Shannon Victoria Cowie of Worcester Park, Surrey.

The wedding was celebrated at the Royal Logistic Corps Church at Deepcut, Surrey, UK, on 1st September 2006. The piper is from the Queens Ghurkha Logistic Regt.

Anthony and Shannon now reside in Mt. Maunganui.

by Helen Harris

CLAN CAMERON NZ MARCH

March

Lester Clarke 14/4/07 for the National AGM



Lester composed this 6/8 March based on the name Clan Cameron. Firstly, the letters which are musical notes are located on the staff in the same positions as the name. viz; The A in Clan must be the third note and the A in Cameron the sixth. Secondly, the notes for the other letters must be notes other than A or C. In this case: B, D, F and G. Lester calls this Personalised Piping.

Copies of the music in bagpiper writer programme (.bww) may be obtained from Nick Cameron or the editor.

From First Lighter David Cameron (now in Australia)

"Things are really good here, I am now in Melbourne after four months in Sydney. When I first arrived I stayed with Sue Catteral (vice president NSW) and her family which was great. I also went to their apartment on the Gold Coast with them for Christmas, which was lovely.

I also went to Tasmania for two weeks with a friend that I met, then I found my own apartment in the City of Sydney and a job working for Westpac bank selling insurance, though it was a very hard job!

I will stay in Melbourne for a couple of months then travel some more before heading to New Zealand and looking forward to seeing you all again! I loved it when I was there three years ago, you were all very kind to me and looked after me so much! It was one of the best things I have ever done.

Kia Ora, David" (21 May)

We look forward to seeing David again.

2009 - The Year of the Homecoming International Gathering of the Clans

The Scottish Executive has chosen 2009 as the Year of the Homecoming and a major international Clan Gathering is being planned to support this exciting initiative.

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 dates are **25th and 26th July 2009** and the venue is Holyrood Park, Edinburgh.

This year will be dedicated to planning and creating awareness of the event, and more importantly, developing special Gathering tour packages, which will be made available in 2008. A dedicated website will be operating very soon - details in next newsletter.

details from Clan Cameron Australia website



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Cameron people



Clockwise from top left:

1. In the Cameron cabana at the Hawkes Bay Highland Games, Mike Topham checks Malissa Neilsen's family data from the Cameron Shipping List.
2. Ngaire Power, Rae Magson and John Atkinson enjoy a cup of tea before the AGM.
3. Alex Cameron talks to Mary Barber and this year's First Lighter, Kimberley Walker.
4. Camerons pose for a group photograph after the AGM in Christchurch.

Photos by Shane East / Helen Shaw and Neil Cameron

