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**with Kim in Lochaber ---**



From left: Kim with First Lighters Shona and Bill on a six hour cycle ride round the shores of Loch Eil, taking part in a charity fashion show at Lochaber College in aid of Highland Hospice, and with Bill on the summit of Ben Nevis on a lovely clear day.



## Letter from Kim in Lochaber

Hi everyone!

I can't believe it is already July. Time is flying by.

I'm up in Fort William at the moment and cannot get over how beautiful it is around here. I'm also surprised how similar it looks to the South Island back home!

I have been staying with Margaret Cameron (Shona's mother) for the last few weeks, and am now staying with Florence Cameron (David's mother). They have both been so kind to me.

I spent a week working at the Clan Cameron Museum at Achnacarry, which was really interesting. While I was there I had the chance to meet Lochiel and have a look around Achnacarry Castle, which was great.

I have also spent the last two weeks working at the Snowgoose Mountain Centre, which is an outdoor adventure centre near Fort William. While I was there I had a chance to participate in a kayaking course, ( and fall in the loch!) and watch a sailing and running competition called the 3 Peaks Race which was a lot of fun.

I had the chance to attend one of the Scotland Clan Cameron meetings in Glasgow, and met the President Alan Cameron and his wife Elizabeth from Aberdeen. I have also met Bill Cameron, Astie Cameron and Angus Cameron recently. They are all so lovely and I'm looking forward to meeting with Bill later this week.

I have been extremely lucky in being involved in a range of activities. I had the chance to attend a ceilidh in Urquhart Castle, up in Inverness, and a ceilidh in Glasgow which was fun.

I was also involved in a Charity Fashion Show for the Hospice Foundation.

I have had the opportunity to have a good look around the area and am planning on going to the Island of Skye this weekend.

Everyone has been so helpful and welcoming! I'm looking forward to seeing you all when I return and sharing my stories.

Will be in touch again soon.

*Regards, Kim*

## First Light changes in Lochaber

**Margaret Cameron - an appreciation** *-by Bill Cameron*

Back in 1998, Maisie Earle came back to her childhood home in Lochaber with the idea of setting up a youth exchange programme between young Camerons in New Zealand and Scotland. A chance meeting at Lochaber College led Maisie to Margaret Cameron, who, since 1998, has been the co-ordinator of the First Light exchange here in Lochaber.

Since Astie Cameron (the first, First Lighter) went over to New Zealand in 2000, Margaret has been the driving-force behind all subsequent exchanges - right up to the present day with Kim's current stay here in Lochaber.

Throughout the past nine years, Margaret has quietly worked away behind the scenes making all the necessary arrangements that have made every exchange a success. On top of organising employment, accommodation and entertainment for young Camerons coming over to Lochaber from New Zealand; Margaret has been invaluable in providing the use of facilities at Lochaber College for First Light fund raising activities, which in turn, has enabled four young Camerons from Lochaber to go over to New Zealand.

On behalf of all seven First Lighters, I would like to thank Margaret for all the hard work she has put in to the First Light exchange - above and beyond the call of duty. After nine years, Margaret has decided to step down as First Light co-ordinator. Astie has kindly offered to take on the position.

## Achnacarry Heirlooms for Sale

*The following is from the Press and Journal of 23 June 2007.*

A walnut carving showing a group of fighting stags and a Victorian regimental firescreen of the Cameron Highlanders are among the items from Achnacarry House which will be sold next week to raise money for the ongoing restoration of the former Commando training base.

The house near Spean Bridge in Lochaber is the seat of the Clan Cameron and is currently occupied by clan chief Donald Cameron of Lochiel. The building was burnt to the ground in 1746 following the Jacobite defeat at Culloden. But the Camerons, who were staunch Jacobite supporters, built a new house on the site in the early part of the 19th century under Donald Cameron, the 22nd Chief, as a Scottish Baronial style mansion, which was visited by Queen Victoria in 1873.

During World War 2, Achnacarry and the surrounding wild terrain was used to train the first Commando units in their deadly skills. As many as 25,000 British, Irish, French, American, Dutch and Norwegian soldiers underwent basic training there, earning the house the nickname "Castle Commando."

The regimental firescreen which will be up for auction is valued at £1,000, while the fighting stags are valued at between £600 to £800. Cameron of Lochiel said:

"Achnacarry has been the ancestral home of the chiefs of Clan Cameron since the 17th century and has a long and colourful history. We have selected certain items from the house that are not essential to the character of the house or the clan's history. The funds we will raise from the sale will go towards restoring certain parts of the castle."

*-and from the same paper of 30th June 2007:*

Around £20,000 has been raised following an auction of various heirlooms from Achnacarry House.

A walnut carving of a group of fighting stags was the top lot, which went for £5,000, five times more than expected. A Victorian regimental firescreen of the Cameron Highlanders went for £700, a library bookcase sold for £1,700 and a library table for £2,200.



*Photo by Bill Cameron*

*Margaret with Kim, Angus Cameron, Bill and Astie outside Lochaber College*

*Angus Cameron is from Banavie, went to school with Maisie, and is very knowledgeable about Cameron history and Lochaber of old.*

## Gisborne Report

by Mike Topham

### A Brief History of Gisborne Branch.

The first Gisborne gathering was at the residence of Don and Marion Lewes on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 1986 to host Sir Donald and Lady Margaret Cameron of Lochiel, the 26<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Cameron, during their New Zealand visit. An invitation was extended to all local Cameron's to attend.

The Gisborne Chapter was founded on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1987 and at that inaugural meeting Alec Cameron was appointed Branch President.

#### Subsequent Presidents:

Edgar White	1988 – 1992
John Cameron	1992 – 2004
Vivienne McConnell	2004 – 2006
David Cameron	April 2006 -

### Branch Highlights

1989 Gisborne Membership was forty families.

1992 Gisborne hosted the A.G.M. of Clan Cameron NZ.

2000 Gisborne again hosted the A.G.M. of Clan Cameron NZ.

Our founding members who still support the local Clan are: \_

Alec and Rachel Cameron

Vivienne and Bob McConnell

Theresa Willock

Seton and Pauline Clare

In the June Newsletter we reported that all our members were descendants of John Cameron of Corrychoillie. We now extend a warm welcome to Allan Cameron who has re-established his links with Gisborne Branch. Allan descends from Daniel Cameron who emigrated from Edinburgh in the 1860's and settled in the Wairarapa.

## Manawatu News

The highlight this month is the completion of the Manawatu Clan banner. A beautiful job was done by the embroiderer Robyn Parkinson, organised by Elizabeth Shearer. It is a banner to be proud of (*see picture on back page*).

Our First Lighter Kim Walker has been very involved with the community in Lochaber, and is thoroughly enjoying her stay in Scotland. Among all the activities, she was asked to model in a fashion show in Fort William, taken part in a kayaking trip, and attend some ceilidhs. Also she has just found out that she has completed her Masters of Business Entrepreneurship with good marks.

We are supporting the Manawatu Scottish Pipe Band, the Clan Band, who are preparing to travel to Scotland to compete in Glasgow. We wish them good luck in their quest.

By Mary Barber

## Congratulations

-to **Charlotte Ferguson**, grand daughter of BOP members Helen and Phil Renner. Charlotte, who is completing a four year course in Textile & Design at Massey in Wellington, recently entered a "Puma" competition to redesign a Samoan rugby jersey which then could become a supporters jersey. Her entry was judged the top design from New Zealand and will go to the international judging in France..

NZ Fashion designer Adrian Hailwood, who judged all the entries, said " -the winner stands apart because of all the separate elements of rugby and Samoan culture working together. It is visually beautiful, shows traditional techniques and tattooing, is very well made, functional, and retains a commercial feel." He feels the design will have a real fighting chance at the international competition as well.

The international competition will take place in September / October this year.

See picture of Charlotte on the back page.

## Bay of Plenty AGM

The AGM at the home of Denis and Joy Cameron on 17 June went off very well with 20 members in attendance and 31 apologies. Fraser is still in command and we have a new secretary Mrs Patricia Cameron of Pukihina



Photo by Denis Cameron

**Back:** Harold Cameron, Morag Currie, Harvey Currie, Alan Strange, Marion Strange, Janet Crafts, Helen Renner, Logan Cameron, Phil Renner, Audrey Cameron, Patricia Cameron, Hazel Cameron, Joan Quinlan.  
**Front:** Gordon Cameron, Rex Cameron, Fraser Cameron, Joy Cameron, Lindsay Cameron. (absent from photo: Karen Carmichael and Denis)

## Achnacarry Gathering 2009

It is suggested that we travel to Scotland as a group, taking advantage of group travel discounts. To this end Denis is investigating various options.

The favoured proposal is that we leave together, be in Edinburgh for the 'Homecoming Scotland' events on July 25/26, visit places of Cameron interest such as Culloden, and then take part in the Achnacarry Gathering on July 30 - August 2. The group could then split up for private visits and have an open return ticket.

To be in a favourable negotiating position, we will need some ideas of the number of Camerons who would participate. If you are considering the trip, please register your interest with Denis now. We will keep you informed of progress and Denis would welcome your input.

## *A message from our President*



### Dear Clan Cameron Members, Celebrating Tartan Day

The International Day of the Tartan was proclaimed as 1 July in an initiative by the Tartan Museum in Comrie, Perthshire. The idea caught on in Australia and New Zealand, and Tartan Day has been enthusiastically celebrated on 1 July in these countries since the early 1980's. The

date is significant because it corresponds with the Repeal Proclamation, passed by the Westminster Parliament in 1782. This repealed the Act of Proscription that had been imposed on the Scottish Highlands in 1747 making it an offence to wear the kilt and play the bagpipes publicly throughout Scotland [Sydney Scottish Heritage Week '05]

The real aim of the Act of Proscription was to undermine social cohesion in Scotland, but it seems to have had the reverse effect. Tartan Day is a reminder of the power of Scotland's national identity and is celebrated on various dates throughout the world

We are delighted to inform that the Celtic Council of Australia has honoured the President of NSW Clan Cameron Branch, Valerie Smith at their Annual Awards Dinner, last November. She received the award Duine Uasal which in the Irish Gaelic translates as Respected Man / Person. The award of Duine Uasal [Post Nominal – D Ua] is awarded to persons who have given honourable service to a single Celtic community or on a particular occasion or when the Celtic Council of Australia wishes to honour. [The Scottish Banner – Feb 2007]

Valerie, please accept from the Clan Cameron, New Zealand our sincere congratulations for a well deserved award.

Clan Cameron through its support for the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, Sydney Society for Scottish History and other Scottish organisations was also present during the formation of The Celtic Council which was formed in March 1982, at a public meeting in Sydney of representatives of five of the six Celtic Communities in NSW. The Celtic Council has worked towards establishing a Chair of Celtic Studies at the University of Sydney endowed by the Celtic Council. Finally, with the support of Lady Mary Fairfax AM, OBE and his Honour, Mr Justice Barry O'Keefe AM QC it is now to be established.

As Lord Norman announced, the International Clan Gathering is to be held at Holyrood Park, Edinburgh on 25 & 26 July 2009, which is shortly before our planned Clan Gathering at Achnacarry, so this could be something to think about when we plan our 'tour' to Scotland. There can be no greater affinity than that of clan members and a major International Clan Cameron Gathering being planned, to support this exciting initiative. The International Gathering is being hosted

**“We invite you all to come with us”**

by the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and it is hoped that other clan associations will attend.

**Remember:** The International Gathering of Clan Cameron at

Achnacarry; Thursday 30th July to Sunday 2nd August, 2009. We invite you all to come with us and let's show them just how we can support our Chief – Lochiel in great numbers. I need your support, so please do consider this offer and start saving your dollars for the trip.

We are back from our sojourn to Glen Innes and the Australian Standing Stones, tired, but elated that we flew over to be part of the 16th Celtic Festival. The Cameron's were wonderful to us, in fact, the whole community could not have done anything more to make us feel so very welcome and we have come home with new friends with whom we will keep in touch.

“Leis gach deagh dhurachd and Slainte mhath”

[With every good wish and good health]

**Denis Cameron**

## *The Scots in New Zealand*

### Exhibition at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, 2007

The exhibition *The Scots in New Zealand* will open at Te Papa in August 2007, and will feature the Scottish community in New Zealand. Many New Zealanders can claim some degree of Scottish ancestry, and there is much evidence of pride in this fact throughout New Zealand. *The Scots in New Zealand* will be the fifth community exhibition to be staged in the Community Gallery of Te Papa (on level 4) and will open on **18 August 2007**. The exhibition has a proposed duration of approximately 2.5 years, closing early in 2010. The Community Gallery explores the experiences of different ethnic groups in New Zealand and provides a forum in which these communities can tell their own stories.

*The Scots in New Zealand* is being developed in partnership with the Scottish Community Advisory Group. Many other people and organisations around New Zealand are assisting with information and lending their treasured objects for display.

This exhibition is primarily focused on New Zealand rather than Scottish history. The Scots were one of the major immigrant groups in New Zealand. Their settlement over time has become widespread and pervasive, and is now thoroughly integrated into New Zealand life.

The overarching theme of the exhibition is the contributions Scots have made to New Zealand history, society and culture. There are three main themes to the exhibition: migrations and settlement (including case studies on the Scottish settlements of Waipu, Turakina and Otago); contributions made by the Scots (e.g. education, science, civic responsibility, business, engineering, architecture); and expressions of identity (e.g. clans, art, sport, music, dress).

Through this exhibition Te Papa hopes to show visitors that Scottish culture is a pervasive influence in contemporary New Zealand culture. The achievements of Scottish New Zealanders will be celebrated.

If you would like to know more about the exhibition, Te Papa's Community Relations Manager, Sue Superville, will be happy to answer any inquiries.

Contact Sue by Email on [susans@tepapa.govt.nz](mailto:susans@tepapa.govt.nz), fax: 64 4 381 7170, or phone on 64 4 381 7281.



*Aonaibh ri Cheile*

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## Coming events

**Saturday 18 August 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 15 September**  
**Hawkes Bay** members will be holding a Luncheon.  
NZ President Denis and his wife Joy will be attending  
**Please be sure to note in your diaries now.** Venue  
and details to be advised in August

**Saturday 6 October**  
The combined **BOP - Waikato** Combined Clans  
Gathering is to be held at the Matamata Primary  
School, Broadway, Matamata. The host Clan will be  
Clan Stewart and the host is Ian Stewart of Tokoroa.  
Clans to assemble at 10.30 at the school's hall for the  
clan march. Invitations will be sent out about the end  
of August. Enquiries to Denis Cameron 07 575 4659

**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.

**13 / 14 May 2008**  
**Clan Cameron AGM and Gathering.** Opotiki.  
Further details later.

### 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.clancameron.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/>

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

**Homecoming Scotland Gathering 2009**  
(for programme updates and information)  
[www.thegathering2009.com](http://www.thegathering2009.com)

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# The Australian Standing Stones

## Glen Innes: The Home of the Australian Standing Stones

We arrived in Australia on the Sunday 29 April, the day after we spent a lovely afternoon listening to the 'Scotland the Brave Concert' with members of the Auckland Branch. For the next two days, we spent time looking around Sydney and took a ferry trip on Sydney Harbour. This certainly gave us an insight of just how big and picturesque the harbour looked. Apparently the Auckland Harbour is far-larger than the Sydney Harbour.

Tuesday morning, we picked up our rental car and made our way towards Penrith. We took time looking at the Penrith White-water Stadium, venue of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games for the canoe slalom events. It has 320 metres of solid grade 3 water designed to test the skills of the best paddlers in the world ... and when you reach the bottom of the course, all you have to do is paddle over to the conveyor and catch a ride back to the top again ... not bad hey! Operating at normal capacity, enough water flows through the pumps to fill a 50 metre Olympic pool in just 55.7 seconds.

Wednesday, we took a leisurely trip to the town of Leura, where we met up with Dr Bob and Bet Cameron and stayed the night with them in their 100 year old home. What a lovely town, the autumn leaves were turning rich brown and yellow colours. Bob and Bet were tremendous hosts and the following day we started our trip to Glen Innes via Tamworth where we stayed the night. Friday morning, we took off for Glen Innes where we were guests of the Glen Innes Council for morning tea with the Mayor, followed by lunch with the Deputy Mayor. The Town Crier, resplendent in the Glen Innes tartan even called us forward to be introduced as visitors from New Zealand.

The festival's main venue, is the Australian Standing Stones, an array of granite monoliths like those around which the ancient Celts danced. The four day festival provided non stop entertainment including the street parade, spectacular ceremonial roles performed by re-enactment groups; the Spanish 9th Roman Legion, the 42nd Royal Highland Regiment, Celtic strongmen events, Kirking of the Tartan, massed bands, children's entertainment, dancing, flag raising ceremonies, poets' breakfast, dog trials, market stalls, fun run and Celtic foods.

Glen Innes has a population of 7000 and I think the whole town was involved with the Celtic Festival. This was the Year of the Scots and the Special Guest was Paul Anderson, Fiddler Extraordinaire from Scotland. The guest pipe band was the Southern Scenic Waimatuku Pipe Band [NZ] who brought with them members of the Tautapere Highland Dancers [pop 600]. What a team they were and certainly put New Zealand on the map with their high quality music and dancing. It was great to be a New Zealander.

Saturday morning, Joy and I were up bright and early to hear the Solo Piper and Dawn Service on Tynwald Hill. To rise at dawn and listen to the eerie skirl of pipes in the brisk autumn morn is an experience not to be missed.

Usually, there would have been mist surrounding the area, but that morning, the region was bathed in moonlight. As the Lone Piper retreats the haunting tune "In Christ Alone" to

herald the start of the 16th Australian Celtic Festival. The flags of the Celtic nations were raised, a welcome offered, guns fired and a brief history of the Stones explained to the hundreds of hardy soles who were present.

It was hard not to think that one was in Orkney, where we could see the outline of these massive granite stones – almost ghost-like – looking magical – and then as the semi darkness began to lift, the Stones began to show their true form with the rising of the sun. What an unbelievable sight.

I can imagine, just how my ancestors in the Shetland Islands must have felt, as the longboats of the Vikings invaders began to materialise through the mist and then they fell among the Islanders with gusto.

The Australian Standing Stones comprise of 40 granite monoliths. Of these, there is a circle of 24 stones representing 24 hours of the day, three central stones, four cardinal stones marking true north, east, south and west and seven stones marking summer and winter solstices, the longest and shortest days of the year.

The Australian Standing Stones are the official National Monument to Australia's Celtic pioneers and venue for the annual Australian Celtic Festival. The ancient Celts, raised stones as calendars to mark the seasons – when to sow, when to harvest – and they later developed religious significance. Strange myths and legends surround the stones in Europe and while no such claims are made for the Australian Standing Stones, some visitors have felt a powerful spiritual influence as they walked through the array. The Stones were erected by the dedicated citizens of Glen Innes and were inspired by the Rings of Brodgar in Scotland's Orkneys.

The erection, for the Australian Standing Stones in Glen Innes, has been undertaken in recognition of the contribution made by the peoples, with Celtic origin in Australia over the last 200 years. The site is to serve cultural gathering places for people from the Celtic Communities; the Irish, Welsh, Scottish, Cornish, Manx and Bretons. As such, this array has major historic significance. It is also appropriate to acknowledge the Ngoorabul people, as the traditional guardians of this land.

Standing Stones in circles or in other configurations are part of the landscape in all Celtic countries past and present.



*Photo by Denis Cameron*

The Celts may not have built them all, but in their shadows the ceremonies of Europe's first pastoral people were



held millennia before Christ, up to recent times, and now here in Glen Innes. The Stones stand to mark the sacred places of Celtic people and are used as focal points for ceremonial meetings and national gatherings.

At Glen Innes, Guardians are appointed and charged with protecting the site, both physically and culturally. The Guardians are asked to renew their commitment to the site as Special Celtic Place of Celebration each year, as part of the Australian Celtic Festival by taking part in The Guardians of the Standing Stones Ceremony. The Guardians are leaders from various Celtic societies and people recognised for their responsibility to the Glen Innes community; who are willing to promise they will do their utmost to preserve, both the physical stones as a National Monument to Celtic Australians and to the spirit of Celticity which dwells here.

New Guardians are appointed from time to time; the Ceremony is brief, but is meant to demonstrate that each Guardian is charged with personal responsibility. Guardians are robed and parade from the Gorsedd Stone into the inner circle of the Standing Stones where they form around the Chief and Deputy Chief Guardian [The Mayor and Chairman of the Celtic Council of Australia] We offer our congratulations to Mrs Valerie Smith, President of NSW Clan Cameron who was made one of the New Guardians.

Saturday night, Joy and I were present at the Scottish Australian Heritage Festival Dinner and were entertained with a very enlightening speech given by Dr Bob Cameron on his family tree.

On Sunday afternoon, all activities ceased for the Kirking of the Tartan and Celtic Blessing, followed by the Parade of the Tartan. The recently appointed Clan Cameron Commissioner in Australia, Dr Robert Cameron, was brought forward and formally recognised as Lochiel's Commissioner for Australia. This was very impressive and we were delighted to be able to be present to see Dr Bob being recognised, and then being presented with an acknowledgement from the Celtic Council of Australia for his work on genealogy. A wonderful achievement and well deserved.

The next morning, being Monday, we said our sad farewells to the Cameron's of Australia, who had made us feel so very welcome and went out of their way to make us part of them. Our sincere thanks to you all.

From Glen Innes, we made our way south along the coast passing through Coffs Harbour to the Great Lakes Region of Forster and Tuncurry, the Pacific Palms Resort where we stayed for 6 days.

We left Pacific Palms to fly out from Sydney and back to New Zealand. We had a wonderful 2 weeks, meeting plenty of wonderful people and had travelled 3000 kilometres by car on our trip and are now back for a rest and catch up.

*by Denis Cameron*

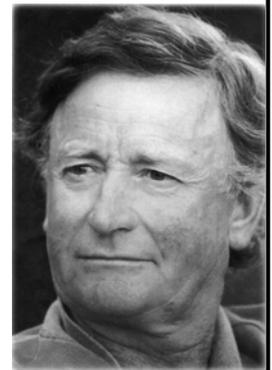
**First Lighter Bill** has finished his studies at Aberdeen University and is now officially known as W. A. Cameron BA, MA(RCA), ID dip, PGDE. Also, as Bill says "with a heavy student overdraft". Bill will be teaching in Lochaber next year.

Watch out for Bill's article on the Cameron Memorial Statue in Fort William - featuring in the next newsletter.

## Vale

### Neil Cameron Francis Corballis

We were saddened to learn of Neil's death on 1 July 2007. He will be remembered by those who knew him as a wise, caring, fun loving man who will be greatly missed by us all. Our sympathy goes out to Gill and the family.



Neil was elected President of the Wanganui Branch of Clan Cameron in 1996 and served, with a break between 2000 and 2001, until late last year. Many Wanganui members have said how much they looked forward to the Clan dinners Neil organized. With his wide circle of friends, he was always able to produce a superb entertainment programme. Others remember his kindness, thoughtfulness and compassion. The present Wanganui President, Martin Brown, says he was a gentle man and he will miss his quiet wise words greatly.

A very moving memorial service was held to remember Neil in the chapel of Wanganui Collegiate School on 30 July. It is estimated that over 500 attended. Several speakers presented a picture of Neil's life and the qualities he had inherited from his Scottish (Cameron) and Irish (Corballis) forebears. They talked about his farm life, his sporting ability, particularly in tennis, cricket and hockey, his care for the environment, his love of hunting and fishing, his love of animals and conservation. They all mentioned his great sense of humour, the twinkle in his eye, and his infectious smile.

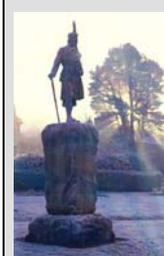
Neil was very proud of his Cameron and Corballis heritage and was very knowledgeable about his history and the pre European history of the land. He also established a great relationship with the local Maori Iwi. Visitors to Marangai were always welcome and Neil enjoyed showing them the Cameron Blockhouse which he had restored and is open to the public as a historic place

To see some of the many tributes to Neil visit the web site <[www.corballis.com/pp/neil](http://www.corballis.com/pp/neil)>

*N.C.*



Some of the 500 + who attended the service shown leaving the chapel



### 'The Chief Behind the Statue'

The Cameron Memorial in Fort William  
By William A Cameron

*"For almost a hundred years now, the kilted figure of a highland chief has --"*

Read this superb article in our next issue.



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## Cameron people



1. Harry and Mary Lampen-Smith wearing their Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice papal medals. (see last n/l) *NZ Catholic*
2. Hawkes Bay leader Shane East is thrilled that her lovely grand daughter, Megan Cameron Short, of Rotorua has the Cameron name. *Photo: Shane East*
3. Harold and Betty with their extended family on their Golden Wedding day in February. On Harold's left is his mother, Ethel, who was 98 years of age three days later. *Photo: Elizabeth Shearer*
4. Designer Charlotte Ferguson from the Bay of Plenty. (see page 3) *Photo: Helen Renner*
5. Auckland Kirkin O' the Tartan. Rev. Harry Morgan with banner bearer Brian Cameron. *Photo: Neil Cameron*
6. Betty and Harold cut their 50th Wedding Anniversary cake. *Photo: Elizabeth Shearer*
7. Joy and Colin Cameron with the new Manawatu Branch banner. *Photo: Elizabeth Shearer*

