



# THE SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN HERITAGE COUNCIL

Comhairle Dhualchais Albannach-Astràilianach

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### Scotland 2014: Year of Homecoming Commemorating Bannockburn, Celebrating Culture Independence Referendum



The Schiltron was a formation of several ranks of closely packed foot soldiers presenting a hedge of spear points, which was used to great effect against the English cavalry at Bannockburn in 1314. The Clanranald Trust presented several excellent re-enactments at Bannockburn 700 on 28 and 29 June 2014. Photo courtesy of Susan Cooke.

## Calendar of Events: December 2014 to May 2015

### December 2014

31 December Hogmanay (International)

### January 2015

Wed 1 January Maryborough Highland Gathering, Maryborough, Vic

Sun 25 January Robert Burns birthday (International)

Mon 26 January Australia Day Celtic Festival, Bradfield Park, NSW

**Sat 31 January \* Lachlan Macquarie Birthday dinner, Sydney, NSW**

\* Please consider arranging a group reservation – see the newsletter booking sheet.

### February 2015

**Mon 9 February SAHC AGM, Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts, Sydney, NSW**

Fri 13 - Sun 15 February National Multicultural Festival, Canberra, ACT

Sat 14 February Scots Day Out, Bendigo, Vic

Sun 15 February Mt Barker Highland Gathering, Mt Barker, SA

### March 2015

Sun 1 March Geelong Highland Gathering, Geelong, Vic

Sun 22 March Scots School Highland Gathering, Bathurst, NSW

Sun 29 March Ringwood Highland Games, Ringwood, Vic

### April 2015

Sat 11 April Bundanoon Highland Gathering, Bundanoon, NSW

Sat 25 April ANZAC Day, Scottish Act of Remembrance, Sydney, NSW

### May 2015

Thu 30 April - Sun 3 May Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, NSW

Sat 16 May World Whisky Day

Sat 23 May Berry Celtic Festival, Berry, NSW

Fri 29 – Sun 31 May Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival, Wingham, NSW

### June 2015

**Sat 27 June – Fri 3 July Scottish Heritage Week, Sydney, NSW**

**Includes the Grand Ceilidh, interesting talks, Kirk' o' the Tartan, Mosman Scottish Australian Cairn ceremony, National tartan day (1 July)**

Sat 27 – Sun 28 June Grand Australasian Highland Dancing Championships, Stanmore, NSW

### July 2015

Wed 1 July National Tartan Day (National)

Sat 4 July Aberdeen Highland Gathering, Aberdeen, NSW

Fri 24 – Mon 27 July International Highland Dancing Festival of Australia, Niagara Park, NSW

Please keep us informed about upcoming Scottish and Celtic events so that we can promote them. Send the details (location, time, cost, events highlights, contact details) by email to:

[news@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au](mailto:news@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au)

The latest information about events will be posted on the SAHC Facebook and web sites.

## **President's Report**

This has been a very busy year for the Scottish people and the descendants of the Scots and those interested in Scotland. The Scottish people have had an amazing year with the Independence Referendum and the many celebrations with Homecoming 2, Bannockburn 700 commemoration, the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup, and Armed Forces Day in Stirling just to name a few.

Judy and I spent quite a bit of time in Europe and attended many events in Scotland in June/July for the Homecoming and Bannockburn. This has meant that I have been trying to catch up, including getting this newsletter out to you, while establishing new events since getting back. So, I apologise for the delayed publication, which covers an extended period (October 2014 to January 2015). The next edition will be in April 2015.

### **Scotland votes**

The event that seemed to attract the most media attention in Australia was the Independence vote. The media attention required many hours on my part answering questions, appearing on radio, tv and newspaper. The official position of the Council was to (1) encourage the Scottish people to exercise their democratic right to a vote and (2) support the outcome of the voting process. In terms of the first matter, the turnout was the highest seen in a country where voting is not compulsory. In relation to the result, it was clear that the vote was to retain the existing membership of the UK, but noting a significant minority vote against this. It is hoped that the newfound interest in their country will provide a positive stimulus to community and that the promises made by the Westminster Government to the Scottish people about further devolution are delivered upon.

### **Scotland visit 2014 – Homecoming and Bannockburn 700**

Judy and I were honoured to be invited on behalf of the SAHC to attend the Bruce Family Service of Magnanimity at Dunfermline Abbey with the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine and many Chiefs on 27 June 2014. The service was a great tribute to Robert the Bruce, with Lord Bruce DL, bearing the Sword of King Robert 1 of Scots, along with the heraldry and pageantry of the occasion.

Susan Cooke, our Hon. Secretary, also went to Scotland for Bannockburn 700 and we attended several functions on behalf of the SAHC. On 1 July we attended the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs (SCSC) Annual General Meeting lunch, followed by the first Standing Council/Council of Scottish Clans & Associations (COSCA, USA)/SAHC Joint Conference hosted by Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor, Convenor of the SCSC. The discussion involved many Clan Chiefs, Sue McIntosh, President of COSCA, and COSCA and SAHC representatives, who reviewed the Bannockburn 700 event to provide feedback to the organisers and the Scottish government. The SCSC writes, "The irony, as many agreed, was that it was a very enjoyable event. The sad thing was that with the expectations so low, the vendors only sent skeleton staff, and so the queues were long and the frustration levels high." Susan provides her perspective on Bannockburn 700 in this newsletter.

### **2015 Themes**

This year, our themes for events will focus on a number of key events with their anniversaries in 2015, including the role of the Scots and Diaspora in the first Jacobite rising (1715), the Battle of Waterloo (18 June 1815) and Gallipoli (1915).

## **New international group to support Scotland's Tourism and Ancestral Diaspora**

The following is an excerpt from our US sister organisation COSCA's report on a meeting that I attended on 30 June 2014 in Stirling, Scotland. Fergus Ewing, then Scottish Minister for Enterprise, Energy and Tourism, convened a landmark Scoping Meeting to define the direction and initial topics of interest for a new Scottish ancestral tourism stakeholder's committee, including the SCSC, COSCA, SAHC, Scottish Ancestral Tourism Group, Association of Highland Clans & Societies and VisitScotland.

"After discussion it was agreed that the name of the group ought to be the Scottish Clan & Family Forum and it should undertake discussion and work related to the promotion of Scottish ancestral tourism and, even if only indirectly as a requirement of the foregoing, a strong and vibrant Scottish ancestral Diaspora. The various stakeholders present included regional Scottish clan and family representatives, Scottish ancestral tourism business leaders, representatives from relevant corners of Scottish government, the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs, and the Council of Scottish Clans & Associations (COSCA) and the Scottish Australian Heritage Council (SAHC) representing the global Scottish Ancestral Diaspora. The Scoping Meeting was a good one and the first full meeting of the Scottish Clan & Family Forum was set for late November 2014.

"The first full meeting of the Scottish Clan & Family Forum convened on 28 November 2014 in Perth, Scotland, with a few individuals joining via telephone. The Forum remains under the chairmanship of Fergus Ewing who, under the new Scottish First Minister's government, is now Minister for Business, Energy and Tourism. It was a productive and wide ranging meeting that resulted in specific take aways and action items."

I refer you to a more detailed report at the COSCA website about the meeting at: [www.cosca.scot/11/scottish-clan-family-forum-coscas-report/](http://www.cosca.scot/11/scottish-clan-family-forum-coscas-report/)

Of particular interest, the Forum discussed the fact that Scotland presently lacks a cohesive, modern and effective Diaspora Strategy. The COSCA report continues, "Specifically citing the examples of a few other national diaspora strategies that are enjoying success, there was a discussion about re-examining those Scottish policies that do exist and exploration of others that might be beneficially adopted.



Although this discussion is potentially beyond the original scope of the Scottish Clan & Family Forum, Minister Fergus Ewing has left the door open for further consideration and encouraged further submissions."

From the scoping meeting of the new Scottish Clan & Family Forum: Malcolm Buchanan (SAHC), Fergus Ewing MSP, Susan McIntosh (COSCA) and Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor (Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs)



See more information about the Diaspora strategy at:  
[www.cosca.scot/12/scottish-diaspora-policy-continues-to-intrigue/](http://www.cosca.scot/12/scottish-diaspora-policy-continues-to-intrigue/)

The formation of this strong and enthusiastic global network of Ancestral Scottish Diaspora organisations, Scottish Government authorities, and Clan and community organisations in Scotland will help inform and set directions for the future benefit of all. Approaches have been made to a New Zealand Scottish community representative, and we hope this will encourage an important Scottish Ancestral Diaspora country to join this network.

### **Calendar of Major Events in Australia**

In this newsletter we provide a calendar of events to July 2015. Please consider participating in the SAHC events. It is with great regret that the SAHC committee has decided to cancel the 2015 Burns supper. It appears that numbers attending this event in Sydney are declining due to a few factors, including the clash with many other events in the weeks around 25 January 2015, when we should all celebrate the Bard's birthday where we can.

### **Membership renewal – January 2015**

For many of our members, January 2015 will be the renewal date for your membership. Please use the form in this newsletter, or from the website, to renew. Fees in 2015 will be the same as in 2014.

### **Lachlan Macquarie Birthday Dinner – Saturday 31 January 2015**

The Council's first major event of 2015 is the Lachlan Macquarie Birthday dinner on Saturday 31 January with an interesting speaker Patrick Dodd, who will talk on a subject relating to Lachlan Macquarie, (see the booking form, enclosed and on our website, for more details).



### **Annual General Meeting – 9 February 2015**

The SAHC AGM will be held on Monday 9 February. All positions will be declared vacant. Please consider contributing to our heritage and culture by participating on the Council committee. Through your contribution and, I hope, your participation in events, the Council can develop additional services and support for the Scottish Ancestral Diaspora in Australia. For example, the SAHC is promoting that Australia should sign the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. This would give formal support for activities that keep the Scottish contribution to Australian heritage alive. This is a key role for the SAHC and Professor Sybil Jack is our lead person on this.

Please look up our Facebook site and provide comments about the Scottish Diaspora history and heritage in Australia. We would love to hear from you.

From all of us at the SAHC, thank you for your and our sponsors' support, and we wish you all a Happy Christmas, Hogmanay and New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 2015.



Nollaig chridheil agus bliadhna mhath ùr  
Malcolm Buchanan

**Intangible cultural heritage** (ICH) is promoted by UNESCO. Intangible culture includes song, music, drama, skills, cuisine, annual festivals, crafts, and the other parts of culture that can be recorded but cannot be touched and interacted with, without a vehicle for the culture. According to the 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, the intangible cultural heritage (ICH) – or living heritage – is the mainspring of humanity's cultural diversity and its maintenance a guarantee for continuing creativity. It is defined as follows:

Intangible Cultural Heritage means the practices, representations, expressions, knowledge, skills – as well as the instruments, objects, artifacts and cultural spaces associated therewith – that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage. This intangible cultural heritage, transmitted from generation to generation, is constantly recreated by communities and groups in response to their environment, their interaction with nature and their history, and provides them with a sense of identity and continuity, thus promoting respect for cultural diversity and human creativity. For the purposes of this Convention, consideration will be given solely to such intangible cultural heritage as is compatible with existing international human rights instruments, as well as with the requirements of mutual respect among communities, groups and individuals, and of sustainable development.



## **News from the Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs**

The Standing Council of Scottish Chiefs hosted a reception for heirs to clan chiefships and heads of families on 28 November 2014. It was scheduled as a finale to an outstanding year of Homecoming, which saw a myriad of clan events. The aim of the party was to develop a sense of cohesion and camaraderie amongst the heirs, and to introduce them to some of the duties and responsibilities of chiefship. This was supported by a booklet prepared by the SCSC Executive.



The Duke of Hamilton kindly allowed the party to take place in his private apartments. He is the hereditary keeper of Holyrood Palace and bearer of the Crown of Scotland, a duty last performed at the opening of the Scottish Parliament in 1999. The Earl of Elgin generously supplied the whisky, being the year of Bannockburn. Some 90 chiefs, heirs and their wives attended; including Lord Lyon King of Arms, Dr. Joseph Morrow, and, Lyon Clerk, Elizabeth Roads. Other heralds present were Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw (chief of the Agnews) and the Hon. Adam Bruce who is heraldic adviser to the Standing Council, and the younger son of Lord Elgin. Also present was the Reverend Neil Gardner, Minister of the Canongate and Holyrood.

The heirs and guests were piped into Holyrood by Pipe Major Canning of the Pibroch Society and welcomed by myself as Convenor, along with The Hon. Alexander Leslie, Vice-Convenor. Additional music was provided by Iona Warren and Iona Munro from Fettes College, playing the harp. Having shared a traditional commemorative toast with Pipe Major Canning to mark the occasion, I gave a short speech stressing the importance of the relationship between chiefs and their clansfolk which stretches way beyond the shores of Scotland.

The furthest travelled was Richard Broun younger of Coulston, all the way from Australia. Angus Maclaine younger of Lochbuie had come all the way from Hong Kong. Claire Henderson younger of Fordell is Australian but working in Glasgow.

Many heirs work in London and they made a big effort to get north to Edinburgh. Within Scotland the furthest travelled was Colin, Viscount Tarbat from Strathpeffer, heir to the great clan Mackenzie. From the Isle of Lismore came Catriona, the Maid of Bachuil heir to the chiefship of the Macleays, and her sister Flora Livingstone of Bachuil.

Sir Malcolm MacGregor of MacGregor  
Convenor



## **Bannockburn 700 Commemoration**

Susan Cooke, Hon. Secretary SAHC

This event was celebrated at Stirling on the last weekend of June to coincide with the battle anniversary. It was organized by Event Scotland and the new Bannockburn site was very well laid out.

A clan village was provided with generous cubicles for each participating Clan. I was obliged to hang out at the Buchanan cubicle as I think I might have been the only official representative of the Clan Lindsay there. None of the North American Lindsays seemed to be in attendance. As my great-grandmother was a Buchanan they welcomed me with open arms.

On Saturday it poured with rain and the queues for food were phenomenal. You had to queue once for a cup of coffee and then again for food. I had a couple of local Lindsay cousins join me for the day so we split up and stood on separate queues. Due to great Lindsay ingenuity we managed to get our hands on enough food and meet up (at the Buchanan space) and eat it. The queues for the re-enactments were equally long.

On Sunday I was ahead of the game and queued for a re-enactment first thing in the morning. After the re-enactment I had to cope with the food problem again. I got that traditional Scottish dish, a plate of chicken curry! Apparently the food providers had been told there would only be 5000 people per day despite over 10,000 tickets per day having been sold online alone! On Sunday some of them decided to whip up some curry for which I am thankful but it's not a good ad for Scottish events! Next time I shall take a picnic basket.

On Monday I managed to get a very special spot in the Visitor Centre and was able to play the war game. I was placed on the English side to re-play the battle, so naturally, the English won. I am not sure I am happy with this outcome.



Bannockburn, Stirling 2014  
Photo courtesy of Malcolm Buchanan



## **Governor Lachlan Macquarie**

Susan Cooke, Hon. Secretary SAHC

Major-General Lachlan Macquarie CB (31 January 1762 – 1 July 1824) was a British Army officer and colonial administrator from Scotland. He served as the fifth and last autocratic Governor of New South Wales from 1810 to 1821, and had a leading role in the social, economic and architectural development of the colony. He is considered by historians to have had a crucial influence on the transition of New South Wales from a penal colony to a free settlement and therefore to have played a major role in the shaping of Australian society in the early nineteenth century. An inscription on his tomb in Scotland describes him as "The Father of Australia."

In July 2014 I visited the mausoleum of Lachlan Macquarie, his wife Elizabeth Campbell and their two children at Gruline on the island of Mull in the inner Hebrides. The mausoleum sits on land that is now owned by the National Trust of New South Wales and the building is maintained by that organization with contributions from the Clan societies of Australia.

We are understandably proud of our Governor and regard it as our responsibility to ensure that his last resting place is properly maintained. The building is in reasonable order and only seems to have one or two opportunistic plants growing out of the slate roof. The grounds are well maintained and I feel sure that it receives regular attention.



Mausoleum of Lachlan Macquarie on the Isle of Mull, Scotland, 2014.  
Photo courtesy of Susan Cooke.





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**MEMBERS and FRIENDS of ALL the SCOTTISH CLANS and FAMILIES**  
are cordially invited to attend

the **Scottish Australian Heritage Council's**  
**Lachlan Macquarie Birthday Dinner**

on **Saturday 31 January 2015**, 6:30 for 7:00pm  
at The Women's Club  
179 Elizabeth Street, Sydney

Guest Speaker is Mr Patrick Dodd, President of the Macquarie Society

On the topic of

*The Governor's travels: Touring the colony with Lachlan and Elizabeth Macquarie*

Cost: \$100 per person, includes meal and wine.

**RSVP by Monday 26 January 2015**

**Bookings are essential and must be accompanied by payment.**

**Enquiries:** Susan Cooke, mobile: 0411 097 724 or  
email: [info@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au](mailto:info@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au)

**BOOKING FORM – also download from SAHC website:**

Either, Detach the completed booking form below and send it with your Cheque or Money Order payable to "Scottish Australian Heritage Council" to:

**SAHC Macquarie Dinner**  
**PO Box 787**  
**Civic Square ACT 2608**

or Email your contact details and guests' names that have been paid for to  
**[info@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au](mailto:info@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au)**.

Make your direct deposit payment to:

Westpac BSB: **032-135**, A/C: **322695** (SAHC), with '**Macq**' & **your surname** in the transaction description.

***Clan and Family Commissioners, please indicate your rank.***

***Please indicate any dietary requirements against the relevant name in your guest list.***

SAHC Lachlan Macquarie Birthday Dinner 2015, Sydney, NSW  
[if posting booking information rather than via email]

Name: .....

Address: ..... Postcode: .....

Contact Phone: ..... EMAIL: .....

Please reserve ..... places @ \$100 per person. TOTAL COST: \$.....

**Please advise if the payment is made by cheque (attached) or direct deposit (cross out option not applicable).**

PRINT the Full Names and dietary needs of those in your party that have been paid for:

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## SAHC NEW / RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP 2015

(Incorporated under the Associations Incorporation Act 1984 NSW)

ABN Number: 630 743 587 02

I/We hereby apply to  renew /  become a member of the SAHC (tick one).

**Full Name:** .....

**Street Address:** .....

**City/Town:** ..... **State:** ..... **Post Code:** .....

**Occupation:** ..... **Phone:** ..... **Mobile:** .....

**Email:** .....

New Member one off Joining fee (\$10) ..... \$10.00

New members also add one of the following:

• Annual Individual Membership fee ..... \$20.00

• Annual Clan/Association/Family membership # ..... \$25.00

(# members of the one family occupying the same household)

**# Print names of applicants' family to be included in Family Membership:**

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I wish to receive the SAHC newsletter by email: Yes  No  (tick one)

I agree to abide by the Constitution of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council (found at the SAHC website [www.scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au](http://www.scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au)).

**Signature of Applicant:** ..... **Date:** .....

I attach my cheque / Money Order / Cash for the amount shown.

Please complete only those payments that apply:

**New Member once only Joining fee** \$ .....

**Annual Renewal Individual Membership** \$ .....

**Annual Renewal Clan/Association/Family membership** \$ .....

**Donation** \$ .....

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**Total: \$ Australian** \$ .....

**Please return the completed form with your payment to:**

Membership Secretary, Scottish Australian Heritage Council

PO Box 787, Civic Square ACT 2608, AUSTRALIA

**OR Direct Debit: BSB: 032135 A/c# 322695** (include your name for identification purposes) and send us by email the completed form available on the SAHC website.

**Please inform the Membership Secretary PROMPTLY of any change of your postal or email contact: [members@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au](mailto:members@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au)**



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## NOTICE OF MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** of the  
**Scottish Australian Heritage Council Incorporated**  
will be held  
at **6:30pm** on **Monday 9 February 2015**  
at the **Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts** Building  
**280 Pitt Street, Sydney**

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
3. Matters arising
4. President's report
5. Presentation of accounts
6. Auditor's report
7. Election of Office Bearers and Committee Members
8. Declaration of Election
9. General Business in accordance with the Articles

N.B The Constitution requires that the President, Deputy President and Secretary be of Scottish Birth or Descent.

All positions are to be declared Vacant.

Nominations for positions close at the SAHC's postal address:  
P.O. Box 787, CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608  
at **5pm** on **Monday 2 February 2015**.

The Constitution provides for Proxy votes.

Proxy voting and Nomination forms are provided in this newsletter.

No one member may hold more than five Proxy votes.

Only members who are financial as at the AGM date may vote at the AGM.

Malcolm Buchanan  
President

Susan Cooke  
Secretary





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## APPOINTMENT OF A PROXY: SAHC AGM 2015

In accordance with Appendix II Rule 32 (2)

I, (Full name) .....

of (Address) .....

being a current paid up member of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Inc. hereby appoint

..... (proxy's full name)

of ..... (proxy's address),

being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Association being held on Monday 9 February 2015 and at any adjournment of that meeting.

Signature of member appointing Proxy:

Signed .....Date .....

Note: A Proxy vote may not be given to a person who is not a member of the Association. To vote at the AGM or to submit a proxy vote you must be a financial member. No one Member may hold more than FIVE proxies.

**PROXIES MUST BE RETURNED, ALONG WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL BY MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2015 to the SAHC postal address.**



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## POSITION NOMINATION: SAHC AGM 2015

I hereby nominate for the position of:

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I declare that I am a financial member of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council and that I am of Scottish birth or descent where applicable to nominated position.

Nominee Signed .....Date .....

Return above forms **by Monday 2 February 2015** to the SAHC postal address:  
**SAHC Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 787, CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608**



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## NOMINATIONS FOR 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All positions are to be declared vacant, other than appointed roles. Nominations are called for to fill the following positions as Office Bearers and Committee Members under the Constitution, Clauses 1-13.

1. President
2. Deputy President who will carry out one more duty (enumerated below)
3. Treasurer (& Public Officer)
4. Secretary
5. Vice Presidents (4) who shall carry out further responsibilities (enumerated below)

Nominations will be accepted for the following Committee positions:

- Sponsorship/Fundraising
- Publicity Officer
- Newsletter Editor
- SAHC Webmaster
- Annual Souvenir Programme Editor
- Convenor, History Seminars and Conferences (SSSH Liaison)
- Membership Secretary
- Clans Liaison Officer
- Highland Dancing Coordinator
- Australian Tartan Officer
- Heraldry Officer
- Convenor, Ceilidhs/Concerts
- Genealogy Officer
- Burns Supper Convenor
- Macquarie Birthday Convenor
- Australia Day Celtic Event Officer

The Committee will appoint the following roles:

- Aboriginal Liaison Officer
- Victoria Liaison Officer
- South Australia Liaison Officer
- Tasmania Liaison Officer
- Brisbane Liaison Officer
- Perth Liaison Officer
- Upper Hunter Valley, Aberdeen NSW Liaison Officer
- New England NSW Liaison Officer
- Manning Valley NSW Liaison Officer
- Central Coast NSW Liaison Officer
- Southern Highlands NSW Liaison Officer
- ACT Liaison Officer
- Kogarah Historical Society NSW Liaison Officer
- Pipe Bands Association Liaison Officer
- Highland Dance Association Liaison Officer
- Royal Country Dance Association Liaison Officer
- Scottish Cairn Liaison Officer
- Commun Gàidhlig Astràilia Representative
- The Australian Gaelic Singers Representative
- The Scottish Fiddlers Representative
- Assistant Webmaster
- Genealogy Consultant

Return nomination forms **by Monday 2 February 2015** to SAHC's postal address:  
**SAHC Hon. Secretary, P.O. Box 787, CIVIC SQUARE ACT 2608**

## SAHC Notices

### Teaching Scots Gaelic at the Uni of Sydney needs your help

Please help to support an important aspect of our Scottish culture in Australia. Scots Gaelic is now being taught at Celtic Studies, Uni of Sydney, and funding is needed to continue to support the teacher.

Donations are very welcome and are tax deductible. A brochure and donation form can be found at the SAHC website.

Further information can be obtained from:

Professor Jonathan Wooding, Sir Warwick Fairfax Chair of Celtic Studies, phone: (02) 9351 3841, email: [jonathan.wooding@sydney.edu.au](mailto:jonathan.wooding@sydney.edu.au)

Some useful reading:

Bòrd na Gàidhlig - [www.gaidhlig.org.uk](http://www.gaidhlig.org.uk)

BBC Alba - [www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/alba](http://www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/alba)



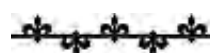
### SAHC Members: Request for accurate email addresses and Change to newsletter delivery

Do we have your current email address?

A large number of members now receive their periodic newsletters by email. This is an advantage to both the SAHC and the member (it's in colour).

SAHC's Hon. Secretary, Susan Cooke, would like to receive your current email. Please ask Susan to change your delivery of the newsletter to email.

Contact Susan at [info@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au](mailto:info@scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au)



Haemochromatosis Australia is the support, advocacy and health promotion group for people affected by haemochromatosis. Our vision is that 'No Australian will suffer harm from haemochromatosis'. Help us put an end to the Celtic Curse. You can join our group or donate to help us raise awareness of haemochromatosis at [www.ha.org.au/support-us](http://www.ha.org.au/support-us).

For more information about haemochromatosis talk to your GP, visit [www.ha.org.au](http://www.ha.org.au) or call the **haemochromatosis info line on 1300 019 028**.





## The Council's Sponsors

Thank you very much to all our sponsors. Please consider their products and services.



### **RAFFLE WINNER**

The winner of the Emirates raffle prize for 2014 is S. Neill of Palmerston, ACT, who bought her ticket at the Canberra Highland Gathering on 11 October.

The Council wishes to thank all those who bought tickets in the SAHC's major fund raiser and wish you better luck next year.

We thank our major sponsor, Emirates Airlines for their valuable support in providing one Emirates economy class return ticket Sydney – Glasgow.



Thank you Grant's Whisky, our whisky sponsors



## Staying in touch

How do we keep you up to date when new events become known and details change?

In a fast changing world our information is out of date even by the time you get to read about it in the SAHC's quarterly newsletter. So, we aim to let you know where to get more information when you need it.

One of the benefits of the electronic age of communication is the speed and ease of keeping you up to date via the website, email and Facebook. We will post more details about events on our Facebook and website.



So, join over 460 members, and growing, at our Facebook page and keep checking our SAHC website at:

**[www.scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au](http://www.scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au)**

## SAHC Liaison Officers reporting in

Our SAHC Liaison Officers play an important role in keeping the Council informed of activities and issues, as well as taking an active role in an area, they provide information to Scottish societies and event organisers, SAHC members and the Diaspora in their region.

### St Andrew's Day Kirkin' o' the Tartan, 30 November 2014

**Canberra** - I was delighted to have been able to help with organising with Rev. David Campbell of the Presbyterian Church of St Andrew's, Forrest, ACT, the first major St Andrew's Day Kirkin' o' the Tartan service in Canberra for about 22 years. A congregation of about 200 joined in the service to commemorate St Andrew's Day on Sunday 30 November. Burn's Pipes and Drums' Piper, Ian Stuart, led the parade of several clan banners and flags and Joe Johnson's Armiger banner, all of which contributed to the colour and ceremony. Many people brought their tartan for the blessing. Thanks Colin Stewart-Cartwright and church officials for helping to make this happen. Malcolm Buchanan, SAHC ACT Events Coordinator



**Sydney** - The St Andrews Day Kirkin' o' the Tartan in Sydney service, led by The Rev David Gill, was well attended by the Clans as well as the congregation. The banners of a number of clan societies were displayed, including Nicolson, Davidson, Lindsay and Robertson. Other tartans offered for blessing were Baird, Morrison, Bruce, Campbell and the Australia Tartan. Lessons were read by members of the Clans Lindsay and Davidson, with the Kirkin' Prayer being read by Mal Nicolson. The sermon was especially entertaining and informative.

After the service we were led by our Piper Sam Young along Macquarie Street into Hyde park where we enjoyed a picnic lunch and watched the children dance. The annual SAHC raffle was drawn and the winner announced. A good time was had by all. Susan Cooke, Hon. Secretary SAHC

### National Multicultural Festival 2015, Canberra 13-15 February

SAHC will be attending the National Multicultural Festival in Canberra on 15 February 2015. We are planning a Celtic concert for that afternoon. Malcolm Buchanan, SAHC ACT Events Coordinator



### Highland Gathering returns to Boonah, Queensland in 2015

Another Scottish event resurfaces after a long absence. This time, the Fassifern's first Highland Gathering in almost a century will be held in Boonah, Queensland in 2015 and will feature the third Clydesdale Spectacular. The first Highland Games was held in Boonah in May 1906.

### Honoured Guest announced for 2015 Bundanoon Highland Gathering (11 April)

The Honoured Guest at Bundanoon for 2015 is Norman Macdonald, High Commissioner Clan Donald Australia.



### Honoured Clan announced for 2015 Wingham Scottish Festival (28-31 May)



The Clan of Honour at Bonnie Wingham 2015 is Clan Donald with Honoured Guest Lachie MacDonald, Deputy High Commissioner Clan Donald Australia.



## **Around the Clans**

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### Clan Colquhoun Heritage and Visitor Centre opens in Luss, Scotland

The Clan Colquhoun Heritage and Visitor Centre in Shore Cottage, the oldest cottage in Luss, was officially opened by Sir Malcolm and Lady Colquhoun in December 2014.

### Joint MacFarlane-MacDonald Luncheon, Adelaide

Janet Marsh, Clan MacFarlane, reports that, "On Sunday 26th October 2014 we had our Annual Combined Luncheon with Clan Donald. This year we were able to have Luncheon at the Adelaide Sailing Club, in the Regatta Room, a great venue. A total of 75 guests from Clans and members of the South Australia Scottish Association and other Clan Members attended."

### Clan MacRae: Visit by Marigold MacRae, UK Life President, and Baroness Miranda Van Lynden, February 2015

Mrs Marigold MacRae, Life President of the Clan MacRae Society of the UK, and and her daughter, Baroness Miranda van Lynden, Constable of Eilean Donan Castle, will attend Clan MacRae Gatherings in Australia in February – March 2015. The following events are being organised for the visit:

- Saturday 14 Feb 2015 - Armidale, NSW. Clan MacRae Society of Australia Annual General Meeting. Enquiries/Bookings: Max Browning, email: [cooraloo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cooraloo@bigpond.net.au), ph: 02 6772 8859
- Saturday 21 Feb 2015 - Penrith, NSW. Nepean Belle paddle wheeler luncheon cruise. Enquiries/Bookings: Alan McRae, email: [amcrae@lisp.com.au](mailto:amcrae@lisp.com.au), ph: 02 6331 5404
- Friday 27 Feb to Sunday 1 Mar 2015 - Adelaide, SA. Winery tours, Dinner at the Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg, Mount Lofty visit. Enquiries/Bookings: Elma McRae, email: [elmamcrae@live.com.au](mailto:elmamcrae@live.com.au), ph: 02 9798 5358.



## **Flowers of the Forest**

It is with sadness that we learn of the passing of SAHC members, those who support Scottish culture and heritage, and influential Scots. The SAHC extends its heartfelt condolences to the family and clan of the following:

### Susan Mary Jocelyn Graham, Dowager Duchess of Montrose (1928-2014)

Susan, Dowager Duchess of Montrose, died on 13 March 2014 aged 85. She was the widow of James Angus Graham, the 7th Duke of Montrose and chief of the Clan Graham. The Dowager Duchess was deeply involved in preserving and promoting Gaelic and supported her husband when he served in Ian Smith's Rhodesian cabinet, and was a dedicated member and supporter of the historic Cleish Parish Church near Kinross until her health began failing five years ago.

### Catherine Elizabeth McDonnell Graham, Duchess of Montrose (1935-2014)

Catherine, Duchess of Montrose, died on 29 October 2014 aged 79. She travelled widely doing voluntary work in South America and Africa and was a volunteer in Govan, Glasgow, with the Preshal (Gaelic for "precious") Trust, a charity organization cares for those who are on the fringes of society. The Duchess was president of the Red Cross in Stirlingshire for 17 years, and supported countless charities and causes, far beyond Govan. These included the Red Cross, the Christmas carol concert on behalf of Cancer Research UK at Glasgow Cathedral, the Scotland's Gardens scheme to open gardens to the public, and the annual Women of Scotland Lunch to celebrate the achievements of Scottish women. She became the Duchess of Montrose, wife of Seumas (James) Graham, 8th Duke of Montrose, Chief of the Clan Graham in 1952.

The SAHC sends its sincere condolences to the Duke of Montrose, Lady Kirstie Graham and the family.

### Alister (Jock) Guthrie Davidson of Davidston, Chief of the Name and Arms of Davidson, CyC (1924 - 2014)

Frank Davidson, High Commissioner for Clan Davidson in Australia, has advised of the death in Auckland, New Zealand, on 26 December 2014 of the Hon. Alister ("Jock") Davidson of Davidston, CyC, Chief of the Name and Arms of Davidson.

Alister was the only New Zealander to head a Highland clan. He achieved much respect around the world for his proactive advocacy of Scottish heritage and was a well-known figure at Highland Games, not only in his native New Zealand, but in Australia and the USA.

Alister was in his 91st year. He is survived by his wife Lady Mary Davidson of Davidston, by his son Grant, younger of Davidston, his second son Jeff Davidson of Davidston, and eight grandchildren.

The new Chief of Clan Davidson will be his elder son the Hon. Grant Guthrie Davidson of Davidston, a professional yachtsman.

The SAHC sends its sincere condolences to the Davidson family and to Clan Davidson.

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