



Clan Macpherson Association

(Australian Branch)

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The Cluny Presentation.

Allan Macpherson-Fletcher, the convenor has reported to Branches after the recent Gathering, that the presentation went tremendously well. Allan said; 'Cluny was most moved and has sent me a charming letter following the presentation.'

Allan went on; 'Following worldwide support we raised a total of £6,000 which was enough to purchase a beautiful silver tray and 2 salvers to present to Cluny and his son Jamie and daughter Annie. Please pass on my thanks to all those in Australia who contributed so generously towards this cause.'



The Salver being put to good use at Newton Castle!

The idea for the presentation came after last year's Platinum Dhubh when it was felt by many that Cluny had done so much for the Clan that it was time to give him a gift as a thank you, and recognise his service at home and to the diaspora. The appeal raised enough money to approach Iain Marr, a well known silversmith in Beaulieu near Inverness, who sourced a fine Victorian tray and two silver salvers. These were then sent to Robert Giddings in London who is a Master Engraver and

Member of the Goldsmiths' Company. An approach to the Lord Lyon ensured that we had the correct matriculated arms of Cluny which are personal to him. These were beautifully copied by Robert together with an inscription which read:

Presented to

The Hon Sir William Macpherson of Cluny and Blairgowrie TD QC

By members of the Clan Macpherson Association

in recognition of his devotion and service to the Clan

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Allan continued; 'The presentation took place just before dinner at the Ball on Friday 4th August, and I thanked Cluny for his hard work over the years which had resulted in such a united and loyal Clan. I stressed how much it was a family affair and firstly presented a salver to Jamie and then to Annie's daughter Eliza, as Annie sadly couldn't be present on the night. Then Cluny accepted his salver and made a charming reply thanking everyone for the gift.'

Allan concluded his report thus; 'Thank you and all the Clansmen in Australia for their help and generosity in giving our Chief a present to thank him for his leadership. A booklet containing all the comments and good wishes to Cluny was also printed and bound and presented to him.'

A Queensland CMA Tent at Scotland in the Park, Greenbank, QLD.

A full day of Scottish events including pipe bands, entertainment, Scottish stalls and more at Middle Green Sports Complex. June 2017.



Sandy Macpherson reported;

'A brief report to let you know that Sunita and I took our Clan Macpherson tent and did Scotland in the Park at Greenbank yesterday.

This being Queensland, of course the weather was perfect, with clear blue skies and 24 degrees on a warm and windless day.

Attendances seemed pretty good between 10.00am and 2.00pm but I guess we will see the final figures in the local paper later in the week.

There were about a dozen clan tents, scattered throughout the trade exhibits and others of general interest. We had the Stewarts for

neighbours and very hospitable they turned out to be. They had a fairly lavish exhibit, which gave me a few ideas for any subsequent activity of this type, and a few samples of whiskies from their area to tickle the tastebuds.

Not really knowing what to expect, I was quite surprised to find some Macpherson interest and fielded about 18 enquiries from various people with Macphersons in their family line, or people from the various associated families. I heard a great story from one lady who had researched a mysterious Macpherson antecedent with surprising results.

I gave away a few applications and the copies of the newsletter that you sent, so we shall have to wait and see if the day bears any fruit.'

Sandy, and Cameron Stewart (Boonah Qld) in front of adjoining Clan tents.



Museum Library Presentation.

Lachlan McPherson (Belmont Vic) presented a McPherson's catalogue to the CMA Library at the Annual General Meeting in the Newtonmore Village Hall. Accepting the book is CMA Chairman Jean Macpherson Duffy. Lachlan said that his late father prized the catalogue; not only did it bear his family name, but it was also vital in his line of work as Mechanical Construction Superintendent with the

SEC in the Latrobe Valley over more than two decades in charge of construction of coal excavation dredgers, conveyor systems and many other varied projects including overseeing the wall construction of the dam for Lake Narracan and the lookout tower at the top of Coach Road (after the civil engineers couldn't get it right three times!).

Annual Subs Included in this mailing are renewal notices for Annual members. Prompt renewals will be appreciated, preferably by electronic funds transfer (EFT) to our bank account, the details of which are shown on the renewal notice. Please ensure that you provide your name on the EFT bank reference.

The Scottish Diaspora Tapestry Returns Home



In late March Cluny and his family journeyed to Crieff to look at the Scottish Diaspora Tapestry Display which has returned to Scotland and is now travelling the country. In an e-mail titled 'Top Lad', Cluny's daughter Annie Le Roy-Lewis said that she and her daughter Eliza, now studying at Cambridge University, '... were enormously impressed. What detail and talent! Dad was delighted to see it too and we had a lovely hour or so looking at the other panels from around the world.'

The panel titled 'Three Macphersons', endorsed by Cluny, was embroidered by local CMA members Helen Johnson and Heather Smallbone.

The three Macphersons illustrated are:

L to R; *William Macpherson*, (August 1784 – March 1866), Cluny's great great grandfather who came to Sydney in 1829, with his family to pursue a career in the civil service and was the original Collector in Internal Revenue, then first Clerk to the Legislative Council (the first Australian Parliament), and NSW Executive. Retiring in 1860, William remained in NSW until he died in 1866 at Berneera, near Liverpool. Regarded as a pillar of the colonial establishment, a stained glass window in his memory is erected in St Andrew's Cathedral Sydney, and can be seen above the NE transept as one leaves the Cathedral toward Sydney Town Hall. His son, Allan Macpherson, was a member of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly and represented the Electoral district of Central Cumberland from 1863 to 1868.

The second McPherson is famed Australian water colour painter *Margaret Rose Preston* who was born in Adelaide. She studied with landscape painters Lister and MacCubbin amongst others Sydney from 1888, at the National Gallery of Victoria schools in Melbourne in 1893-94 and 1896-97, and travelled overseas extensively. Margaret eventually settled in the Mosman area with her husband William (Bill) Preston whom she married in December 1939.

A harbor town, Mosman has long attracted artists and writers such as Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton, Harold Herbert, Dattilo Rubbo, Lloyd Rees, Nancy Borlase, and Ken Done. The Prestons lived in Mosman from 1920 to 1963, with

the exception of seven years in the bush suburb of Berowra during the 1930s. Even more than her paintings, Preston's woodcuts, linocuts, and monotypes showed her capacity for Modernist innovation. Although she had experimented with etching while living in England, the best of her mature work was in woodcuts. These prints were inexpensive to produce and helped her to extend her reach to a broader market.

Preston created over 400 known prints, not all of which are documented and some of which are lost. The great majority of surviving prints feature Australian native flora as their subjects, a result of Preston's desire to make uniquely Australian images. Flowers such as the banksia, waratah, gum blossom and wheelflower offered Preston specimens for her radical, asymmetrical compositions.

Helen Macpherson Smith is the third of the trio. Helen is a descendant of John Macpherson of Skye and Helen Watson. They were Helen Schutt's grandparents. They had eleven children, the youngest of whom, Jane Priscilla, was the mother of Helen Macpherson Schutt. The family came to Australia in 1825, settling first on the Limestone Plains (now Canberra) then in Melbourne. Helen married William John Schutt who predeceased her. On her death Helen left a generous legacy which became the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust in 1951. The Trust now makes annual charitable grants to many worthwhile causes in Victoria, one of which funded the magnificent restoration of the genealogical centre in the Victoria State Library.

The is an independent philanthropic trust to which Helen left the majority of her wealth. Launched as the Helen M. Schutt Trust, the name was changed to the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust in 2001 to acknowledge the Macpherson and Smith families as the prime source of her legacy.

Since the Trust was established, over \$113 million has been granted to a wide range of Victorian charitable institutions and a diverse range of projects benefiting Victorians every year.

Helen Macpherson Smith was a very private woman who left few insights into the type of person she was. Her close friends and relatives described her as thoughtful, kind and caring, and there would be little doubt that this spirit of generosity was central to her interest in philanthropy.

Helen's vision continues to guide HMSTrust today. She was a life-long donor and supporter of organisations in Victoria including community service charities, children's causes and medical institutions.

The Scottish Tartans Authority Update - August 2017

On 29th September 2017, the 21st AGM The Scottish Tartans Authority (STA) was held at the Smith Art Gallery and Museum in Stirling. Prior to the meeting a short update in advance of the AGM was presented to members thus: ‘I am very aware that while the profile of The Scottish Tartans Authority continues to grow across Scotland’s culture, heritage, tourism and business sectors, this may not be apparent to some long-standing members. We are determined to communicate more in the year ahead and I do hope that members will be pleased with our detailed Annual Report that will be available online in the next few weeks. It tells a tale of high activity and new partnerships, all in pursuit of our charitable purposes with the aim of promoting, protecting and preserving our most cherished and iconic national fabric.

Highlights over the past year have included:

National Tartan Centre - progress ... in partnership with Stirling Council ... we expect to hear the outcome of their City Deal Bid towards the end of the year.

Braemar Royal Highland Society - the STA is now represented on the project team that will deliver a Highland Games Centre in 2018.

Tartan Marque - the STA is a point of co-ordination for a group of members with an interest in creating a marque for “Tartan Woven in Scotland”. Engaging with a full range of industry members and partners (those for, and those against such a marque) is vitally important as, in concept ..., a marque means different things to different audiences.

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo - the STA provided a great deal of support to the organisers, ensuring that this year’s “Splash of Tartan” theme was both colourful and accurate.

Research, Media & Enquiries - activity ... has exploded in the last 12 months. A number of artefacts of historical significance have been located from public and private collections. Some high level detail is included within our Annual Report.

Fundraising - a targeted campaign was launched in 2016 with approaches made to 300 or so Trusts and Foundations across the UK. The initial trawl has drawn in funds amounting to £30,000 with hopeful feedback for future approaches.

I do hope you will enjoy the attached article, “Preserving the Fabric of a Nation” that will appear in the Braemar Gathering Annual programme next month

Read the article at <http://www.electricscotland.com/tartans/newsletter/index.htm>

Very best wishes

John F McLeish, (Chairman - The Scottish Tartans Authority)

Welfare Service for Everyman (courtesy Australian Army newspaper)

Local CMA member Ramsey Macpherson (Drummoyne NSW) was on hand at Government House Canberra on 23rd August when the Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove unveiled a new Everyman's Welfare Service brew truck. Ramsey was the Australian Ambassador for the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (REMT) in Melbourne in February 2016.

The new brew truck was bought and customised with funds donated by the REMT for use wherever possible within the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Sir Peter is Patron of the Everyman's Welfare Service which supports soldiers sailors and airmen and their families by providing philanthropic support, a service not normally provided by the ADF in the field. Everyman's officers turn up with their brew truck in unexpected places, often at most unexpected times. The Everyman's Welfare Service was established 75 years ago to offer support, guidance and comfort for troops going to World War II, and continues to offer that same support at home and overseas.

The new brew truck was packed with the same comforts and will extend the same goodwill that can make all the difference to troops seeking a break during training, and on active service.

The presentation occurred as part of the Centenary of Anzac commemorations in Australia; a worthy recipient of charitable funds donated by the REMT following the successful displays held in Melbourne in 2016, and was 'an incredibly generous donation by the REMT,' the Governor General said.

Everyman's Representatives are accredited by the ADF, work from recreation centres on bases, and travel with troops on military exercises and operational requirements. They served in Singapore and Malaya during World War II, and have since supported troops at home, in Malaysia, Vietnam, Cambodia, Timor-Leste and Solomon Islands, and today deploy to the Middle East Region.



The Macpherson DNA Project – July 2017 - Athol McDonald Gigarre (Vic)

The Macpherson DNA Project now numbers 215 participants from across the globe, the main focus remains Ydna testing for Macpherson men, however there is increasing interest in autosomal testing (the Family Finder test) for both males and females.

The most significant advance in the couple of years has been the emergence of Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) testing. When the project commenced over a decade ago the emphasis was on the testing of Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) on the Y chromosome. It is beyond the scope of this short report to delve too deeply into the science involved, suffice to say that NGS testing identifies Single Nucleotide Morphisms (SNPs). These are changes on the Y chromosome that may have occurred centuries ago but are passed on to all male descendants of a particular individual. The most advanced test offered by FTDNA is the BigY test, although it is possible to test for individual SNPs or SNP packs.

The SNP L1065 has been identified as almost exclusively Scottish. Many Scottish Clans are descended from the first L1065 man, including the Macphersons. Many members of the project have tested positive to this SNP. Recently two SNPs have been identified as exclusively Macpherson, they are FGC32902 and A861, both descend from L1065. The first FGC32902 man lived about 850 years ago. Five project members had tested positive to this SNP, all have known links to Badenoch. They have recently been joined by the Australian CMA Chairman, John L. Macpherson, suggesting that his roots may also lie close to the headwaters of the River Spey.

The SNP A861 branched off FGC32902 about 450 years ago and appears to represent the Chiefly line.

One pleasing anecdote from the last year has been the success of the DNA project in assisting Robert MacPherson of Shetland trace his ancestors back to Badenoch. Robert's primary reason for joining the project over a decade ago was to learn where his forebears had originated on the mainland. His ancestor Robert had arrived in Shetland in the early 1700s as a school master with the Scottish Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SSPCK).

Robert did not have any close match with others in the project and for many years sat almost alone in a small group with another member with roots in Shetland. Closer examination of his results indicated that he did in fact match some members closely connected to Badenoch. Robert agreed to take the BigY test, which identified that his terminal SNP is FGC32902 thus confirming this speculation. A little research revealed that the SSPCK had only one master named Robert MacPherson, who had transferred from Laggan to Shetland in the

1720s. Quite a remarkable story, Robert senior had almost certainly grown up in Badenoch early in the eighteenth century, received an education at a local SSPCK school before becoming a local school master himself and eventually relocating to Shetland.

A longer article on the Macpherson DNA Project will be published in the 2018 Creag Dhubh.

Clan Macpherson Museum At the August 2017 Council meeting retiring Chairman of the Museum Advisory Committee (MAC) Ewen Macpherson reported:

‘... that the museum had a very good year financially mainly due to the excellent fundraising event in Edinburgh in October 2016 organized by Zandra Macpherson (Glentruim), the Friends scheme and a number of donations; in particular one given in memory of the late Neil Macpherson, former CMA treasurer. A full building survey of the museum had been carried out by Rob Macpherson (trustee & architect), a structural engineer and a quantity surveyor. Rob gave an excellent presentation to the Museum Advisory Committee and the Trustees. Briefly, the roof tiles are in a very poor condition and are saturated, cracked and delaminating. The Museum has suffered a series of on-going leaks. The walls of the extension are sloping outwards by deflection of the roof trusses due to excess weight of the roof tiles above, but they do not show signs of recent movement. The walls are cracked and unsightly. The (curator’s) flat was also examined and included in the plans. Minor repairs of the flat are necessary.



Option 1. Replace the existing roof cladding of tiles with much lighter zinc and include insulation. The roof overhang to be extended considerably in order to clad the walls in the future and allow for excess rain water from the roof to avoid the walls.

Option 2. Option 1 and include insulated timber wall cladding to the existing walls, and render the garage.
Option 3. In addition to Options 1 & 2, demolish the existing garage, add a single-story extension to the existing building, internal alterations. The Trustees agreed to pursue Option 2 at a projected cost of about £200,000. This could be done without disturbing the inside of the museum or closing it.

One of the photos used by Rob at the AGM is shown above. The remainder are now on display in the Drumochter Room.

A fundraising event was held in the home of Gordon Macpherson, Coates Crescent, Edinburgh in early October and featured entertainment by Bill Wyllie Macpherson, MBE. Bill is professionally known as Bill Martin and is a songwriter of some repute whose hits include “Puppet on a String” and “Congratulations.” The event raised about £1400 for the Museum repairs.

Friends of the Clan Macpherson Museum The Friends of the Museum were formed to help raise additional income to assist the cash flow for maintenance and day-to-day running of the Museum.



The background and defined requirements have been confirmed and a brochure “The Friends of the Clan Macpherson Museum” has been published with a crest designed by R. Gordon Macpherson of Canada. Go to:

Go to: <https://www.clan-macpherson.org/museum/supportus.html#friends> for details. The website explains how to become a Friend and the attendant benefits. Guardians of the Museum (Na Diònadairean) will also receive the benefits listed for Friends.

The Clan Macpherson March to the Newtonmore Highland Games

There has been some discussion recently about Cluny’s March; in particular concerning dress and other standards. An undated paper has emerged recently which contains some interesting history of the first march, and is repeated hereunder.

The first march took place on 23rd August 1947 to coincide with the inaugural rally of the Clan Macpherson Association (CMA) which was formed in 1946.

On welcoming the Clan into the Newtonmore Highland Games Colonel MBH Ritchie DSO, the President of the Games Committee said:

‘The Committee of the Newtonmore Highland Games and, indeed, all who live in the Macpherson country, welcome most cordially this gathering of their famous clan. It is an historic occasion today, when the children of Muirich Badenoch have come back to the Glen of their forefathers, back to yonder stately mountain from which they took their famous Slogan, a war-cry that rang out across many a battlefield in the olden times. Here, we know your Clan history; the fight at nearby Inverhavan; that of Falkirk; and the sharp rearguard action in the gloaming at Clifton, down in England. The long vista of Highland Clanship years signify little; these actions are of yesterday: but Clanship and Highland Clanship years signify little; these actions continue ever; today and tomorrow. And today we pay honour to the house of Cluny and all its branches. Remember, that no

Cluny ever evicted clansmen in the wicked days of the Clearances. In particular let us honour the memory of Cluny of the 45, who lost all, gave all, in the cause of his rightful Sovereign, but gained unforgettable merit in the nobility of his sacrifice. And honour also the deep and steadfast loyalty of the people of Badenoch: through nine years of search no man or woman betrayed Cluny; they scorned to accept the bribes of his persecutors. That integrity exists today as strong as two centuries ago.

Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn. And may the Mountain Grandeur of Creag Dhubh be your inspiration in time of trial, as it was to your forebears. And may Scotland ever be proud of her Clan Muirich, that has contributed so much to her advancement, to her history and to her renown. “Creag Dhubh, Chlann Chattain’.

The annual Clan Macpherson march is not intended to be a carnival parade but gives all clansmen the opportunity to rally behind their Chief in a show of fealty and allegiance and demonstrate to all, pride in our common heritage.

The paper goes on to say that one does not need to be a member of the CMA to participate but it is expected that all marchers will adhere to the Chief’s guidelines pertaining to dress and behaviour in the march.



Clan Macpherson ‘on parade’ at Newtonmore Highland Games on Saturday 5th August 2017. Chairman of the Games Committee, Angus Macpherson (extreme left) welcomes Cluny and the Clan. The three flags are: L to R, the Association arms, Cluny’s personal standard and the Green Banner.

New Member Julia Riordan describes her family history. My grandfather, David William Kinloch Macpherson is Cluny's uncle, which makes me Cousin Bill's (Cluny's) first cousin once removed! I was born in Zambia, Central Africa and the youngest of four children, my siblings being Patty, Cliff, and (late) Michael. My (late) mum, Prinia Riordan (nee Macpherson) along with her brother Ewen and sister Isabel are the children of David and his wife Frances (my grandmother) and Cluny's first cousins.

My Grandpa (David) arrived at Beira, Portuguese East Africa in 1926 and later settled in Nyasaland (now Malawi). He was a keen fisherman and ornithologist, his diaries from his early pioneering in Portuguese East Africa document the many birds he identified including a discovery of a bird in Malawi now known as the White-winged apalis – *Apalis Chariessa macphersoni*. A comprehensive collection of the birds identified during his time in Africa is held in the British Natural History Museum at Tring, in Hampshire. A book based on his diaries of his experiences during this time has been edited by (my Aunt) Isabel – *Little Birds and Elephants* (<http://www.birdsandelephants.com/>).

Our family left Zambia and emigrated to New Zealand in 1970 where we settled in Motueka in the South Island. I moved to Brisbane Australia in 2000 and have two children. I am delighted to be finally joining the Australian Branch of Clan Macpherson and am very fortunate to be part of a family that has such a rich, interesting and well documented history.

I often wonder if my grandpa was inspired by his grandfather, Allan Macpherson 'the Squatter'. – Maybe his grandmother, Emma Macpherson told him tales of his grandfather's journey to Queensland travelling through the rugged Australian bush en-route to Mt Abundance in 1847.

I would like to acknowledge my first cousin Douglas, son of Uncle Ewen in this article as he is also a fellow Queenslander and grandson of David. Douglas' brother Derek is the African Chairman of the Clan Macpherson Association.



A Commonwealth quartet,

L to R; Adam de Totth (Canberra Australia), Bruce JS Macpherson (obscured) (Chairman England and Wales Branch) carrying the Association flag, Tony McPherson (Christchurch NZ), with Cluny keeping an eye on the March onto The Eilan. Creag Dhubh is in the background.



At the Canberra Highland

Games *Bill Nicholson (Canberra Burns Club Drum Major), John L, Chieftain of the Day Gordon Ramsay MLA and Mrs. Lyndelle Ramsay.*

Personal Notes

New Members. We welcome new members;
 Mr David Macpherson, Lithgow NSW (Annual)
 Mr John Waddell, Burnbank Vic (Annual)
 Mrs Sandra Healy, Terrigal NSW (Annual)
 Mrs Julia Riordan, Manly Qld (Annual)

Vale. We extend our condolences to the families of;
 Mrs Joan Gillespie, Caringbah NSW
 Mrs Voynnie Amos, Aitkenvale Qld and
 Mrs Leanne McPherson, Waikiki WA

Activities across the Country

November 2017

The Clan Community Ceilidh

November 24 Red Hill, QLD Australia

Ceilidh dances with live Scottish music, suitable for all ages at Red Hill Community Sports Club. Info: 0409 760 993 or www.ceilidhclan.com.

St Andrews Day - Kirkin' o' the Tartan services in Canberra and Sydney

November 26

9.30am - St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, State Circle, Forrest, ACT

10:00am - St Stephen's Uniting Church, Macquarie St, Sydney

Info: Susan Cooke www.scottishaustralianheritagecouncil.com.au

Happy St Andrew's Day

November 30 Nationwide

Wishing members and friends a happy St Andrew's Day - Scotland's national day.

December 2017

Daylesford Highland Gathering

December 2 Daylesford, Victoria

Come to Daylesford on the 1st Saturday in December for a 'wee' bit of Scottish culture, a full day of piping, drumming & dancing at Victoria Park. Info: www.daylesfordhighland.com

Piobaireachd Group Queensland Social

December 3 Rochedale, QLD

Piping at Rochedale State High School, 249 Priestdale Rd. Info: 07 3397 4512.

Adelaide Pipers' Gathering

December 4 Adelaide, SA

Piping event in Adelaide. Info: Jack Brennan brennanjack@optusnet.com.au

Celtic Piping Sessions

December 17 Melbourne, VIC

Piping music session 2pm - 5pm, upstairs at the Exford Hotel, 199 Russell St. Info: email@celticpipingclub.com

Hogmanay

December 31 – Nationwide

The last day of the year and is synonymous with the celebration of the New Year (Gregorian calendar) in the Scottish manner. It is normally only the start of a celebration that lasts through the night until the morning of New Year's Day. www.scotland.org/celebrate-scotland/hogmanay

January 2018

The Maryborough Highland Gathering

January 1 Maryborough, VIC

Australia's oldest continuous running sporting event. With pipe bands, Scottish dancers, athletics and more.

Info: 03 5461 1480 or www.highlandsociety.com.au

Happy Burns Night

January 25 – Nationwide

A night to celebrate the life and works of Robert Burns. The tradition of the Burns Night Supper was first held in 1801 by the poet's friends, five years after his death. Today, events take place around the world with Scottish music, poetry, food, drink and dance.

Quirindi Military Tattoo

January 27 Quirindi, NSW

A showcase of military bands in competition and exhibition format, and pays homage to the Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Info: 02 6746 1755 or www.quirindimilitarytattoo.com.au

February 2018

Celtic Woman Australian Tour

February 7 to February 16 - Nationwide

Celebrating the timeless emotion of Celtic music and centuries-old heritage, Celtic Woman will visit Brisbane, Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne, Adelaide & Perth on their Voices of Angels Australian tour.

Info: www.ticketek.com.au

Richmond Highland Gathering

February 18 from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Richmond TAS

Tasmania's only Highland games at historic Richmond Oval. Pipe band competitions, highland dancing competitions and stalls. Info: Di Cornish 0408 528 658 or Dianne.cornish1@bigpond.com

March 2018

Bendigo Scots Day Out

Saturday 3rd March, Rosalind Park Bendigo **Clan Macpherson Tent**

Events include the Australian premiere of highlights from the Edinburgh Short Film Festival at Bendigo's contemporary arts venue La Trobe University Visual Arts Centre in View St, and the post-SDO Ceilidh at The Metropolitan. Info: <http://www.scotsdayout.com/clans>

2018 Geelong Highland Gathering

Sunday 18th March at Goldsworthy Reserve, Goldsworthy Rd Corio **Clan Macpherson Tent**

Events include the 2018 South Pacific Heavy Games Championships.

Info: <http://www.geelonghighlandgathering.org.au>

114th Maclean Highland Gathering

30/31 March, Maclean Showground

Info: <http://www.macleanhIGHLANDGATHERING.com.au/>

Champion of Champions

March 31 & April 1, Newcastle Entertainment Centre, Newcastle, NSW

Presented by Highland Dance NSW, a weekend of Highland dance competition and events.

Info: www.nswhighlanddancing.com.au.

April 2018

The Tartan Spectacular

April 7 Toowong, QLD

A celebration of all things Scottish, includes Australian Pipe Band Championships with competitors from across the country and beyond at Brisbane Boys' College.

info: www.tartanspectacular.com.au

Bundanoon Highland Gathering

April 7 Bundanoon, **Clan Macpherson Tent**

Australia's largest Scottish event celebrating 41 years. A day of great entertainment from pipe bands, singers, dancers, strong man competitions and much more. Info: www.brigadoon.org.au

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