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EDITORIAL

We are very pleased to bring you some wonderful follow-up from our 40th anniversary gathering held in Bendigo last year.

Our new Clan Commander, Iain, was the honoured guest and was a huge hit with all those who met him. He was very generous and presented the Clan with a number of beautiful gifts. Iain has sent a travel diary of part of his trip. We are pleased to publish it with some of his photographs as well as some from the gathering.

We received news just before completing this Journal that Iain was injured in a farming accident. He wrote and informed Clan members about the accident saying:

"I'll be unable to do physical activity for around 6 months to a year, effectively putting me out of work on the farm, and having to cancel out of many upcoming musical engagements and the rest of the Highland Games season. However, I'm on the mend and confident I'll make a good recovery, it will just take a lot of time and patience to get to this full and final recovery, but the prognosis is good".

All the Clan members wish Iain a very speedy and full recovery.

Elizabeth McGillivray, Secretary of the International Clan Association, sets out the story of how and why we needed a new Clan Commander. She was heavily involved in establishing the Family Convention at Culloden in 2016 that

saw Iain elected as Commander. This was a complex task and undertaken by Elizabeth with wonderful grace, skill and determination.

This edition of the Journal brings very exciting news about another state representative. In this case it is a territory – we have a representative from the Northern Territory for the very first time. Many thanks to Deborah Horrocks who volunteered to serve the Clan. While on the subject of representatives, we have a story from our Tasmanian man on the ground, Alan Shaw, about his passion for weaving.

John McGilvray from Queensland was inspired by a story in the 2016 Journal, Mac on the Track. His father did a similar trek in the mid 1930s. Also called Mac, he was an accomplished artist and cartoonist. John has sent a lovely story about his dad and some examples of his artwork.

Regular Journal storyteller Ann Brown has written a wonderful piece following a trip to Kangaroo Island. It seems cricket and MacGillivrays go hand in hand. The Celebrations and Milestones section highlights an outstanding ballet dancer as well as a big thank you from our 2016 raffle winner.

We also report on Anna Blanch, the winner of the Clan MacGillivray Trophy for Best Novice Piper, 2016.

With DNA testing taking the world by storm, we have two stories to share. Clan Archivist, Lynda Collier is beginning her DNA journey regarding her connections to Sleat on the Isle of Skye. Another investigation made by Jane McGillivray from Paris, provided some clues and possibilities for her family connections.



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Euan McGillivray

The first full year of the Clan Website and Facebook page have proven to be successful and economical.

Unfinancial members were sent a reminder and so far 15 have re-joined. A letter will be sent the remaining 40 unfinancial members thanking them for their support over the years and removing them from the list of members. This means that we have 137 financial members. This is well down on previous years. We hope it is not due to the recent increase in fees, but this was required due mostly to higher costs for printing and postage. For example, we need about 95 financial members to cover costs for our online presence, printing and postage of the annual publications.

As you know we have two paper publications per year - the Journal and the newsletter, Dunmaghlass. The newsletter will be sent via email to those having the capability and via snail mail to members who lack email. The Journal will be sent in hard copy to all members. Back issues are available on our website.

We are always looking for stories for Dunmaghlass and the Journal regarding the goings-on in the lives of individual members and their families.

We believe many society members would like to know about events of importance to you, including: significant wedding anniversaries or birthdays; the birth of a child, grandchild or great-grandchild; weddings of members and their children;

(we especially love hearing about Scottish-themed weddings); deaths of family members; retirements of members or their wives/husbands; plans to participate in highland games; future travel plans or to tell us about recent travel experiences.

Clan Commissioner for Australia

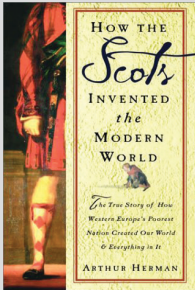
One of Iain's aims when becoming Commander was to ensure that the clan had commissioners in those countries where there are active societies or groups.

He has appointed Commissioners in the Netherlands and USA and is keen to make an appointment for Australia. The Clan MacGillivray Society Australia Committee have suggested that I take on the role for now while we set up a search for anyone else who is keen to do the job.

I am honoured and pleased to accept the recommendation and will continue to do my best to promote the activities of the clan in Australia and around the world.



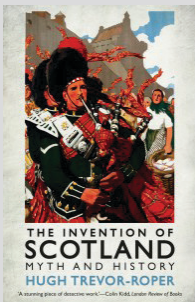
Euan accepts a commemorative flag from Commander, Iain, on behalf of the Clan MacGillivray Society Australia. Image Mary McGillivray.



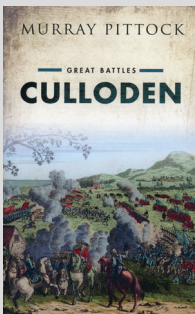
Euan's Book Reviews

Due to my recent retirement, I've had more time to read some wonderful books about Scotland and the Scots.

Some standouts are: *How the Scots Invented the Modern World*, by Arthur Herman. The author reveals how particularly in the 18th and 19th Centuries Scots made crucial contributions to science, philosophy, literature, education, medicine, commerce and politics. These contributions have formed and nurtured the modern West ever since.

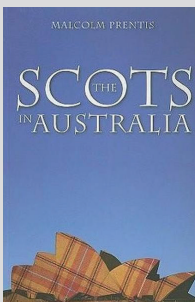


The second outstanding book is *The Invention of Scotland: Myth & History*, by Hugh Trevor-Roper. The author updates our existing knowledge in chapters called, *The Coming of the Kilt and The Tartan*.



The 2016 publication of the *Oxford Press Great Battles* highlights Culloden. Written by Murray Pittock, one of the leading scholars on Jacobitism, this book describes that while the battle was brief, its aftermath was brutal. However it also hints at some other viewings of the battle:

"On both sides there has been a tendency to regard the battle as a dramatic clash, between Highlander and Lowlander, Celt and Saxon, Catholic and Protestant, the old and the new. Yet, as this account of the battle and its long cultural afterlife suggests, while viewing Culloden in such a way might be rhetorically compelling, it is not necessarily good history."



Of course for a closer to home story, *The Scots in Australia* by Malcolm Prentis describes the history of Scottish immigrants, including convicts and free settlers, and their descendants in Australia from 1788 to the present.

If any member has read relevant books or other material, we would love to get a review to pass on to all our members.



Hereby Confers
Affiliated Life Membership
Upon
Clan MacGillivray Society of Australia
Duly enrolled on the 7th Day of December 1999
Affiliated Membership Number 1

*This certificate Acknowledged the right of any two
attending members to cast votes at an Annual General
Meeting of the International Association.*

Mr. [Signature]
President

Ronald MacGillivray
Chairman

This certificate might be of interest to Australian Clan members. When the International Association was formed in 1999, we were the first Affiliated Member Society. This membership entitled us to two votes at the election of Iain as Commander in May 2016.



TWO SCOTTISH LADS EXPERIENCE FAMILY CONNECTIONS IN AUSTRALIA

Iain MacGillivray, Clan Commander

I was very excited to travel to Australia with my younger brother Michael. The last time I travelled to this precious part of the world, was when I was 21 years of age for the World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008, when the Pope held the largest gathering of people that Australia had ever witnessed in its history. But this time I was attending a different kind of gathering, and one of much importance to our history.

Although our purpose of travel was for that one special day in Bendigo, Victoria, to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Clan MacGillivray Society Australia, we took out two weeks and made it into a road trip adventure down under style, and it is one of the most memorable experiences of my life.

After departing Glasgow, Scotland, we finally landed two days later in Melbourne Australia, via Dubai and Singapore. The journey was a very long one but enjoyable at best. But the one thing which just couldn't escape my mind was how our MacGillivray ancestors survived such an astoundingly long passage across the world to get to this land. It felt long enough for us by plane, but to imagine how these MacGillivray emigrants who left our Scottish shores and travelled this entire way by wooden ships across two oceans, smashed by waves, crippled by storms; is just incredible. It made me realise how fortunate I am for life and for the people I'm surrounded by for it put much into perspective. This was a truly remarkable feat of survival. It's a journey in itself to

have been a Scottish emigrant on those ships to America and Canada, that much further for those who decided for South America; but to have emigrated here to Australia, must have felt like a lifetime away and to finally set foot on this land must have been completely overwhelming.

We started our journey in Melbourne and had a wild weekend in Geelong which was brilliant! There was a bar there just down from where we were staying which had three levels, different music playing on each and Friday, Saturday and even the Sunday night. It was fully packed out with a tremendous exuberant crowd.

Going to Mass at the Geelong Cathedral was very special and we met the priest who gave an excellent homily and was probably the first priest who I'd seen using videos and audio clips on a PowerPoint to assist in his sermon, which was fascinating. He was very humorous also, a real great guy! We then continued our journey up the Great Ocean Road and saw some spectacular scenery. We stopped off at the Twelve Apostles and raced along the beach before the tide came in and witnessed the sunset coming down on such a beautiful natural monument in this part of the world.

Our journey that night took us to Cororooke where Euan McGillivray kindly let us stay at his quaint cabin, which was such a real treat for we hadn't even met him and his partner Ann yet and they shared their holiday home with us in their absence. It was in a rural gem; a beautiful spot that would be considered very similar to the rural setting I come from in Scotland, with its farming environment, it's sparse settlements, yet there was something so nicely Australian



Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road, Victoria.



Iain and Michael on Great Ocean Road, Victoria.

about it all. Strangely enough there was even a neighbouring town nearby named Balintore, which coincidentally, is the same name as a nearby fishing village in my local farming community of Easter Ross in Scotland. We visited the local church of St Brendan's the next morning and then departed on our journey through the Australian outback.

We went on a mission to locate the site of our grandmother's roots, whom I'm very proud to say is Australian. She came from the Burrendong Dam area near Wellington and Orange in NSW. She came from a ranch there named Rannoch which was named after her Scottish forebears of Henderson ancestry, but it was flooded for the construction of the dam in the 1950s so is underwater.

It still meant so much for us to travel and be there despite not being able to see it. We were still able to experience its sense of setting and remote location which was as close as we could get to being in our grandma's shoes before she made her journey to the old country, when she met my grandfather Donald MacGillivray. This happened at a bull sale in Perth, Scotland, getting married and settling at our family farm in Calrossie, she incidentally helped to revive the

MacGillivray Hunting Tartan.

This was the most amazing drive to get to this particular spot and the spectacular outback country we travelled through was so endearing. I loved driving in Australia for it was so smooth flowing and the roads were great and we were in the middle of the most stunning vast and open country land; we just felt like you were set free, it was a great feeling! It reminded me exactly of driving in the United States but on the British side of the road, that would be my way to describe it.

We stopped in a town named Wagga Wagga which I loved and, on our return journey, had a great night that ended up at a house party with some locals, on the way back to Melbourne to catch the flight home.

It was on the way back also where my brother Michael spotted a horse competition event happening from the roadside not too far from Wagga, and it is here where we stopped to see a wonderful horse rounding up competition on a Friday night. It was a horse riding competition where people of all ages, even young boys and girls of six or seven years, were rounding up cattle through gates and they all had a time limit to accomplish it. It was the

most impressive event and we just sat there and watched it for a couple hours listening to the results and the country music coming from the stand arena pole with a big Australian flag on the top. And that's exactly how it felt; so Australian. Michael even pointed out to me that on a Friday, instead of these people going out bingeing or staying in to watch television, they were spending their Friday night doing probably the coolest thing I'd ever seen. And everyone was having a terrific time!

Our journey continued on to Sydney where we visited our cousins Terry, Kerry and Matthew Butler which was very special indeed and we spent some great quality time together. We then drove back to Victoria for our special day; the Clan MacGillivray Gathering.

This was special on two accounts; firstly we met up with our uncle Calum MacGillivray, the night before the MacG gathering. He is my father's brother who emigrated to Australia a few years ago and hadn't seen each other since Michael and I were young boys. So, we had a great time catching up, exchanging tales and hearing of Calum's incredible hikes and wilderness pursuits throughout the most remotest of Australia's outback territories. Some

of his accounts even made Australian national news so this was most impressive!

The next day was the MacGillivray Gathering and Michael and I were greatly anticipating this historic event. We entered into the MacGillivray Hall in Bendigo to be greeted by a very large crowd of proud MacGillivrays wearing their kilts, brandishing their tartan plaids and milling around speaking and laughing together.

Finally I met Euan MacGillivray, whom I'd been corresponding with about the gathering over the past few months and who was so helpful at arranging and coordinating in conjunction with this special event. I met Jill McGillivray the President, who I hadn't met since her trip for the Clan MacG gathering in Scotland in 2009. I also met the Clan secretary for 30 years, David MacGillivray and archivist Lynda Collier. I also met so many Clan MacG people, young and old and that was the beauty.

The enthusiasm was tremendous and the spirit of the occasion really shined bright that day. It was most enjoyable. I was piped into the hall by a fine piper and the Clan MacG Banner held by my uncle Calum in a procession down to



Visiting Burrendong Dam, NSW.



Capertree Valley, near Lithgow, NSW.

the front of the hall. I gave a PowerPoint presentation on the history of the Clan MacGillivray and had a chance to present a few gifts I had brought over with me from Scotland to present to the Clan MacG Society Australia in commemoration of their historic celebration.

All the while, Stephen Kearney, BBC Alba cameraman was filming for a Scottish Gaelic television programme in conjunction with the Clan MacG. I mentioned that the Clan MacG Gathering is looking to go ahead in Scotland in 2020 which we are very excited for and hope that many people from Australia will join us for this event.

I thoroughly enjoyed the event and it was the most memorable occasion. Sincere thanks to Euan, partner Ann and daughter and tech expert Mary. Also to Jill MacG, David and Lynda and to all of those who attended this great event. It was a pleasure to meet you all and to be within our family bond with such proud links and strong ties of blood and heritage. The MacG Aus 40th Anniversary is one I will remember for a very long time to come!



Iain and Michael, Sydney.

Clan Commissioner for Australia

Since my appointment as Clan Commander in 2016, one of my key tasks is to establish Commissioners in each country where there is an active clan society or group.

The role of Commissioner is to promote the clan and keep alive its history, engaging with all ages who share MacGillivray heritage.

I have appointed Commissioners in the Netherlands and the USA. Now I am thrilled to announce that Euan McGillivray has agreed to be the Commissioner for Australia.

Since spending time with Euan in 2016 during and following the anniversary gathering in Bendigo, I feel certain that the clan in Australia is in good hands. It is an active clan society and has a strong committee with a 40-year history to draw upon.

Slainte agus Beannachdan!



2016 Melbourne Cup.

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Photos from our 40th ANNIVERSARY GATHERING



Iain presents a magnificent ceramic platter in clan tartan to Euan and Jill.



Iain gives a presentation about the history of the Clan MacGillivray.



Clan MacGillivray Society Australia Committee and Councillors, L to R, NSW rep, Rob Ratcliffe, Heather McGillivray, Lynda Collier, Iain MacGillivray, David McGillivray, Ted Foster, Qld rep, Janette McGillivray, President, Jill McGillivray, Sue McGillivray-Jordan, front row, Mary McGillivray, Euan McGillivray.



Iain presents raffle prizes to lucky winners.



Group of guests at gathering, unfortunately many had departed before picture was taken.



ITALIAN CONNECTION

Mary McGillivray, Media Manager

One of the most rewarding parts of being involved with our clan society is the connections you create with clan members not just from Australia, but from all around the world.

Since taking on the role of Media Manager for Clan MacGillivray Society Australia, I have had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know many clan folk, including Elizabeth McGillivray (International Clan Secretary) when I visited Scotland in January 2016, and our commander Iain MacGillivray and his brother Michael upon the occasion of our 40th Anniversary celebrations last October.

More recently I had the joy of meeting Italian Clan MacGillivray member Gianni Lombardi and his partner Patrizia. In July this year I travelled to Italy with my mother for a sort of self-guided "study tour" of early-renaissance artworks in Rome and Florence. We were honoured

to be invited to Gianni and Patrizia's home for dinner on one of our nights in Rome.

Gianni took us to a couple of look-out points where we saw a fantastic view of the city, far from the crowds of tourists, and treated us to a drink at a hill-top bar popular with locals.

As a born and bred Roman, Gianni's knowledge of the city was invaluable. He shared many facts and stories with us (did you know that cats are protected in Rome?) and, as a retired professor of Geology, he could identify every stone material used in the construction of his city and its origin. Most interestingly, I learnt that the ankle-breaking paving stones used throughout most of Rome are cut from volcanic rock.

At their beautiful apartment, Patrizia made us a delicious Italian meal, and we met their gorgeous ginger cat. Gianni showed us his study, which was decorated with Clan MacGillivray tartan curtains and seat cushions! Patrizia is also very engaged with our clan heritage and is working on a MacGillivray tartan tapestry. In pride of place above their mantelpiece are portraits and photographs of clan ancestors.



Gianni Lombardi and Mary McGillivray, view of Rome in background.



Patrizia and Gianni. Portrait behind is Gianni's great-great grandfather, Simon McGillivray.

We were so thankful for Gianni and Patrizia's hospitality and warmth. It is something very special to be able to connect with people on the other side of the world due to a mutual interest in our shared Scottish heritage.



WHY AND HOW CLAN MACGILLIVRAY FINDS A COMMANDER

Elizabeth McGillivray, International Clan Secretary

"Look Elizabeth, here are the sword marks". I was standing in the Dunlichity Church burial area with our new Clan Commander, Iain Donald MacGillivray, being filmed for BBC Alba and Iain was showing me something I had looked for on a number of occasions but had never

found. Clansmen sharpened their swords on a stone in the churchyard before going off to battle and I had always assumed that it would be on one of the natural stones that are so common there. As you will see from the photograph, I was wrong. The stone is actually part of the Church building although where it was before the current Church was built I do not know. Why were Iain and I in the churchyard on a cold day in April 2017 being filmed?

The story goes back a long way in that the last hereditary Clan Chief died in the 1940s without there being anyone to inherit the title of Chief of the Clan MacGillivray. Clan MacGillivray became what is known as an armigerous Clan. A Clan recognised by the Lord Lyon King of Arms of Scotland but with no Chief. In the 1980s Colonel George Macgillivray of Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada petitioned the Lord Lyon on three occasions to be



Stone where swords were sharpened prior to going into battle. Image Elizabeth McGillivray.

recognised as Chief but was unable to produce sufficient evidence. However his persistence paid off and after the third failed attempt the then Lord Lyon did a very sensible thing and appointed him as Clan Commander. His appointment was of great benefit to the Clan. Traditionally, Commanders were appointed by a Clan Chief to represent him, particularly in battle where, for reasons of age, infirmity etc the Clan Chief could not lead. In modern times Clan Commanders are now appointed after a Petition to the Lord Lyon for permission to hold a Family Convention and the person nominated by those entitled to vote being accepted by the Lord Lyon.

George had already been very generous to the Clan who have him to thank for the handsome gates with transom above which lead into the Chiefly Enclosure at Dunlichity Church and following his appointment he went on to do something which, in my view, resulted in the Clan being alive and well today.

He appointed five Clan Commissioners representing America (Bruce McGillivray who is still with us today) Australia (the sadly now late Peter McGillivray whom I had the pleasure of meeting at two Gatherings) Canada (Darroch McGillivray, now deceased, whom I met once), Holland (Edwin McGilvray also now deceased) and the UK (the irrepressible Ishbel McGillivray McGregor who still keeps us on our toes).

Sadly, George had only five years as Commander before he passed away but the Commissioners kept things going, enthused people, organised meetings and gatherings and so on and I truly believe that if he had not made these

appointments the Clan may well have withered.

The Committee of the Clan MacGillivray International Association, based in Scotland, was very conscious that we had no leader and as there was no evidence of any possible hereditary Chief I was tasked with finding out the procedure for seeking the appointment of a Commander. As a Scots lawyer this was something different and something of a challenge. At the same time and by sheer coincidence a new Lord Lyon had just been appointed and was someone I knew well as a fellow lawyer. He was very helpful in pointing me to the right people in the Lyon Office for the necessary information and once I had all the information I needed I liaised with the Clan representatives in the other countries and presented a Petition to the Lord Lyon for consent to hold a Family Convention or derbh fine to give it its old name.

The procedures require Lyon to nominate a Reporting Officer who is usually one of his Heralds. The person appointed was Sir Crispen Agnew, QC who in fact had represented George when he was petitioning in the 1980s! He was delighted to be involved, well remembered his previous involvement and was familiar with the background to the Clan. In my endeavours to be open, transparent and democratic in the process I made full use of social media and there was my downfall. There was considerable opposition from one person who was adamant that there was someone of the chiefly line. As a result of that opposition and in consultation with Lyon, I withdrew the Petition. This was a really sad because the intention had been to hold the Convention during the 2015 Gathering in Inverness but if

there was the possibility of there being a hereditary Chief time had to be given to that person to lodge their evidence. As with the Monarch, so with Clan Chiefs: the links must be legitimate.

After it became clear this turn of events was not going anywhere, I presented a fresh Petition and this time the Reporting Officer was Yvonne Holton, the Heraldic Artist to the Lyon Court and a lovely lady. Prior to presenting the first Petition the one thing I had done was to make sure that we would have at least one applicant. There was no point in going to the time and expense of arranging a Convention if no one was going to stand. The Committee ascertained that Iain Donald MacGillivray, son of our Clan Piper Duncan was interested. I made it very clear that I was not supporting him and during the process he got no more help from me than the other three who stood – in fact probably less!

Inevitably word got around and the previously mentioned opponent of the convention accused me of running the whole thing purely to have Iain appointed. Indeed so strongly did she hold this view that she wrote to Lyon demanding he refuse my Petition (she had already done this at the time of the first Petition) and when he did not do so she complained to the First Minister of Scotland and to HM Queen. The two opponents did not become involved in the Convention.

Four applications in total were received, including the one from Iain, the other three being from America. One of the Americans came over for the Convention which was wonderful. The other two participated thanks to modern technology. In my efforts to be democratic I had arranged for there to

be representatives from each of America, Australia, Canada and Holland on the voting panel along with representatives of various MacGillivray families (only one from each). Those representing Australia and Canada attended and voted via Skype. All four applicants had much to contribute but Iain won the unanimous vote. He is young, enthusiastic, has grown up in a very active MacGillivray family, his Mother is American and his grandmother Australian, he is well travelled, educated in Scotland and America, Gallic speaking, a very talented musician and lives only 30 miles or so from Inverness and Culloden.

The procedure was completed by Mrs Holton making her Report to Lyon and once he had approved the nomination, a beautiful Commission was presented to him some months later at a ceremony in Edinburgh. I was privileged to attend and to see what had been an interesting but sometimes stressful process brought to a conclusion.

Since then Iain has travelled to Holland and Australia for Clan events in 2016 and will attend Clan events this year in Holland, America and Canada. So why were we being filmed? BBC Alba which is the Gallic speaking television channel, had seen some of the publicity about our Clan appointing a Commander and approached him and asked if he would agree to being filmed over a year in order to produce a programme giving a flavour of what it is all about. Iain agreed on the basis that it would be good publicity for our Clan. I was asked by the film producer to participate to talk about the procedure of nominating a potential Clan Commander and that was done by interview and was then followed by a day's filming at Dunlichity, Auld Petty Church where the body of

Colonel Alexander MacGillivray was taken after Culloden and then at the Well of the Dead at Culloden. It was a very interesting process and Iain and I both thoroughly enjoyed it and found that we were able to chat easily to each other despite the camera rolling. The programme will air in December of this year; I am not looking forward to seeing myself on screen!

Australian Clan members may recall that we ran an on-line poll that would inform our vote at the Convention. Iain won that poll and President Jill and then Secretary David were able to convey our decision live via Skype (at 4am local time). We all were thrilled to be able to play our part in establishing a new Commander for our Clan.

- Editor



New Clan Commander, Iain receiving his certificate from Lord Lyon, King of Arms, 2016.
Image Elizabeth McGillivray.



Current Clan Commander, Iain MacGillivray, at the Culloden Moor monument, The Well of the Dead.
Image Elizabeth McGillivray.



MCGILLIVRAYS FROM SLEAT ON THE ISLE OF SKYE AND DNA

Lynda Collier, Archivist

As those of you with McGillivray ancestors from the Isle of Skye, in particular Sleat, will know that the parish records only commence from early in the 19th Century. Much work was done by Colonel Harold A. Steiner and his wife Doris McGilvary Steiner in the MacGillivrays of Skye, however they weren't able to re-create all the families. In my family we are lucky to have access to two hand-written family trees that take our family back a few generations before the parish records began.

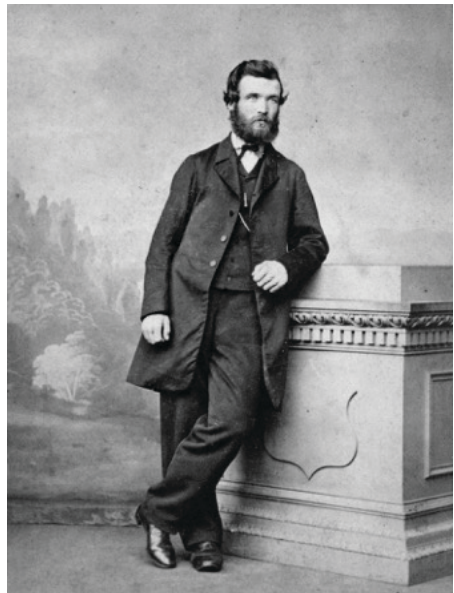
Baptisms began in 1815 and my three times great grandfather Angus McGillivray was born about 1801 (from his age on his death certificate). His sister, Marion migrated to Australia leaving the Isle of Skye on October 13, 1852. Marion and four of her five children left Skye by steamboat and boarded the Priscilla in Liverpool for their journey to Australia. They were part of the Highland and Island Emigration Society (HIES) scheme of migration to Australia. Marion's husband Ewen (Hugh) McIntosh had died while they waiting to leave Skye.

The Priscilla was quarantined on arrival in Melbourne as there was scarletina (scarlet fever) on board. Thirty-one passengers died on the voyage out and a further eleven whilst they were in quarantine.

Luckily one of her daughters, Catherine, kept a record of their journey to Australia

and of other events that interested her in Australia. All of interest to us historically. She also drew two family trees of her mother's McGillivray family and of her father's McIntosh family. Marion and her children travelled to Flooding Creek (Sale) in Gippsland by the first boat to make the journey there from Melbourne (according to Catherine's notes). They were to join Marion's brother-in-law Archibald McIntosh.

The McGillivray family tree that Catherine drew out seems to have been for her children as she calls her mother Granny. It gave her mother's parents as Archibald McGillivray and Ann Mclvor. This we already knew from the death certificate of Angus, the death certificate of Ann Mclvor (who lived until 1857) and Marion's death certificate. However, it listed all the children (I assume) of Archibald McGillivray and Ann Mclvor. It lists some of their spouses and children



Believed to be Alexander McGillivray, family collection.

but not all and lists where some of them migrated to. It was not complete, it did leave off the family of my ancestor Angus McGillivray. His son followed his aunt and cousin to Australia in the 1860s.

Eleven children of Archibald McGillivray and Ann McIvor are listed. According to the family tree Alex was in the Queen's Guards and was said to have died young. Donald was a teacher in Montreal, Canada. Charles and John both went to the USA. Martin married on Skye and had three sons – Ken, Arch and Sandy. Ken also married on Skye and had two daughters – Kate and Mary. Catherine married Chisholm and went to the USA. Angus died on Skye. Mary married McKenzie and went to the USA. Margaret married McDonald and had three children – Mary, Ann and Arch. Marion (Granny) married Ewen McIntosh and had five children. She died at Glenmaggie.

The family tree also gave Archibald's father as Charles. There are some problems with the details she has recorded. As she says her mother died at Glenmaggie we know it was

drawn up after October 11, 1885. Catherine who married Chisholm went to Canada not the USA and her line is well documented. However, her eldest daughter Betty married a Duncan MacPherson on Skye and was reputed to have migrated to Australia. They have not been found.

Nothing further has been found on Alex or John. Martin did marry on Skye but had more than three sons. He had an additional son Charles (who probably died young) and two daughters Catherine and Mary. Ken did marry on Skye and have two daughters named Kate and Mary. The details were correct for Margaret. No details have yet been found out about Mary who married McKenzie nor Donald in Canada. Mary may have married Neil Maclean of Strath.

A number of years ago I found references to another family tree that included some McGillivrays from Skye on it. I managed to track down the custodian of the tree and have a copy. This was drawn up in the 1840s by a General McInnes and his mother who



Isle Ornsay, Sleat, Isle of Skye. Image Lynda Collier.

was born in the 1750s on Skye. The McGillivray line on the tree happened to be ours. I was able to corroborate the information from the tree that Catherine had drawn up and also from the old parish registers that do survive for Sleat. This tree does not have any dates on it, just names and relationships. It does take the family back quite a few generations. Of course there may be errors in this tree as well.

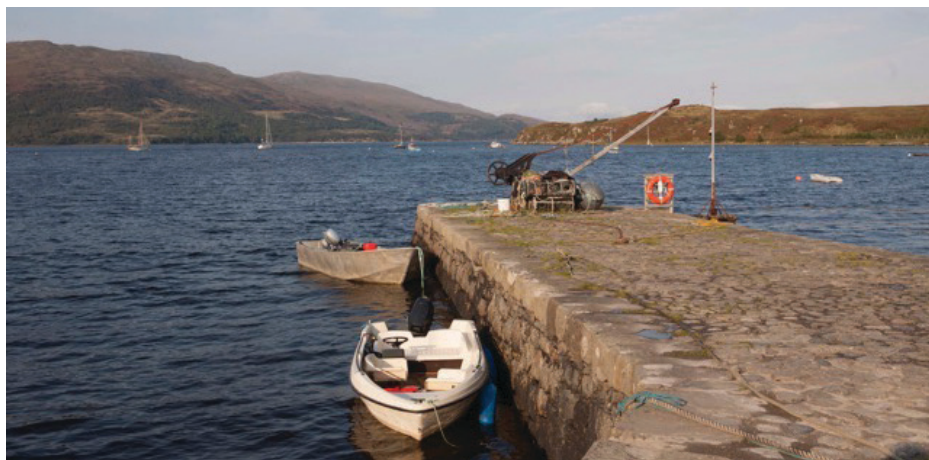
By referring to the MacDonald estate papers held in the Archives and Library at Clan Donald at Armadale on the Isle of Skye I have been able to verify some of the other family members. I have two definite siblings for Archibald – Donald who married Mary McInnes and Ann who married Samuel Campbell.

Excitingly I now have some more matches through autosomal DNA (atDNA) testing. My mother has returned a match with descendants of John McGillivray and Catherine Robertson through their daughter Christy. Now was John the John that was listed as going to the USA by Catherine? His age would fit to be the father of Christy. As far as we know this John died on Skye prior to

1841. However it is possible he did go to the USA leaving his wife and children on Skye, perhaps intending to send for them. Or was he the son of another brother of Archibald, Donald and Ann? Both are possibilities and there are probably more.

I am just beginning the DNA journey having tested my parents and myself and waiting for results for one of my siblings. Who else has had any DNA testing done? It would be good to have a group so that we can see what other linkages there may be through the various families. There are a number of companies that test at-DNA. They include FamilytreeDNA, MyHeritage, Ancestry and 23andme. I have tested with FamilytreeDNA and Ancestry although I am waiting for the Ancestry results. For Y-DNA and mt-DNA you need to test with FamilytreeDNA as they are the only companies that have these tests. Let me know if you have done or intend to do DNA.

Below: Pier at Isle Ornsay, Sleat, Isle of Skye, where most of our ancestors left from. Image Lynda Collier.





NEW NORTHERN TERRITORY CLAN REPRESENTATIVE

Deborah Horrocks

I am a retired Northern Territory Police Officer, having served 36 years. I mostly served in Darwin and Tennant Creek. I worked in many areas of the Police service including Criminal Intelligence and Forensic. I am a qualified Negotiator, Traffic Investigator and I can 'hold my own in a bar room brawl'. I am also proud to say in 2009 I was a nominee for the Pride of Australia award.

I was born and brought up in Darwin for most of my life, however I spent some years as a military brat in Malaysia in the 1960's and I have travelled extensively, including going back to Inverness on the family history trail.

I am most fortunate to have four very lovely adult daughters who keep me informed on the finer points of how



Above: Deborah in uniform, 1977.
Below: At the entrance to the Chiefs burial enclosure, Dunlichity Church, 2003.

to run my life. They find my life long, keen interest in genealogy, somewhat bemusing and quirky. More recently they developed a more supportive attitude towards being MacGillivray descendants, and all that it stands for historically, with the advent to television of the Outlander series. (Largely due to the particularly rugged looking, male lead I think). Either way, I am happy to say they were most



approving when I volunteered to be NT rep for Clan MacGillivray Society Australia.

I can trace my MacGillivray Ancestry back to Lagg at Dunmaghlass, through my GGG grandmother Janet MacGillivray, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith). Janet married Hugh Shaw and it was their children who emigrated to Australia. I am descended through their daughter Catherine Shaw.

I am currently working on transcribing the Strathnairn St Paul's Episcopal Church Records onto a searchable database. I have just recently visited the very knowledgeable Jane Macgillivray in France and spent a very enjoyable time learning a great deal of MacGillivray history in general. Jane and I had met through early mutual research on the internet over 20 years ago and we have maintained contact since.

I am hoping to have the opportunity to return to Inverness in the near future to do some further research into my MacGillivray family history. I am keen to promote the growth of the MacGillivray Clan and keen to assist any members with research and information where I am able.



HAND WEAVING TARTAN

By Alan Shaw, Tasmanian Representative

In 1987 during a visit to Scotland I was introduced to James D. Scarlet, a master weaver regarded as "the Grand Old Man of Tartan". Jamie is also the author

of several books about Tartan. On a second visit to Scotland in 1997 I was privileged to spend an evening with Jamie and his wife Meta in their cottage at Milton of Moy. Jamie showed samples of ancient tartan, some woven from the very fine fleece of the long extinct highland sheep, bronze-age breed that shed its fleece. Jamie warned me, that if I was interested in tartan research I would have to find a way to cut through all the rubbish that has been written and published about it. So, I decided to approach the subject from the prehistory end of the story. This involved reading up of the domestication of sheep, the history of spinning and weaving and finally, the early history of tartan.

People have been twisting fibres together to make a thread for more than 20,000 to 30,000 years, twisting weak fibres together to make a strong thread. The earliest direct proof of weaving are impressions on clay of plain weave and basket weave found at Jarmo in north-eastern Iraq dating from circa 7,000 BC. It is almost certain that weaving started some time before that and the two different patterns of weaving demonstrated that those ancient weavers were already experimenting with different weaves. The characteristic 2/2 twill weave was may also have been developed by then or soon thereafter.

Initially sheep were domesticated to ensure a supply of meat and skins. The ancient herders tended to eat their unwanted neutered males first. Skeletons of neutered male of a greater age provided the clue when the herders had started to keep sheep for their wool. The range of the European wild sheep overlapped with that of Asian wild sheep in northern Iraq and Iran. No doubt that provided the genetic mix that enabled



the herders to selectively breed a sheep with a fine and predominantly white fleece. This fine white fleece readily took dyes enabling experimentation with colour.

These early herders were nomadic, probably with small dye pots and used vegetable dyes. To dye a large piece of cloth, red for example, each dye lot would have resulted in a different shade of red that would not be very pleasing to the eye. Jamie Scarlet suggested that it is what led to the introduction of intersecting stripes of another colour and so tartan was born. Of course woollen cloth rots or is eaten by insects so there is little evidence of early tartan. The oldest sample of tartan was found at Urumchi in northwest China on the eastern end of the great Asian Steppe, on people who were buried in their tartan clothing dating from 800 to 1,200 BC. This was a tartan of six colours that survived because it was buried in dry salt sands. The other piece of early tartan style cloth of two colours was found in a salt mine at Hallstatt in Austria, dating from circa 800 BC. The 2/2 twill weave and tartan style weaving was well established in

Europe and probably arrived in Scotland in the late bronze age, but that can only be an assumption. The earliest direct evidence of tartan in Scotland was from a piece of cloth found stuffed in a bottle dating from the 3rd or 4th century AD. The early highlanders did use the term tartan they called it brec or brcan that literally means check. The fine wool highland sheep that shed its fleece has long been extinct and replaced by breeds with coarser wool.

To further my knowledge I joined the Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers Guild of Tasmania and became a weaver of tartan. I buy manufactured yarn and dye it in the colour I want. Thus far I have woven scarves in the Shaw or Tordarroch and Cochrane tartans using a four shaft table loom. I now have the knowledge and skills to weave my own kilt. Weaving has given me a great deal of pleasure, particularly demonstrating at shows and schools. Grade 3 and 4 children are very keen to learn.

Above: Woven scarves made using a four shaft table loom. Image Alan Shaw.



MEMORIES OF DAD

John McGilvray

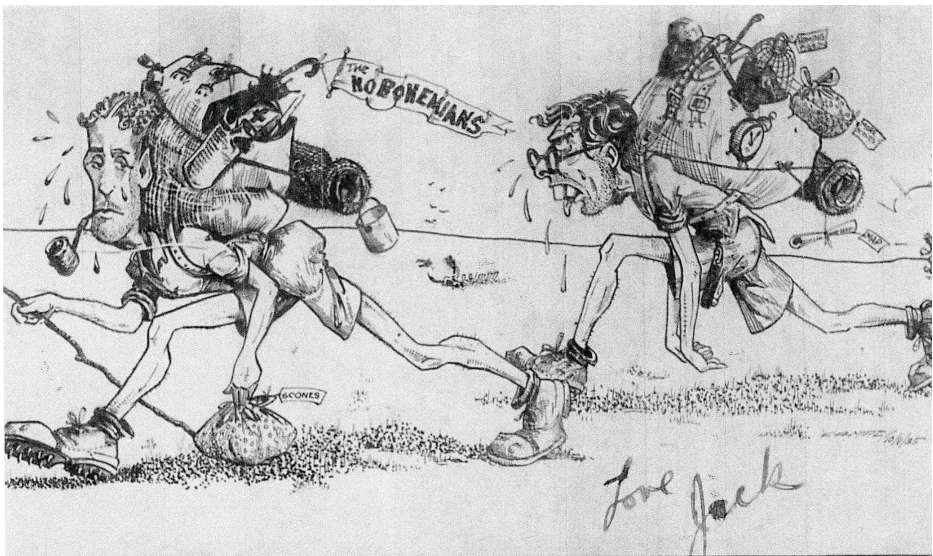
I read with interest the article "Mac on the Track" - the exploits of John Duncan MacGillivray, during the Depression. (2016 Clan Journal) John, along with his mates and their story, busking from Perth/WA to Bowen/ Qld is an Odyssey worthy of Homer.

This reminded me of a recollection of my father, John Cameron McGilvray (also known as Mac) who came across from NZ and 'went on the track and jumped the rattler'.

My dad was also creative, not in a musical sense, but he had an innate talent in the graphic arts and could design, draw cartoons and caricatures.



There's a boy coming home on leave, but it won't be this Xmas. This time the soldier is carrying the kitchen sink! - an indication of how loaded up they were.



Ships of the Desert. A pen sketch of the Hobohemians as they tramped in August 1935, carrying everything but the kitchen sink.

I found some early examples.

The work was reproduced as a photo-card by Leica, Kyle House Sydney and sent to family and friends. Later, after 'joining up' in 1942, Mac undertook the pre-war training in the Hunter area, outside Newcastle.

His cartoon card – There's a boy coming home on leave, dated 24/9/1942 had his nom de plume - CAMAC with a hand-written note, but it won't be this Xmas. This time the soldier is carrying the kitchen sink! - an indication of how loaded up they were.

For me, one of his crowning moments was to gain recognition as 'Emile's Understudy'. He achieved publication and payment for two cartoons while Emile Mercer was away. The Editor of the Sydney Sun paper arranged payment of





Ann Brown at MacGillivray Cricket Club, Kangaroo Island, South Australia, November 2016. Image Ralph Brown.

in South Australia for cadastral (taxing) purposes to assist with the regulation and administration of land transactions.³ Only the south-eastern portion of South Australia had been divided into counties, less than one third of the state.⁴ The Hundred of MacGillivray, County of Carnarvon, was proclaimed on 20 December 1906. It originally covered an area of 374.9 square kilometres (144.75 sq mi) which was expanded in 1945 to 553.6 square kilometres (213.75 sq mi).

The section of land occupied by the famous MCG, that is, the MacGillivray Cricket Ground was donated to the Cricket Club over 70 years ago by the Wheaton family.⁵ It is part of a larger allotment which was settled in 1920 by Robert Wheaton OBE. The Cricket Club was founded in 1932, with the pitch and oval commencing operation in a paddock in 1934. Occasionally sheep still graze the area.

The Scottish character in this part of MacGillivray was enriched when the Wheaton family restored the original

homestead, a historic Federation house built out of limestone collected from the property, converted it into a Bed and Breakfast and named it Stranraer, after a town in Scotland. It is a Gaelic word meaning 'safe resting place'.

The original homestead provided consulting rooms for the only local doctor and in the early to mid-1900s, one of the buildings became the local school. It is unclear how this information connects with official records given in A History of Kangaroo Island Schools 1839 to 1980 from which extracts have already been printed in the Journal of the Clan MacGillivray Society Australia.⁶ According to this History there were two MacGillivray Schools; one at Wattle Grove in Section 3 of the Hundred of MacGillivray and the other school at Wattle Range in Section 2 which opened in 1918. A photograph of the teacher and students at Wattle Grove School also appeared with these extracts in the Clan Journal. The two schools were half time for 2 years. The second school became the preferred school because its location was more central for the families of the district. I have discovered the following information about the

3 <http://familyhistorysa.info/sahistory/hundreds.html>

4 "County of Carnarvon (South Australia)," Article, Wikipedia.

5 "Wheatons mark 100 years on KI," Stock Journal, 4 January 2014.

6 Vol 3, No 5, 1995.

MacGillivray schools which is also from this history;⁷

1. Wattle Grove School 1911 to 1918.

Five trustees were elected: Henry Ayris, Alfred Stirling, Herbert Wiadrowski, Robert Wheaton and Herbert Williams.

This building was not only used as a local hall but for regular church services by the Anglican and Methodist [Uniting] churches. It was finally dismantled in the mid to late 1960s.

Teachers:

1911 Teacher: Miss Letty Ford

1912 Teacher: Miss Mildred Fisher

1914 Teacher: Bridget Madigan

1916 Teacher: Miss Edith Lee

1917-1918 Teacher: Miss Ellen Hogan

2. Wattle Grange 1917-29

In 1916 another school, called "Wattle Grange" was opened on Section 2 of the Hundred of MacGillivray and the two

schools were half time for two years. In later years the "Wattle Grange" building was used a residence.

Teachers:

1917 to 1918 Teacher Dorothy Dunstone

1928 Teacher: Miss E Bell

1929 Teacher: Mr W L Moore

However my key interest is in the original location of the MacGillivray Post Office (1909-1952) on Kangaroo Island. The MacGillivray Post Office (1909-1952) has already featured in previous clan journal articles.⁸ It is currently a vacant building, no longer functioning as a post office and is located on a farm at Emu Ridge, MacGillivray. A photograph of the post office reveals the stone base on which the building rests. This strongly suggests that the MacGillivray Post Office (1909-1952) is not in its original location. Has anyone any information about this?

7 "A History of Kangaroo Island Schools 1839 to 1980," Leonie Bell and Faye Davidson, 1981, published by Kangaroo Island Welfare Clubs Association.

8 Vol 3, No 3, 1993 and a photograph in Vol 4, No 1, 1997, p.48.



MacGillivray Post Office, operated 1909-1952, Kangaroo Island, South Australia, November 2016. Image Ann Brown.



DNA TESTING: ONE PERSON'S EXPERIENCE

Jane Macgillivray

A couple of years ago, I took a DNA test (this involved spitting into a test tube) with 23andMe, while at the same time I offered a test to my brother with Family Tree in the framework of what was supposedly a one-name study touted by the American association. About six Macgillivrays tested and each showed a different male ancestor, that being the disappointing scope of the results. However, 23andMe provided me with over a thousand matches, most supposedly being relatives over the last ten generations. There were matches in faraway lands, Croatia, Romania, India – and even a native American.

I doubt if any of us can trace our complete ancestry over the last ten generations to 562 couples who were perhaps born at the beginning of the 17th century. If each of these couples had three children who in turn over the succeeding generations had three children, our 562 ancestor couples at the beginning of the 17th century would have over 10 million descendants, all our relatives. So 23andMe's 1000 matches is only the tiny available drop in that genetic ocean.

Many years ago when I was researching my ancestors and the Macgillivrays in general in order to understand litigation for the Dunmaglass estates in the 19th century, I was lucky enough to meet the late Al Simonds, a fellow researcher into Macgillivrays. He believed that his

Macgillivray ancestors from Duthill were connected to my Cawdor Macgillivrays, but there was nothing to indicate this was the case.

His earliest Macgillivray ancestor was Duncan, a soldier in Duthill, who married Mary Roger, with issue Mary born 1781, James born 1763, Peter born 1784, Angus or Aeneas born 1785, Janet 1800 and William 1803. James was in the 78th Regiment, married Mary McBain, then emigrated to Canada with his family. Peter was a sawmiller in Rosehall, married Isabella McGregor, one of his children John Gregor married Catherine Dallas in Cawdor, daughter of Duncan Dallas and Sarah Ross at Inchyettell (their descendants would be related me too through Sarah Ross' Falconer mother), Aeneas married twice in Ross & Cromarty, Anne Matheson and Helen Morrison, and emigrated likewise with his family to Megantic County, Canada as did his younger brother William who married Christine McKay (ancestors of my friend Al Simonds).

The 23andMe DNA test gave me a match of someone in Al Simond's family, predicting her as 4th cousin on account of the amount of DNA shared. In fact - I had heard this was often the case - the predicted cousinship was too close and it was more likely 6th cousinship or earlier that this Duthill Macgillivray family was connected to my Cawdor ancestors.

Interestingly, my elderly mother nee Macqueen (with ancestors in Perthshire early 18th century) also tested. There were double matches for me through both my mother and father, meaning that my mother and father may have had a common ancestor, most likely in 17th century or earlier, perhaps Clan Chattan? So thanks to DNA testing

and in the absence of a paper trail, Al Simonds was proved right about his hunch - we were related...

Another match that was of interest was a retired American surgeon who could trace his ancestors to the farm of Foxmoss in Cawdor. Although the match was through the female side and names changed every generation, we ended up establishing we were 5th cousins – through the Macgillivrays alias McFarquhars at Reriach in mid 18th century (as well as Macarthurs). I was able to give him some ancestry several generations earlier than what he had.

I am now dying to make other connections. A new function of the 23&Me site show what matches a particular person and I have in common. I am now messaging the matches that I and the Duthill Macgillivrays have in common to see how we might be related.



CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES

2016 Raffle winner

Neil Stuart McGillivray

I live in Sydney with my wife (Lyn) and daughter (Isabel). We are currently renovating the home we bought 23 years ago in Mosman. I am one of 4 children of the late Ronald and Shirley McGillivray of Dora Creek, NSW. Ron was Honorary Chieftain of the Clan MacGillivray Society Australia from 1992 until his death in 1993.

Dad was a Police Inspector at the time

of his retirement. In his earlier years he worked for BHP, the railways and then enlisted in the RAAF. He played drums with the Newcastle City Pipe Band and later helped to form the Newcastle Police & Citizens' Band. My grandfather was Charles Lindon Birdie McGillivray – a painter and docker by trade but also a noted piper – born in NSW in 1891. Charles took on the longer version of the name 'McGillivray'. Charles Lindon Birdie was brother to Eileen McGillivray - mother of the late Ian MacGillivray Elder – recent Clan Chieftain.

My great grandfather was Charles McGilvray born at Harwood Island, NSW in 1864. He was one of 3 sons of Donald McGilvray who came to Australia on the 'Ontario' in 1852.



Neil with his first prize, 4.5 litres of Teachers Highland Cream Whisky. The bottle came supplied with a display and pouring cradle.
Image Lyn McGillivray.

Rising star's sweet success

OCEAN Grove local Sugar MacGillivray has taken the next step on her ballerina journey after being accepted into the Queensland Ballet Academy.

The 14-year-old Bellarine Academy of Dance student fielded offers from the Joffrey Ballet in New York and Melbourne City Ballet, but chose to move north for QB's Senior Program due to its reputation for producing dancers that make it to the highest level.

Although it means moving away from family and friends on the Bellarine Peninsula, Sugar says she is eager to get started.

"I'm so excited to be given the opportunity to further my dance career at such an amazing dance company," she said.

"It will be hard work, and I will miss my friends and family, but my dream is to become a professional dancer

and this is where it all starts."

Sugar will stay with a host family in Brisbane, where she faces the prospect of 12-hour days combining secondary school studies with intensive dance classes, technique development and body conditioning.

A member at the Ocean Grove studio for eight years, Sugar has regularly excelled in her Royal Academy of Dance examinations and eisteddfod competitions, according to studio principal Kellie Williamson.

"Sugar has a fantastic facility for dance and is one of the most dedicated students I have come across," Ms Williamson said. "She is constantly looking to develop and improve and this opportunity is a culmination of many years of hard work."

"We are all very proud of her."



Strong point: Sugar MacGillivray is joining the Queensland Ballet Academy's Senior Program.

Picture: PETER GILLAHAN

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Thanks to John and Margaret MacGillivray of Drysdale, Victoria, for sending the clipping of their granddaughter Sugar. John was born in Fort William, Scotland.

2016 Clan MacGillivray Novice Piper Award Winner

Anna Blanch

The 2016 winner of the Clan MacGillivray Novice Piper Award at the Victorian Piping Championship was Anna Blanch. This annual award, sponsored by the Clan MacGillivray Society Australia, is awarded to the piper who exhibits excellence in the novice level.

We were honoured to invite her to pipe in our newly elected Clan Commander to our 40th Anniversary Clan Gathering in October 2016.

An excellent young bagpiper, we wish her all the best in her future musical career!

Below: Anna Blanch receiving Novice Piper Award from Secretary Euan McGillivray.

Anna piping in our Clan Commander Iain MacGillivray with banner bearer Callum MacGillivray.

Images Mary McGillivray.



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