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A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For many years the Clan Journal has published stories about our Clan not having a Chief. From 1942 when the last Chief died without heirs the line was broken. In 1989 Canadian George B. Macgillivray petitioned Lord Lyon King of Arms to be appointed Chief. Lyon was not convinced of George's credentials but appointed him Commander of the Clan. When George died in 1994 the Clan was without a Chief or a Commander.

In 2015 a group led by the Clan MacGillivray International Association began a process to appoint a new Commander. The regulations set out by Lord Lyon are strict and a Derbhfine or "family convention" was required. Nominations were called for and an historic vote took place on 15 April 2016 at Culloden, Scotland. There were 4 nominations and active Clan societies from Australia, Scotland USA, Canada and the Netherlands were able to vote.

Our online members may recall that we asked them to participate in a poll to help inform our Australian Clan Society's vote at the family convention. Australia's representatives in the Skype hook-up were Clan President, Jill McGillivray and past Secretary, David McGillivray.

In the early hours of the morning Jill and David were able to listen to the presentations by all the applicants and deliver the two votes designated to our Australian Clan Society. The online poll overwhelmingly supported Iain MacGillivray of Scotland for the new Clan Commander. Jill and David, on behalf of all members were thrilled to participate and present our votes for Iain. We are pleased to publish a note from

him on our 40th anniversary. He has also presented a 90 day plan that sets out some short and long term objectives for the Clan, which you can read on our website.



MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW COMMANDER

Iain MacGillivray

Dear Fellow Clansfolk of the Clan MacGillivray,

I cannot tell you how humbled and honoured I feel to have been nominated as Commander of our Clan. I have been involved with Clan MacGillivray functions and gatherings from a very early age, but never did I think that I would one day be selected to lead our Clan. I know that it may well be for a limited amount of time and that a Chief may yet emerge but that does not take away from my feelings of pride and joy and my commitment to develop the Clan.

I am very passionate and enthusiastic about our Clan, its history and our shared roots and ties and will do all that I can to promote the MacGillivray diaspora and Associations worldwide. I am so proud and privileged to be part of a Clan that has established itself in so many corners of the world and I am greatly looking forward to undertaking this new role to which I've been appointed. I want to create a close connection with all MacGillivrays, whether in Scotland or in the many countries around the world where our Clan is represented. I want to maintain a good relationship with



Iain MacGillivray at the Well of the Dead on Drumossie Moor (site of the Battle of Culloden).

everyone involved, current members and past members and am also hoping to welcome new members into the constituency of the Clan. I am very conscious that we need to enthuse new and younger members and that will be one of my main aims. You will see from my 90 day plan which accompanies this that I have considerable ambitions for our Clan and wish to build on the excellent work that has already been done.

I am looking forward to meeting you all in person - no matter where you are - and to sharing some memorable times. I know I have already met a number of you over the years and particularly at last year's Gathering and then at the Family Convention in April. To find that Clansfolk have travelled from America and Holland especially for this was truly inspiring.

My thanks go to a number of people for working so hard to reach this stage and I would also like to thank Duncan MacGillivray, Frank Martin and Ron

MacGillivray who were worthy applicants for the role I have been given. Slainte, le gach deagh dhurachd agus moran Beannachdan!

Yours sincerely,
Iain Donald MacGillivray
Clan Commander



EDITORIAL

Euan MacGillivray

Well, what a job I've got! Taking over as secretary from David is a daunting task. His in-depth knowledge of all our members will take me a long time to learn. So have patience with me. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Society. What a mighty effort by so many people over the years. It also means that the Clan Journal has been going for 37 years. In the very first Journal in 1979, editor John MacGillivray wrote this:

"It is not without certain feelings of humility that the Journal is presented to our members. All the text has been laboriously punched out on a portable typewriter by one who is not a typist".

Times have changed a bit. But it is with no less humility that I, as current editor, bring you this anniversary edition of our Journal. While this year has witnessed some big changes in our local Clan Society, the International Association has been at the forefront. Their active campaign to find a new commander has resulted in a wonderful outcome. The Lord Lyon confirmed in May that Iain MacGillivray will be our Commander for the next five years.

President Jill and David were our representatives at the Culloden Family Convention, via Skype, and presented our two votes on behalf of the Clan. We are also very pleased to publish a note from Commander Iain in the Journal.

Many Journals in the past have carried details of upcoming Clan Gatherings. Though none more significant than this year's event. The Anniversary Gathering will be held in Bendigo on 30 October at the magnificent MacGillivray Hall. Details are set out in this Journal, on our website and Facebook page. We have a report from new social media manager Mary MacGillivray. She keeps the website and Facebook page up to date and is always looking for material to post.

I am particularly pleased to re-publish a story prepared by our first secretary, John Duncan MacGillivray. His story recalls his experiences of almost 90 years ago, during the Australian Great Depression of the 1930s, when he and two musician mates decided to "jump the rattler" from Western Australia to Queensland. John's story is peppered with a generosity of spirit and kindness even though everyone was doing it tough. While not all member stories might be as lively as John's, we are very keen to hear from anyone with experiences to share. Stories need not be about the past, they could recall current adventures that involve your family history research or travels you make to cemeteries looking for long lost ancestors.

Our Highland Games reporter Ann Brown has been out and about at Ringwood and Bendigo and has sent lively reports of both events. International Clan member Gianni Lombardi has sent recollections of the Clan Gathering

in Scotland last year where much of the planning for the recent Family Convention took place.

Thanks to Muriel McGilvray who celebrated her 100th birthday in 2015. She wrote a lovely letter recalling some of memories of the Clan in its early years and saying how much she enjoys getting the Journal. I hope you enjoy this edition as well Muriel.

Sadly this year we record the passing of a number of Clan members. While we think about our anniversary Gathering this year, we remember our member Lil Hillas who kindly hosted two Gatherings at her home in Albury.



MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

Euan McGilvray

Following on from David's note in the February Dunmaglass newsletter, we are trying to collect and confirm your details. Naturally we would prefer to communicate with members by email, saving a small fortune in postage. However we also recognise that not all members have email. Those without email will still receive information via the post. There are some more details about online membership in the report from Media Manager, Mary McGilvray.

We are committed to producing a hard copy of our Journal. A version of the most recent Journal will be posted on our website one year after publication.

You will have noticed that we have interstate representatives. I am keen to establish contact with a rep in each

state who can provide some information for us to distribute to members. For example, if our rep, or a friend, is going to the Bundanoon or Aberdeen Games, the Townsville Tartan Day or a Clan Gathering in Perth, we would love to get a short report and a picture or two.

Our current reps are: Alan Shaw for TAS, Robert Ratcliffe for NSW, Andrew MacGillivray for SA, Janette McGillivray: QLD.

We are seeking reps for Western Australia, Northern Territory, as well as in New Zealand. It is important that our reps have email. If you wish to apply, please contact us.

Our major fundraising raffle this year will see the last of our 4.5 litre bottle of Teacher's Highland Cream Scotch Whisky, going to a lucky member or friend of the clan. The huge bottle comes in a pouring cradle and is valued over \$260. Second prize is a Clan MacGillivray Hunting Tartan sash, third prize, a MacGillivray Hunting Tartan Tie.

Tickets are available on the website, or on the day at the Gathering in Bendigo, 30 October, where the raffle will be drawn.



MESSAGE FROM THE MEDIA MANAGER

Mary McGillivray

I am honoured to join the Clan MacGillivray Society Australia Committee this year as our Society's very first Media Manager. Some of you may only remember me as a chubby baby wrapped in tartan or a stubborn child



Mary McGillivray, International Tartan Day 2016.

dangling off my father's arm at Clan Gatherings in years past. Now, as a 20 year old (almost) adult, I have pledged my services in digital media to our Clan Society.

Currently, I am mid-way through an Arts degree at the University of Melbourne majoring in Media and Communications, and I work freelance in filmmaking and graphic design. My passion for new media studies has flowed into my work, branching out into web design and digital marketing.

Since my appointment I have built the Clan MacGillivray Society Australia website and Facebook page, and developed an online system to help streamline Clan membership. The opportunities afforded to a Society like ours by digital media are very exciting to me.

Online membership allows us to communicate directly with our members via email and facebook, and lets you share news, events and thoughts directly back to us and your fellow members.

The Clan MacGillivray Society Australia website is the hub of Clan Society activity and services where you can sign up or renew your membership, read Clan news, contact our Clan Archivist Lynda Collier for help with genealogical research, share your family histories, and much more. I aim to make this website as user-friendly as possible, so please send me your feedback on any improvements that could be made or ideas you may have for online member services.

With services such as our online members-only poll preceding the vote for Clan Commander last April and with increased social media presence, I wish to demonstrate how our Clan online can be more democratic, connected and engaging for all our members. I hope you share my vision for the future of our Clan Society and are just as excited about these possibilities as I am.



OUTGOING ARCHIVIST'S MEMORIES

Heather McGillivray

I first became interested in family history in 1978 when my husband David's cousin John McGillivray who along with Ian MacGillivray-Elder formed the Clan MacGillivray Society – Australia, and gave us two foolscap pages of information on David's family.

This led us to investigating the shipping lists in Melbourne which at that time were on micro film at the public record office in Collins Street, Melbourne. Many hours were spent travelling into the city pouring over the records. There were no computers in those days or the wonderful world of the Internet.

Everything we found was hand written, photocopied or typed very slowly on an old typewriter using one finger.

For over twenty years we researched the family history. While on holidays we walked many cemeteries with clip boards in hand, writing down anything we thought may have been relevant or connected. Our children Colin and Michelle were also roped into the job. Hundreds of letters were written to family members hounding them for family information that was often given freely, however some folk were a little reluctant to provide such private information.

Eventually those two pages of hand written information became a 190 page book which we published in 1999. Our many relatives and friends helped us along the way with information, photos and educated us in how to use a computer. We had no idea what Windows was, let alone what a mouse, font, port, pdf, jpeg or tiff were.

When David took on the secretary's job for the Society, one of the aims was to collect and record family histories of various spellings of the MacGillivray name as an aid to present and future genealogy research. I became most interested in the family histories of our members and enjoyed communication



Heather and David McGillivray, Ringwood Highland Games 2016. Image Mary McGillivray.

with folks from not only around Australia but also around the world. It was always a thrill when I was able to match folk up with other relatives that they often never knew existed. One most memorable was when I reunited a brother and sister, both in their 70s who not seen each since early childhood. When their mother died they were 'farmed out' to relatives to raise as was often the case in those days.

Many hours, days and weeks were spent in various libraries and research centres going through microfilms and jotting it all down to enter into my database at home. As the years went by things became a lot easier with computers, family tree programs, the internet and the library of 80 odd research CDs I had acquired over the years.

I have met so many wonderful people and made many friends in the process and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience - I will never lose interest in genealogy and now that I have retired as the Society's archivist I will have more time to update my records on our own family.



MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW CLAN ARCHIVIST

Lynda Collier

I am the new archivist taking over from Heather McGillivray who has done a remarkable job over many years and will be a hard act to follow. Following is a summary of my McGillivray connection and where they came from in Scotland. My great grandmother was Mary Jane McGillivray born in Broadlands near Bairnsdale, Victoria in 1880 to Alexander

McGillivray and Margaret Scouller. Mary Jane was the fifth child born to Alexander and Margaret. Alexander had arrived in Australia sometime in the 1860s. I know he was in Glasgow in 1861 and he married Margaret at her father's residence near Bairnsdale on March the 10th, 1868. According to his death certificate he spent three years in New South Wales, perhaps when he first arrived in Australia. He may have had relatives living in or near Yass.

In 1861 Alexander was working as a labourer in Glasgow with Donald Nicholson, a neighbour from Teangue, Sleat on the Isle of Skye who was also possibly a relative. They were living with John Shaw and his family. This image reproduced here is thought to be of Alexander taken in Glasgow before he migrated to Australia. Donald Nicholson returned to Skye.



Mary Jane McGillivray.

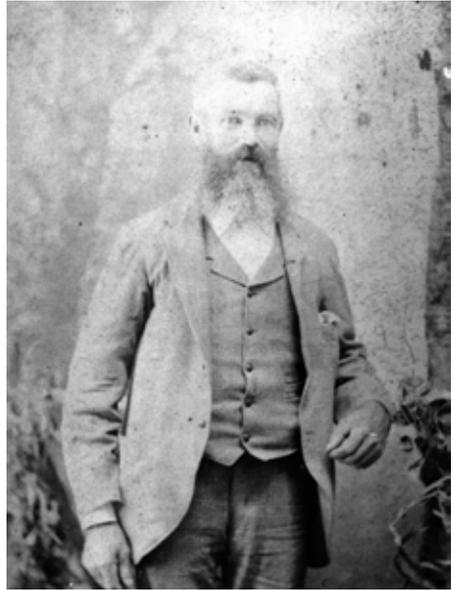


Alexander McGillivray, Glasgow.

Teangue on Sleat was a small farm about two and a half miles from Armadale. Alexander was the son of Angus McGillivray and Ann McDonald (daughter of Alexander McDonald and Isabel McPherson). He was born on December the 2nd 1834. Angus and Ann had three children, Alexander, Mary (married Roderick McLeod) and Ann (married Donald Robertson). Angus's wife Ann died before 1846 at which time he married Flora McGillivray who had been previously married to Angus Robertson. Neither Angus seems to have had any children with Flora.



View from Teangue. Image Lynda Collier.



Alexander McGillivray in old age.

By 1851 the family had moved to Aird perhaps indicative of what was happening to crofters at the time on Skye, a subject for another article. Mary was not home on the census night. Ten years later only Ann is home with her father and Flora. Angus was enumerated as a crofter. Angus died suddenly of typhoid on November the 5th 1868, he was sixty-seven years old and was a catechist. He'd been ill for 12 days. He was the son of Archibald McGillivray and Ann McIvor (daughter of Kenneth McIvor and Marion McInnes). I believe Archibald and Ann had eleven children listed not necessarily in age order. Catherine who married Roderick Chisholm and migrated to Kenyon, Glengarry, Ontario, Canada with most of their children. Their eldest daughter Betty married Duncan McPherson and is reputed to have migrated to Australia. Then Martin who married Mary MacInnes, Margaret married James MacDonald, Charles married Catherine McInnes, Marion

married Euan (Hugh) McIntosh, Angus (above mentioned), Kenneth married Christy McInnes, Alex, John and Mary who married 'unknown' McKenzie.

Marion who married Euan McIntosh (the McIntosh family also lived at Teangue) also migrated to Australia. She was scheduled to leave Sleat in 1851 with her husband and children following her brother-in-law Archibald McIntosh (he was an early settler in Gippsland having arrived in Sydney on the Henry Porcher in 1840). Marion's husband died before they left Skye but she travelled to Australia on the Priscilla with her children. Their story and that of Archibald McIntosh will be told at a later date. I believe Alexander may have followed his cousins to Gippsland where they had settled near Sale. His cousin Archibald was a witness at his wedding to Margaret Scouller.

Ann McIvor was the tackholder of number 6 Teangue from 1840 along with one of her sister-in-laws, Ann Campbell, nee McGillivray. Archibald had been the tackholder until then giving him an approximate date of death as 1840 as he was not enumerated in the 1841 census. Ann was living with sons Kenneth and Angus at Teangue. Archibald McGillivray was the son of Charles McGillivray and Marion McLean. Siblings of Archibald identified at this point were Donald who married Mary McInnes and Ann who married Samuel Campbell. The father of Charles was probably Martin and his father Alexander.

I know some of you are related to the same family or also come from Skye. Up until a few years ago it seemed we weren't related to anyone else in the McGillivray Clan in Australia but research has proven that we are and were. A



John McIntosh.

photograph of John McIntosh (son of Marion McGillivray and Euan McIntosh) in an album that had been my great grandmother Mary Jane McGillivray's opened up the McIntosh / McGillivray connection for me. If you're related to any of these families or suspect that you are I'd love to hear from you as I'd love to hear from all of our members. As Clan Archivist I hope to not only continue my research into the McGillivrays from Skye which includes many who migrated to America and Canada but enlarge it to encompass all of the ancestors of the McGillivrays who came to Australia continuing on the excellent work of Heather.

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DO YOU KNOW THESE WOMEN?

Archivist Lynda Collier is seeking information

These two women are reputed to be relatives of Angus McGillivray who married Margaret Scouller (see article on page 8). The photos were taken in Yass by W Fearn, travelling photographer. He was in Yass in the middle of October 1866. Possible family names for the women are McGillivray, McPherson and McDonald but could be something else. Please contact me if you have these photos in your collection, even if you don't know who they are. By linking the families we could work it out or perhaps someone recognises them. Please contact Clan McGillivray Australia Archivist Lynda Collier at lynda@lcp.com.au.



DUNLICHITY CHURCH

John Loughney, International Clan
MacGillivray Association

I have been alerted to the sad news that the Clan Church at Dunlitchity is to close. The links between the Church and the Clan goes back over 100 years. The Association has contacted the Minister who confirms that it appears likely and,

indeed, seems a certainty.

The graveyard will be the responsibility of the local Council as will the Chiefly Enclosure. There are many MacGillivrays from local families and from further afield buried in the graveyard and, of course, Chiefs in the Enclosure. The handsome gates were gifted by the late Colonel George Macgillivray and the Clan



Dunlicity Church from the Hill.

MacGillivray International Association was responsible for the installation of a number of the plaques commemorating former Chiefs including John William XIII.

More recently the Association met the cost of a new notice board in the Chiefly Enclosure which was the result of a joint co-operation between Bruce McGillivray, American Commissioner, and George Downie, Association Committee member. Elizabeth McGillivray organised printing and installation. At the Gathering in 1997 a plaque commemorating the body of Col. Alexander being taken to Auld Petty Church after Culloden, was installed and that is thanks to the generosity of Mary McGillivray Cox, who, like many has been a great supporter of the International Association.

The church is important to Clan MacGillivray as many of those who fell at Culloden are buried there. The church is on a very ancient site and it is believed that St Finan preached here. In 1643 an effigy of St Finan was taken from Dunlicity and burnt at the Mercat Cross in Inverness. The present church dates from 1757 when reconstruction was ordered and a westward extension by 12 feet was added. There were later repairs in 1826 and an extensive repair by architect William Lawrie in 1859.



Clan MacGillivray enclosure showing new notice board.

Some notable features at Dunlicity include the marks on the wall where swords were sharpened; the old Watch House, built in 1820 for the guarding of the graves, and a very interesting burial ground. The graves record the old families of the Strath, including the burial enclosures of the MacGillivrays and the Shaws. On a rocky hillside beside the church there is a baptismal stone – believed to have been the original stone used in baptisms in the area.



MAC ON THE TRACK

A Portrait of our past Clan Secretary as a Young Man

John Duncan MacGillivray

In 1930, at the height of the Depression, I was leader of a stage and show band, working in Perth, Western Australia, at a theatre which, with the advent of talkie films, decided to go over to the new entertainment medium. The band received one week's wages in lieu of notice. We were stranded and broke, 3900 kms from Sydney. Three of us – Fred Tuller, sax and clarinet, Hec Rene, banjo and vocals, and myself on drums – decided to 'jump the rattler' back home, bunking in the main towns on the way.

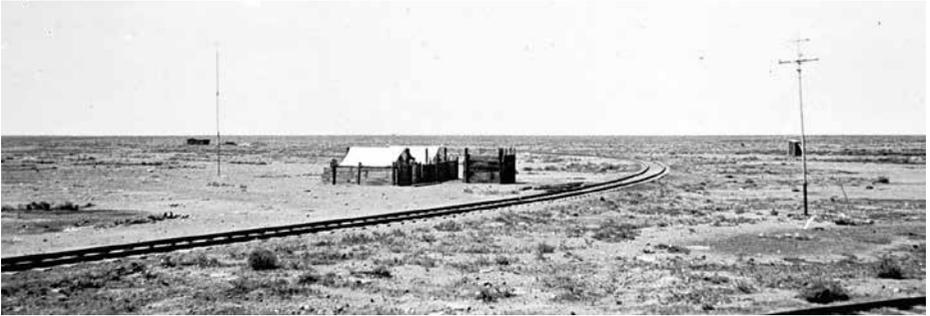


Image top: Nullabor Plain, about 1930, just the way John would have experienced it.

We packed our best clothes and instruments and left them in charge of the ship's band on the M. V. Manoora, then at Fremantle and bound for Sydney where we would eventually pick them up. However the drummer of this band informed us that there was very little work for musicians in Sydney, but if we could get to Bowen in Queensland, he had an aunt there, a pianist and a band leader until her players had deserted her and left her without a band.

A look at the map showed Bowen was situated about midway between two flourishing ports; Mackay, a sugar town to the south, and Townsville with meat works as well as being the sea outlet for the Mount Isa mines, to the north. We decided to give it a try.

After buying a ground-sheet, a blanket and a pair of bib-and-brace overalls each, we were left with £15 between us, and a journey of some 6,500 kms ahead of us. Naturally, I had to leave my drums behind on the ship, but I carried my pipes in a sheepskin bag.

Scouting through the railway marshalling yards at Perth, and with the help of a sympathetic shunter, we found a train already assembled – destination Kalgoorlie – boarded it and bedded

down for the first leg of our journey.

Two days and one night and 900 kms later, we found ourselves in the railway yards at Kalgoorlie, filthy and hungry. After a clean up and a meal, we obtained permission from the local police station to play in the streets; a procedure we were to follow throughout our long journey. After three days busking, we were ready for the next stage of our journey – 1700 kms across the Nullabor Plain.

Each week, a supply train called the 'Tea and Sugar' leaves Kalgoorlie for Port Augusta, and stops at the fettlers' camps which are spaced at 60 to 80 kms intervals. This train has a grocery van, butcher's shop and bakery van. It also hauls trucks loaded with sleepers, rails, and other materials required for the maintenance of the line.



Railway workers Alfred and Robert Hall, Maree about 1930, rail trikes for track work.

Local musicians had warned us not to attempt to board this train at Kalgoorlie, because the police would be waiting at Golden Ridge, the first stop; and would unload us and bring us back to the lock-up at Kalgoorlie where we would be charged with fare evasion. Instead, two of their number took us by car to Coonana, about 160 kms down the line, where we 'jumped' the train the following day.

This train travels during the daylight hours and at night pulls off into a siding to allow faster trains to use the main line. We were by no means the only free passengers to ride the railways in those days. At a siding called Rawlinna, about thirty of us who had dogged the police and the railway officials, were camped in the bush around a roaring log fire. We decided to give an impromptu concert and a sing-song. Then, taking out the pipes I was soon playing marches and highland dance music to a most appreciative audience, one of whom, a boy of about ten years approached me when I had finished playing, and said, in broad Scots: "Mr piper man, my dad wants to see you at our hoose".

The lad's father was a ganger who introduced himself as Dougal Munro and demanded to know "what the de'il are ye doing on the track". When we told him we were 'battling' our way home, he said: "Get your two mates and forget about the 'tea and sugar'. We'll get your across!"

Taking the motor rail 'trike' out of its shed, and laying some tarpaulins on the floor, he soon had us a good camp. The families of other fettlers arrived, and we had a party which lasted till early morning.



Daisy Bates, born in Ireland 1859. She spent many years with Aboriginal people in WA.

Dougal explained that his gang went by trike to a point about halfway to the next camp where they would meet the gang from that camp, boil the billy, have a yarn, and would then return to their own camps, inspecting the line on the way. By passing us along to each gang in turn, we were finding ourselves each day to be about 60 or 80 kms nearer our destination.

At Forrest, we met Major Brearly who had pioneered an air service from Adelaide to Perth, and at Ooldea, we met the legendary Daisy Bates, who had spent most of her life among the aboriginals. With straw hat and blouse buttoned to the neck, long sleeves and ankle-length skirt, in a temperature always around the century mark, we didn't know how she survived!

Arriving at Port Augusta we had a brief moment of anxiety when the police sergeant insisted on examining our swags; and on seeing my pipes, formed the opinion that they were undoubtedly stolen from the Kalgoorlie Caledonian Society. "If they're yours, " he said, "let's hear you play them!"

I obliged, and the music must have done something to his dour Scottish soul, because he issued us with three times the authorised 'track rations'!

We arrived in Broken Hill railway yards after two days in an empty iron-ore truck from Port Pirie – really filthy, covered with red iron-ore dust; but luckily we met another sympathetic shunter who led us to an out-house equipped with hot showers and laundry tubs, so that, having washed our clothes as well as ourselves, we were able to present ourselves to the local police station looking almost respectable, to collect our track rations and ask permission to busk the town.

Luckily our arrival coincided with pay week at the mines, and over the next three days we increased our fortune by £50, plus another £10 gift from the local Caledonian Society, handed to us whilst having a drink at the local Workers' Club. With so much in hand, we were able to cut our planned busking stops between Broken Hill and Sydney to two; Parkes and Bathurst.

Arriving at Parramatta, we left the 'rattler' and purchased our first rail ticket (1/6) to Central – after travelling almost 4,000 kms in eight weeks. We spent a week in Sydney, busy retrieving our belongings and instruments shipped by the "Manoora", and repacking them for the trip north to Bowen. One sad casualty was Hec's beautiful string bass, which had been damaged beyond repair.

We bought tickets to Hornsby and from there, jumped the first freight train to Newcastle. One unrewarding day busking, then on the next train towards Brisbane by the New-England route, stopping to busk in Tamworth, Armidale, Glen Innes and Tenterfield. Then over the Queensland border to Stanthorpe.

One of the locals advised us to keep going. "We have a cranky old Irish sergeant here," he said, "and you'll all

end up in the clink." We decided to take a chance, and opened up with Hec singing a bracket of sentimental old Irish favourites, with Fred on the clarinet.

We caught occasional glimpses of the 'cranky old Irish sergeant' standing in doorways with a most soulful expression on his face. Music surely hath charms – we were not arrested! Instead, we had a visit from the local priest who bought us a couple of rounds of drinks and asked if we would help out at a church dance the following night. We agreed and played most of the dances in the program. The good father then organised a collection which brought us £13.

Another unrewarding day at Warwick, thence a lift by truck to Brisbane. From Brisbane a rail ticket to Cabulture, then once more on the 'rattler', with stops at Gympie, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Mackay, and finally, our goal – Bowen. We had travelled a total of 6,300 kms in 14 weeks, at a total cost in fares of about four shillings each!

After making ourselves presentable, we set about locating the lady who needed a band – Ann Delaney. We found her playing piano at the Queens Beach Hotel, and invited her to inspect 'her new band'. Ann dissolved into tears. "Nearly

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"Swaggies", this is the image of the Depression familiar to us today.

CLAN MACGILLIVRAY
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Warmly invites you to our
40th ANNIVERSARY GATHERING

Join us for an afternoon with members, family and friends in Bendigo, Victoria to celebrate our 40th year. Enjoy poetry reading from the Burns Society, bagpipes, activities for kids, clan genealogy, whisky raffle, anniversary cake, prize for best dressed highlander and much more!

SPECIAL GUEST

Clan MacGillivray Commander, Iain Duncan MacGillivray

Iain is coming from Scotland especially for our Anniversary Gathering. He looks forward to meeting as many Australian clansfolk as possible during his visit.

Sunday 30th October 2016	Tickets
12.00 - 4.00pm	\$5 for members
MacGillivray Hall, Bendigo TAFE	\$10 for non members
McCrea Street, Bendigo (enter near Gate 8)	FREE for children under 15 years

Book online at clanmacgillivraysocietyaustralia.com
or pay at the door (cash only please)

BYO lunch and a plate to share for afternoon tea. Tea and coffee provided.

We also cordially invite members of our Confederation, the Clan Chattan; including the families of Mackintosh, MacBean, Shaw, MacThomas, Macleans of Dochgarroch, Macpherson, Farquharson, Davidson, MacPhail, MacQueens of Strathdearn and MacIntyres in Badenoch.

Toilets on site. Parking available in council carpark opposite the building. See map opposite.

Support your clan by entering our
40th ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE

We will be drawing the raffle at our Clan Gathering in Bendigo at 3pm on the 30th of October, 2016.

Buy tickets online (clanmacgillivraysocietyaustralia.com) or on the day.

**1st
prize**



4.5 litre bottle of Highland Cream
Scotch Whisky (in pourer)
valued at \$200 AUD

**2nd
prize**



MacGillivray
hunting tartan sash

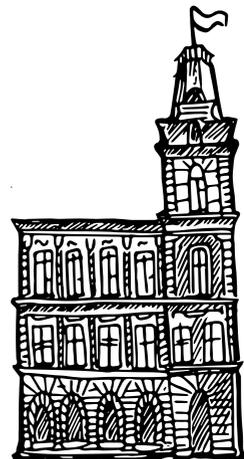
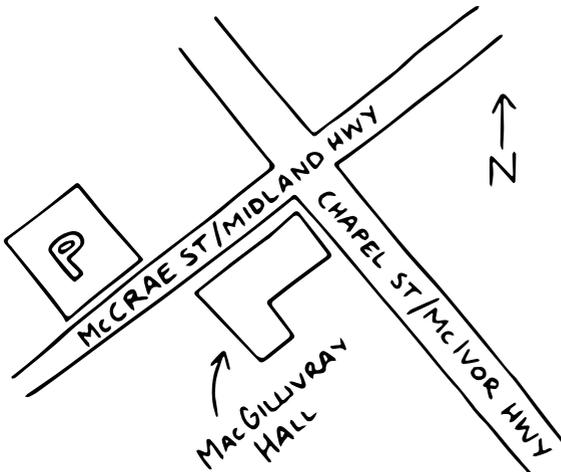
**3rd
prize**



MacGillivray
hunting tartan tie

MACGILLIVRAY HALL

Bendigo TAFE, Bendigo, Victoria



six thousand kilometres!” she said, “I never thought you buggers would make it!”

After a few weeks rehearsing, we opened to a packed house. We continued to play to packed houses in fact for a full year before we left with an augmented band of seven musicians to open in Mackay, where we stayed three years.

Looking back at our epic journey after the passage of so many years, I often wonder of those Australians who spend all their lives in the capital cities actually realise the immensity of this vast continent; or can possibly appreciate the isolation and loneliness of life in some parts of the out-back, particularly the Nullarbor Plain.

At a time when even radio was a novelty, those families of railwaymen must have regarded the visit of a trio of musicians as a most memorable event, and it pleases me to think that possibly we brought a little pleasure into their lives during our brief stay with them.



BENDIGO SCOTS DAY OUT

Ann Brown

If one were hungering for haggis, then the 2016 Scots Day Out in Bendigo on Saturday February 13 was the place to be! This national dish of Scotland with its distinctive peppery, spicy taste signature and mighty aroma could be purchased, hot from the oven in Rosalind Park where bagpipes were booming and Bendigo was brimming with bonnie lassies and bold Bravehearts. This was a stunning

celebration of Scottish heritage and culture and a true family day.

The program of events opened with a street parade. View Street was a kaleidoscope of colour! Tartans of varying clans were ubiquitous. The pleats in the kilts could be seen elegantly rocking to and fro with the movement of the wearer, like waves touching the sand before they gently recede into the ocean.

The Golden City - Bendigo Pipe Band replete with bagpipes and drums led the parade authoritatively and resolutely from outside the iconic Capital Theatre in View Street downhill to Rosalind Park, synchronising the rhythm of their marching with the beat of the music they were playing.

The Scots Day Out 2016 chieftain is Kathryn Mackenzie, Executive Manager Tourism with City of Greater Bendigo. Kathryn Mackenzie and Dr Mike Cantlay, the Visit Scotland chairman were watching the parade from a small podium. Their faces shone with delight as they cheerfully greeted everyone in the parade as it passed the podium.

A key highlight of the procession was the official tartan of the City of Greater Bendigo. This tartan was adopted on Aug 27, 2015 making Bendigo the first Australian city with its own officially



Image: Bendigo Advertiser.

recognised tartan design. Not only were the kilts worn by the Bendigo Pipe Band made in this tartan but an entire Bendigo council car was emblazoned in the City of Greater Bendigo Official tartan.

The procession entered Rosalind Park where there was an abundance of Scottish cultural activities for the public to enjoy including; competitions for highland dancing and bagpipe playing, Scottish games such as kerbieball, Scottish whisky tasting, a folk band singing and playing Scottish songs, sword fighters demonstrating sword fighting in black sword fighting kilts, clan tents, shortbread, face-painting to look like Braveheart, a tent with information about speaking Scottish Gaelic, and free Clydesdale wagon rides. It was an exceedingly joyful day and for me it will be long remembered.



THE 2016 RINGWOOD HIGHLAND GAMES

Ann Brown

Despite the horrendous hardships that compelled many of our forebears to leave Scotland, those who settled in Australia brought with them the gift of their Scottish culture which has become embedded in our society and strengthened over time. This is a victory in itself!

The 2016 Ringwood Highland Games on April 3rd was testament to this fact because it was the Jubilee (50th) anniversary of the Games and there were 23 clans represented and 19 pipe bands. The Games had also returned to its original venue, Jubilee Park.

The focus of the day was the commemoration and celebration of Scottish heritage and traditions. There was an astonishing diversity of displays, activities and stalls including; 'light' Heavy Games such as Haggis Hurling, Welly Boot Throwing, Caber Tossing, Celtic Dancing, Highland Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Genealogy, Heraldry, Clan Tents, Shetland pony rides, a Scottish Gaelic choir, Scottish Martial Arts, Swordplay, Fencing demonstrations and lessons.

Unlike previous years, "The March of the Scottish Clans and Societies" this year included a parade of Scottish terriers some black and others white, from the Scottish Terrier Club. It was an eye-catching feature because many of the dogs were wearing tailored tartan coats and berets made in the Royal Stewart tartan!

When the parade came to a halt, the owners crouched on the grass next to their terriers. I could sense the shivers of excitement running like electric currents through the tiny canine bodies. It is possible that they could detect in the faint breeze, the distant aroma of succulent Scottish Lorne sausages that were sizzling on the hot plates outside the stall of the British butcher, behind the grandstand! Then an elegant lady dressed in period costume stood tall in the centre of the terriers and their owners. She wore a tartan hooped skirt and had two wolfhounds obediently standing at her side. It was a dazzling spectacle.

The day was a stunning success and this was mainly due to the dedication and tireless work of many volunteers including David and Heather McGillivray who have taken responsibility for the



Left to right: Lynda Collier, Euan McGillivray, David McGillivray, Callum MacGillivray, Heather McGillivray, Ann Brown, Ted Foster, Pat Foster.



Clan MacGillivray Society Australia tent.



Peter James Ormiston, in his kilt.



Terriers from the Scottish Terrier Club in "The March of the Scottish Clans and Societies".



Mass band marching on the oval. Images Mary McGillivray.

Clan tent over many years with pride and expertise. This was David and Heather's final Ringwood Highland Games as the Secretary and Archivist of the Society respectively. To mark the occasion their daughter Michelle drove all the way from Brisbane on her own with her son Jordon to pay David and Heather a surprise visit at the Games! This was a profound achievement and reflects a huge depth of feeling and respect for her parents and the Clan.

Not only was there diversity in the distances travelled to the Games but also in the age range of attendees representing the Clan since David and Heather's great grandson, Peter James Ormiston, a toddler, was present wearing the tiniest kilt made in the MacGillivray tartan that I have ever seen. In short, it was a 'micro' kilt!

Individually each clan has many stories but all the clans working together, for their love of Scotland, on a day like the Ringwood Highland Games tells a tale of optimism, growth and positively looking to the future.



2015 INTERNATIONAL CLAN GATHERING Gianni Lombardi

The Gathering kicked off on Wednesday 5th August with a welcome reception at the Kingsmill Hotel where the Clan's headquarters were located. Over 80 clansfolk joined together, with a strong contingent from the US, and Clan members from Scotland, England, Canada, Holland and Italy.

The next day was dedicated to a visit to the Culloden exhibition and battlefield



Four sons of the Clan's piper playing at Strathnairn. New Clan Commander, Iain MacGillivray on right playing the drum. Image Elizabeth McGillivray.

with Alexander MacGillivray's Well of the Dead and the Clan MacGillivray's stone. Later on, we visited the Old Petty Kirk site, seven miles NE of Inverness. Here, near the Mackintosh Mausoleum, was buried the valiant Alexander MacGillivray, Commander of the Clan Chattan regiment in 1745.

In the evening, we were guests of the Farr Community Hall. Outside, in a beautiful sunny evening, we witnessed a performance by the pipers of the Duncan family, joined by William Peters, Master Corporal and piper of The Lake Superior Scottish Regiment of Thunder Bay (Ontario, Canada), which wears the MacGillivray tartan. A meaningful presence from a country where so many MacGillivrays emigrated and thousands of descendants live.

Friday was an eventful day. In the early morning we went to Clach An Airm, where the MacGillivrays, together with other clan members, assembled to sharpen their swords, knives and dirks, even before the Culloden battle. From Clach An Airm we proceeded to the Dunluchity cemetery and to the Chief's enclosure, where two Clan Chiefs are buried. Stone plaques connected with the recent life of Clan MacGillivray are mounted inside and on the outer wall of this enclosure.



Bruce MacGillivray, Gianni Lombardi and Daniel Hyde at Duncnity Cemetery. Image Elizabeth McGillivray.

A picnic lunch took place in an exclusive location: the 14,000-acre Dunmaglass estate, held by the MacGillivrays as early as the 16th century. Back to the hotel, an important meeting was held among all the MacGillivray participants to debate the future of the Clan, as our last Chief died in 1942. In various periods, a renewed search for Chief's heirs was carried out, but with no success. After a brief but intense debate, the meeting unanimously agreed on two lines of action: i) promoting our mission with appropriate means and get the Clan's associations involved, with a view to finding suitable candidates for the position of Clan Commander and, in the spring of 2016, organising a Derbhfine for a five-year period election; ii) intensifying the search for the Chief's line descendants, to explore the possibility of establishing a new Chief line.

In the evening, the Kingsmill Hotel hosted our traditional reception and ceilidh. With canapés on arrival including haggis and black pudding, bonbons, Cullen skink as a starter, Scottish beef, cranachan and shortbread, Highland fudge and the haggis ceremony, tradition was fully respected. The guest of honour was Dr. Joseph Morrow, recently appointed Lord Lyon King of Arms, who toasted



The happy crowd on the front lawn of the Dunmaglass Estate. Image Elizabeth McGillivray.

to the Clan with an impressive speech. Then came the welcome address by Duncan MacGillivray, CMIA Chairman, the introduction of guests by Elizabeth N. McGillivray and the remarks by Dan Hyde, President of the Clan MacGillivray Society USA. Highland Music by the Clan's Piper Duncan MacGillivray and his family, followed and the evening was crowned by traditional dancing and a final, choral, loyal toast to the Clan.



LETTERS, MILESTONES, CELEBRATIONS

Letter from Murial McGillivray

I celebrated my 100th birthday on the 9th September 2015, with family and friends in Ballina, NSW. My late husband (Mick) and I joined the Clan in 1976, by invitation of John and Enid MacGillivray at their Manly home. From then on we enjoyed many happy Clan Gatherings with Aunty Lal Thwaites and Melbourne cousins, who were also members.

One year we won the annual raffle and I persuaded Mick that the doll dressed by Heather in Clan tartan would always be a family heirloom, but the bottle of scotch only a memory. The doll is now



Bill McGilvray (Mick's son) and daughter Alison, 1984.

with my eldest granddaughter. When the McGillivray tartan was loomed we purchased enough cloth to make 3 kilts, (tailored by Sydney Kiltmakers) for our youngest granddaughters.

Years later, when the McGillivray scotch became available, we were delighted to purchase a case with matching glasses bearing the Clan crest. I still use the glasses to this day and a small amount of the scotch still remains. In December 1984, Mick and I marched with the Sydney Clan from the Domain to the Opera House.

We also enjoyed many Clan Gatherings at Bundanoon, NSW. After Mick passed away in July 1986, I was unable to attend



Mick leading march to Sydney Opera House, Muriel directly behind.



Mick and Muriel, 1975.

the Gatherings. On one occasion later I was able to attend the Gathering at Maclean with my daughter Helen. I look forward to receiving the newsletters and magazine and I do congratulate you on the presentation of them, especially the cover.

A Special Way of Remembering Murray Parker

The Australian War Memorial in Canberra announced that it was going to honour all those who died in the First World War, by projecting their names on the facing wall of the dome between April 2015 and April 2016. A schedule was provided with all the names appearing several times throughout the year. I managed to photograph James Alexander MacG's

name (my Great Great Uncle), at 10pm in May 2015. At that time of night it was just starting to cool off and it was rather spooky standing out in front of the AWM all on my own. The projections lasted about 25 seconds, so you had to be quick. The AWM has since announced that the projection of names will now be extended right through to the end of 2018, representing the four years of WW1. Thus allowing more time for personal viewing by relatives and friends of those lost. I hope you find this information and the photos helpful.

The other photos related to James, were taken by my brother Aaron and his partner Robin when they went to Gallipoli for the Anzac Day Service in 2010. James and his brother Robert were part of the 9th Light Horse Regt. They landed at Gallipoli a few weeks after the initial landing in April. James was killed in action at Hill 60 in August. Robert was medically evacuated just prior to the



Australian War Memorial, Canberra.

Anzac withdrawal in December. Aaron and Robin managed to find James' name on the Lone Pine memorial.



Murray's brother Aaron, Lone Pine Memorial, Gallipoli Peninsula.

Clan MacGillivray Picnic, Perth 2016 Roy Manchester

Our small party of MacGillivrays joined a larger group of clans on a beautiful day in Perth. A piper played several breaks and recited the Banjo Paterson poem The Geebung Polo Club.

A highlight of the afternoon was the arrival, over a crest and down a slope, of about 20 Westys from the Westy Walkers Club. We had a good chat with the owners and found a treat or two for the black and white pooches. The walkers stayed and joined in the calling of the clans which numbered 15. The traditional drawing of the raffle saw Roma, Elaine and Lynne all winning prizes, a fitting finale to a most enjoyable day.

Keith and Phyllis celebrate 66 years of marriage

Member Keith and Phyllis McGilvery of Gayndah Qld celebrated their 66 th wedding anniversary. Go to pacificvictoryroll.com/page48.htm for an interesting story by Keith in the Pacific Victory Roll, called: *The Recollections and Collection of Keith Lloyd McGilvery.*



SORAIDH

Scottish Gaelic for “farewell” or “blessing”.

Archivist for many years, Heather McGillivray, has compiled information about Clan members or their family who have passed away recently.



Kenneth Spurrell

Born 21/10/1924 - Died 12/6/2015

Margery Jean Mousley

Born 28/10/1930 Died 11/8/2015

By Heather McGillivray

Kenneth and Margery were husband and wife and lived in Colac Victoria. Margery’s grandparents were Elijah and Christina (nee McGillvray) and her great grandparents were Malcolm & Margaret (nee Seaton) McGillvra. Malcolm added the ‘y’ when coming to Australia. Ken and Margery had six children and 14 grandchildren.



Joan Margaret McGillvray

Born 16/4/1927 Died 17/4/2015

By Heather McGillivray

Joan’s grandparents were James & Agnes (nee Neyland) McGillvray and her great grandparents were Martin and Margaret (nee Campbell) McGillvray, who came from Killenaghen, Isle of Mull, Scotland in 1854. Joan’s parents were James and Alice (nee Hellier)

McGilvray. Joan married John Alexander McIntosh from Wagga Wagga, NSW. and had two children Andrew and Rosemary.



Edward Robert (Bob) Warwick

Born 18/1/1942 - Died 25/9/2016

By Heather McGillivray

Bob lived in Montmorency, Victoria. His parents were Roy and Myra Warwick. Bob married Dianne McGillivray. Bob was father of Laine and Heath, father in law of Fiona and Lucinda and grandfather to Avery Jean. Dianne is a descendent of Charles and Mary (nee Matheson) McGillivray. The family left Skye on the ill-fated ship the Hercules in 1852 and Charles died in 1853. Mary and the family continued on to Australia on the ship Australia, arriving in late 1853. Some of the family settled in Lethbridge, Victoria.



Dorothy Flora Robinson (nee Mousley)

Born 21.4.1933 - Died 30.1.2016

By Heather McGillivray

Dorothy’s parents were John & Amy (nee Martin) Mousley and her grandparents were Joseph and Sarah (nee McGillvray) Mousley. Great grandparents were Malcolm and Margaret (nee Seaton) McGillvra - Malcolm added the ‘y’ when coming to Australia. They arrived on the Bourneuf at Geelong in 1852. The Family settled around the Colac Area. Dorothy married Alfred Robinson of Golden Square, Victoria. They had three children, seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Alister MacGillivray

Born 13/3/1929 Died 4/12/2015

By Angus MacGillivray

Alister MacGillivray was born in Mildura to parents William John MacGillivray and Myrtle Jean MacGillivray. He was raised on Bunnerungie, where his father William was a manager. Bunnerungie is located on the Broken Hill Road, 70 kms north of Wentworth NSW, on the greater Annabranche River. In 1937, William was appointed overseer of 684,000 acres at Lake Victoria Pastoral Company. This entitled youngsters Alister and James, a private tutor, a maid and other privileges at the time. When in 1941 father William sadly passed away, mother Myrtle, (later known as Nana Mac), moved the family including Alister to Naracoorte where he received a scholarship to Roseworthy Agricultural College between 1946-1949. After College Alister returned to Naracoorte to begin a job with Degaris and Sons who later became Elders. It was around this time Alister met his beloved future wife Shirley McFarlane and her young daughter MaryAnn. They were married in 1969 and lived in Hamilton where sons Angus and Lachlan were born into their loving family.

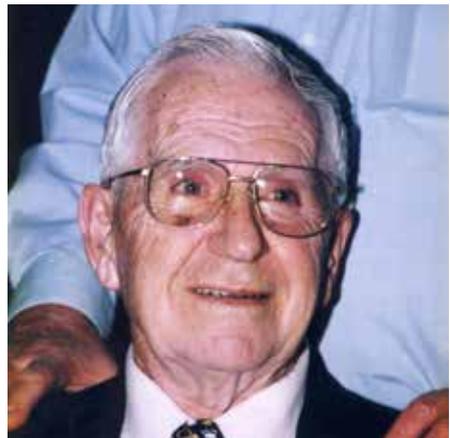


Alexander William (Sandy) MacGillivray

Born 24/6/1925 Died 16/6/2015

From the Northern Daily Leader,
Saturday 11/8/2015

Born in the Newcastle suburb of Waratah, Sandy was one of three children. It was while studying at Newcastle Boys' High School that Sandy developed a love of languages. A self-taught pianist and accompanist, he developed a keen ear for music. He topped the state in his Leaving Certificate French and German exams, winning a scholarship to Sydney University, graduating with a BA and Dip Ed. Teaching appointments were at Singleton and the Bonegilla Migrant Camp, near Albury. He was then transferred to Casino High School, where he met his beautiful Hazel (nee Harper), marrying her on New Year's Eve, 1955. Their children are Donna, Ian and Helen. Sandy also held the position of Deputy Principal at Tamworth High. He had a passion for big band music and amassed an impressive record collection of music from the 1930s and 1940s. His passing leaves one to reflect that another good man has gone.



Noela Beresford Smith

Born 26/9/1924 Died 1/6/2015

**By Greg, Cath, Geraldine & Marian
Smith**

Noela's great great grandparents were Janet (nee McGillivray) and Hugh Shaw from Inverness, Scotland. They are buried in Dunlichity Cemetery. Noela was born and grew up in Toowoomba with younger brother Glen and parents Millie and Jack Horrocks. At the age of 19, she met Michael, whom she married 2 years later, and together they had 4 children. She was very proud of all her children and grandchildren and their achievements. She was also a great support to Michael throughout their 65 years of marriage with the St. Vincent de Paul Society, accompanying him on social events and trips around Australia and overseas in his role of national president. Noela had a fantastic memory, right up until the last days of her life, and was a great story-teller, recanting many a story of by-gone times and people from her early life. Noela leaves behind a loving family of 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. We will all remember her and miss her.

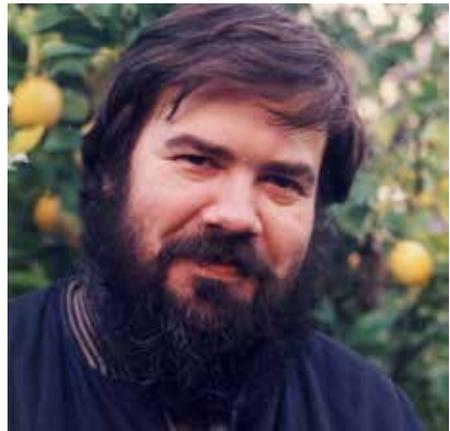


Nigel Iain McGillivray

Born 1/10/1952 Died on 8/2/2016

By Mal Everett

Nigel was born in Germany to Godfrey Ian and Bertha Dorothy (nee Harrison) McGillivray. He had a fascination with botany and horticulture throughout his life. Concern for the environment led Nigel to participation in the early Alternative Technology Association publications. He also contributed to a publication on local plants in Carrum. He was active in the local indigenous nursery and helped with developing local government environment strategy. He was fascinated with native orchids and fungi. But no matter how much he assured Jayne he could identify them accurately, she declined all offers of sautéed mushrooms. Nigel liked to pass on his knowledge by talking to people, facilitating activities such as bible groups and through the publications he edited. Nigel came from a family of wonderful singers and regretted that he did not have their voice, but he loved to strum away on the guitar. After one session with the hospice music therapist, exhausted and falling asleep he was asked how he was and he replied "I'm so happy".



Lillian Jean Hillas

Born 2.3.1922 Died 16.8.2016

By Kerrie Scott

Lil was born in Albury to Donald and Lillian McGillivray. Growing up in Old Tallangatta in the 1920s was tough as her father died when she was only 6. After his death, the family was so poor that her mother told the children that Santa wouldn't be coming that Christmas. Lil worked hard from a young age in the family bakery and tea rooms. At 13 and a half she left school and worked full time in the family business. She did town deliveries, on her push bike with trailer attached during the morning, and then helped in the shop in the afternoon. In April 1942, Lil married Fred Hillas and had 4 children. After Fred's sudden passing in 1978, Lil joined the Laurel Club, Legacy and participated in golf, indoor bowls, cards, croquet, View Club, Probus and the Breast Cancer Support Group. She organised two very successful and memorable Clan MacGillivray Gatherings at Lil's home in Albury in 1978 and 1980. Family meant the world to her. Lil passed away at 93 years of age.



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