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Important letter to Clan members, December 2023

I will be stepping down from my official roles in the clan in 2024. It's been a great pleasure to be involved in managing clan activities and meeting online and in person passionate MacG clan-folk. However, for the Clan Society to continue, someone needs to step forward to take it over. It is a fairly easy task with the main operations managed using Google apps.

The Society has been going since 1976. It has 150 financial members and a good web-based system for taking new applications and managing membership subscriptions. The member database is up to date and easily managed.

My roles, for over 10 years, are Clan Commissioner, Secretary, Treasurer, Journal Editor.

Clan Commissioner: During 2024-25, I will work with Iain MacGillivray, Clan Commander, to find a suitable member to take over this role.

Secretary: The Society is not an incorporated entity. We need someone to take over the role of secretary, such as maintaining our admin records, maintaining the database and communicating with members.

Treasurer: The Society has very few financial transactions. Membership renewals online are managed through PayPal. Recurring payments are established for Website, email etc expenditures. Online banking is with Bendigo Bank. Procedures are well established.

Journal Editor: The Clan Journal has been produced for 45 years. Issues can be found on our website. The editor sources the stories and prepares text and images for a designer to set out a file for printing. It has been done in this way for years, whoever takes on the job can make whatever changes they need.

The Society needs a refresh and someone new to take on these roles.

If someone steps forward, I believe that the transition to new management will be smooth.

If no one steps forward by July 2024, the Society will cease to operate. The main outcome of this will be that all membership renewals of \$20 will cease and be cancelled. Refunds will be made available if required. Any funds left over can be transferred to the Scottish Heritage Council of Australia.

Please get in touch if you have had experience at running a small membership group, that puts out a newsletter annually, and manages a small income and expenditure account.

Kind regards
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Annual General Meeting 26 March 2023, Melbourne Highland Games, Croydon

Secretary's Report

The clan has not had an Annual General Meeting in over 3 years. When we attended the Ringwood Highland Games each year, an AGM was usually conducted. It was obviously very difficult for non-Victorians to attend. It was a pretty informal meeting where a financial statement was presented, and general issues were discussed.

Short summary of membership:

- The clan set up our website with the ability to join online and have an international profile.
- Of our 150 financial members, 138 have joined online and have a recurring payment via PayPal.
- We have 12 members who pay by cheque or cash.
- We carry about 10 unfinancial members for a year and have 4 life members.
- In 2022, 14 members joined online, none by cheque or cash.
- We also have both types of members who decide to leave the clan.

Financial statement:

Income:

Current cash at bank (Bank Statement tabled)	\$6322
Income (on current membership)	\$2858 pa

Expenditure (2022)

Dunmaglass* newsletter (design & print)	\$718
Journal (design & print)	\$1509
Insurance	\$185
Postage including stationery	\$479
Website**, Domain, Email, Online payment	\$401
Total	\$3292

(2022 Operating loss approx. \$400 pa)

*Dunmaglass not produced in 2023 due to lack of material

** Domain name \$80 for 2 years

A key item for the 2023 AGM meeting is the future management of the clan.

The time is right for me to hand over the management of the Clan to someone else. I have been a committee member since 2001 and Journal editor since 2009.

Euan McGillivray
Secretary & Treasurer
Commissioner for Australia