



# Clan Macpherson Association

## (Australian Branch)



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## September 2023 Newsletter

*On the occasion of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla, Cluny wrote a letter to the Palace conveying expressions of loyalty of the Clan Macpherson to the Royal family. The CMA Chairman posted a similar message of congratulations on the Official CMA Facebook page.*

### 2023 Annual Gathering and AGM – Chairman's Report



Welcome Cluny, Annie, and all of our members and friends from around the world. I am pleased to report that this weekend we have 182 members, family and friends who are here to meet up with old friends as well as to make new ones. We will spend time together and try to manage a little business.

The CMA Council, Museum Trustees, and the Museum Advisory Committee (MAC) have met separately throughout the year to do business and ensure all is well. Yesterday the CMA Council, Museum Trustees and the MAC sat down together for a first time ever joint meeting. Allen Fletcher Macpherson, Bruce Macpherson, and I led the meeting together to address the Museum and how we as a group are going forward. Bruce will be giving his report about this discussion to bring the membership up to date on our future plans.

This year has been very challenging for the CMA as our costs

continue to rise and funds are limited. We need to look at our flagship magazine, *Creag Dhubh*, and how we can produce it at a lower, manageable cost. The Council has had much discussion regarding how to move forward and will share that conversation later in the meeting.

Another concern that we have involves several positions that are still open within the Council and need immediate attention. We are a team and need to work together on this.

First is the CMA Treasurer position. Alison Christie is ready to step down. She has faithfully served the Association extremely well for seven years. We have been looking for the right person for over a year now. So, if anyone is interested or has a suggestion, please let me know.

Second is the CMA Secretary position. Andy Macpherson did a great job for the two years he served. This is a vital position as this person helps with running meetings and communications. This person also assists with the planning of the Gathering.

I want to thank Sandy Macpherson for coming today and helping me with the minutes. We all remember how wonderful she was as the CMA Secretary when Bill was Chairman. I was so relieved when she contacted me and asked if she could help by taking the minutes of the AGM. Sandy, thank you so much for doing this.

In closing, I want to thank the membership and those on the CMA Council. Especially to Alison for hanging in there with me. I look forward to next year, and my last year as your chairman.

Thank you. Bonnie

**Note.** After the AGM, two willing volunteers offered to act as Secretary and Treasurer respectively; Robyn Rein, a member of the US Branch who lives in Mt Dora, Florida, and Annie Le Roy-Lewis, Chairman of the Scotland and Northern Ireland Branch, more popularly known as Cluny's sister!

Despite pouring rain and a bad accident on the main A9 requiring two fire engines, an ambulance and an air ambulance at the scene, all traffic was diverted to the route of the march (B9150). The march disbanded halfway down the hill but reassembled at the games field gates. One of the wettest marches ever!



*The Association banner carried by Bill Macpherson (Glenfarg, Scotland), escorted by Robert Macpherson (Switzerland/ Australia) and Evie Levett (New Zealand) precedes the March of the Clan led by CMA Chairman, Bonnie McPherson, (Florida USA). Old Ralia is in the background.*

## **Australian Branch Report – 77th CMA AGM 5<sup>th</sup> August**

‘Greetings from Australia to all at Newtonmore, and to our cousins around the world.

I can report gradual recovery from natural disasters experienced in recent years, despite warnings to the contrary. Good snowfalls are being experienced in SE Australia, while the national emblem, the wattle is starting to bloom along the highways and byways of the land down under.

This year saw a gradual re-establishment of major Scottish activities, particularly on the East Coast. After several false starts, Bundanoon is Brigadoon re-emerged from the NSW Southern Highlands mist, with twenty-five bands on parade and a sizeable crowd. The re-named and re-located Melbourne Highland Gathering and Celtic Festival (formerly known as the Ringwood

Highland Gathering) attracted about one thousand visitors to Eastfield Park Croydon. The Bonnie Wingham Festival also re-emerged with Clan Donnachaidh (Robertson) as the Clan of Honour. A local Clan Macpherson team staffed our tent on the day, while the Aberdeen Highland Games in the NSW Hunter Valley completed a number of activities that formed part of Scottish Week based in Sydney. Regrettably the popular and very long-standing Geelong Highland Games have been discontinued. New member Peta Hay afforded us a presence at the Glen Innes Scottish Festival.

At the time of writing, we have accepted an invitation to mount a tent at the new Kryal Castle Highland Spectacular in Ballarat, central Victoria on the weekend 19/20 August 2023, while the Saltire Estate in Lovedale, NSW will host the fledgling Hunter Valley Highland Games on 26th August 2023.

It was pleasing to have new members involved in Wingham, and one new member was recruited from the tent at Bundanoon. Our member numbers have declined slightly this year, the decrease being due to the death of several members of long standing, and two Annuals not renewing. Among those deceased, the Rev Ian P Macpherson of Baldivis (WA) died late last year. He was a descendant of the Macpherson family, thought to have originated on Skye which arrived in Australia in October 1825. Among Ian's older relatives were John Alexander Macpherson (1833-1894) who was one of two Macphersons appointed Premier of Victoria, and Helen Macpherson Smith (1874-1951) whose generosity established the Helen Macpherson Trust, now a very well-endowed charity that supports needy organisations in Victoria. An obituary for Ian will appear elsewhere in Creag Dhubh.

Congratulations are in order to Maree McPherson, wife of Life member Warren McPherson of Traralgon (Victoria), and Life member Neil MacPherson of Runaway Bay on the Queensland Gold Coast. Both were awarded Medals in the Order of Australia (OAM) for outstanding work within their communities.

Congratulations are also due to Life member Sandy Healy whose daughter Alyssa was recently appointed captain of the Australian Women's cricket team.

In conclusion, I extend to the Australian Committee my thanks for their support; and, to Jamie and his family and the wider Blairgowrie family, I offer our continuing loyalty and the sincere good wishes of the Australian Branch.

### **Post AGM Report**

The Kryal Castle Highland Spectacular in Ballarat was hampered by pouring rain, a strong cold wind and a cool 4 degrees. Very few visitors attended on Day 1. A small number of Clan tents were mounted, but several withdrew because of the weather. The weather was much better on Day 2 but again only a small number of visitors.



*At Ballarat, David J McPherson with John Waddell (McCleish) and his two grandchildren, Lexie and Freddie Seamons*

### **Canberra Gathering**



*Clan representatives at the Canberra Gathering*



The Canberra Gathering was held in fine weather at Kambah (ACT) on 7<sup>th</sup> October attracted a large crowd after several years in the wilderness (COVID and bad weather). Several Clan enquiries were received.

*John L Macpherson with Chieftain of the Day Tara Cheyne MLA, Minister for the Arts in the ACT Government and Pam Rhemrev (Duffy ACT)*

## **Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival**



*David B Macpherson (Hillville NSW), Kerriane Cawley, daughter of Ray Robertson (Chieftain of the Day), John McPherson (Wingham) and Darren Macpherson (Waterfall NSW)*

New member Darren Macpherson reported that the day was met with unseasonably warm weather, with many locals and visitors making the most of the day and the spectacle. Carrying the Clan

Macpherson banner David appreciated the honour and privilege to march with many other Clans, as the march followed the numerous pipe bands around the oval.

Joined by locals David Macpherson and Sarak Taylor (nee McPherson) the group manned the Clan tent during the day, but unfortunately, notwithstanding a number of enquiries, no new members were recruited.

### **Glen Innes Celtic Festival – May 2023**

New member Peta Hay attended the 2023 Australian Celtic Festival at Glen Innes in early May. This year's festival featured Scotland and celebrated the 21st anniversary of the four-day festival which is held on the site of the Glen Innes standing stones.

Peta assisted at the tent mounted by the by the Australian Scottish Heritage Council fielding enquiries from local Macphersons seeking advice on genealogy and tartans.

On the Saturday evening the Commissioners' Dinner celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clan Sutherland Association and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Clan MacLennan Association. Speakers from both Associations and an Address to the Haggis were highlights.

The Glen Innes Festival features one of the Celtic nation each year. Next year, 2024 will concentrate on Ireland and the Isle of Man from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Should you intend going to Glen Innes, book accommodation early.

### **Clan Macpherson Museum – Convenor's Report to CMA AGM (an extract)**

“....

This time last year, the Museum was lauded by Cluny as 'one of the jewels in Scotland's crown' - and so it is, a unique collection of artefacts and treasures that continue to delight, inform and educate Macpherson and non-Macpherson visitors alike from local and international communities. Nurtured and cared-for by the Trustees, members of the Museum Advisory Committee and now a small band of local volunteers, our collection is in the hands of

people who are talented and wholly dedicated to ensuring the preservation of the Museum's content to the highest of standards and ensuring its accessibility to as wide a section of the public as possible.

Over the past eighteen months we have seen many new innovations, ones brought forward to enhance and build on the wonderful work undertaken by Jim and Mairi MacPherson who led the efforts of many in refurbishing and re-presenting the entire collection. We have seen the in-person and online talks that brought aspects of our story and our collection to increasingly large audiences, local and international, increasing numbers of whom were non-Macphersons; we have seen the introduction of a range of workshops and activities that proved successful in drawing into our midst new visitors, many of whom had never set foot in the Museum before; we have seen the recruitment of a fledgling band of volunteers - everyone from teenagers to pensioners bringing specialist skills, talent and a real passion to the Museum; we have seen the early development of ideas to promote new income streams and the development of a newsletter to keep friends abreast of all that is going on at the Museum. The Museum is bigger than just one person but at the heart of many of these innovations was our resident Curator, Aila Schaefer, who galvanised others into presenting an exciting, new face to the Museum. I pay tribute to Aila today for all that she brought to the Museum, within its walls and, most importantly, within the local community, and thank her on your behalf. We were saddened when Aila announced her resignation as Curator at the end of July; on the road that lies ahead of her, we wish her well.

The timing of Aila's departure has proved somewhat challenging, but we are not daunted. The Macphersons have risen to challenges in the past, and we will do so again. As we seek to find a replacement for Aila, our immediate job is to ensure the Museum remains open over the period of the Gathering and I am very grateful for all those who have volunteered to help out, many of whom are present this morning. This weekend, I would urge you all to visit the Museum and enjoy, not just our wonderful collection, but our freshly and imaginatively stocked shop.



Our next task is to ensure the Museum remains open for as long as is possible between now and the end of the season. Again, for those who have volunteered to help man the fort, our thanks. My father, who is as old as the hills, has offered to come up from Edinburgh for half a day every week; others are being equally generous with their time; we are currently recruiting a team of Museum Assistants who we hope will also aid this exercise.

Our most important task is finding someone who is interested in becoming the next Curator. The Trustees and members of the Museum Advisory Committee will be considering the Job Descriptions, Terms & Conditions and crafting an affordable remuneration package that we hope will attract the right candidates. I very much hope to be able to introduce you to our next Curator at next year's Gathering and via social media long before then.

Visitor numbers to the Museum have still not reached pre-pandemic levels, much in common with the sector, but they are looking encouraging, as are donations and shop sales. We are very grateful to all of the very generous souls who contribute in different ways to the Museum - to those in the US branch who have generously contributed funds towards the refurbishment of our bathroom facilities; to one of our Canadian members who asked her friends to send money to the Museum in lieu of birthday presents; to the people who continue to donate artefacts to add to our collection.

I thank Angus, my predecessor as Convenor, for his distinguished service over many years in that role and to other office bearers for their hard work, whether as trustees or members of the Advisory Committee that is headed by Allan Macpherson Fletcher; I thank the Association and members of the CMA Council for their support. It was good to meet the Council yesterday and brief them on what lies ahead.

It would be invidious to single out any single person who has contributed perhaps even more to the life of the Museum than others. I will name not one person but three people - Valerie, Helen and Morrigan - each of whom has gone above and beyond in all that they have done. They deserve our enormous thanks."

## **Grant of Arms to John L Macpherson**

Letters Patent presented by the Lord Lyon on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 describe the Grant of Arms to Branch Chairman and CMA Vice-Chairman John L Macpherson.

The Arms are described thus:

*Parted per fess embattled Or and Azure two cannon barrels in saltire Sable between a dexter hand holding in pale and a cross crosslet fitchée Gules in chief, a galley Or mast, oars in action and sails furled Proper flagged in base. Above the shield is placed an Helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the liveries is set*

*for Crest a demi wild cat affrontée Proper holding in its dexter paw a broadsword Or and resting its sinister paw on a seven-pointed star Argent, and in an Escrol over the same this Motto 'GU BRÀTH FURACHAIL'.*



GU BRÀTH FURACHAIL translates to 'Forever Vigilant', a response to the Chief's Motto, 'Touch Not the Cat But a Glove'.

Credit for the design of the Arms is in large part due to the late R Gordon Macpherson whose great expertise in Heraldic matters is well known. E.g., the sword held by the wild cat recognises John L's and his family's military history. The *seven-pointed star Argent (silver)* signifies Australia's *Commonwealth* star as seen on the national flag. The crenelation (*embattled*) on the shield recognises Cawdor Castle and Fort George from where his ancestral families originated, while the two *cannon barrels in saltire Sable* represent 28 years' service in the Royal Regiment of Australian Artillery. The Lord Lyon, Dr Joe Morrow presented the Letters Patent to John L's son Robert in Glendoick Garden Centre near Perth en route to the CMA Gathering.

## **Vale - Rev Ian P MacPherson**

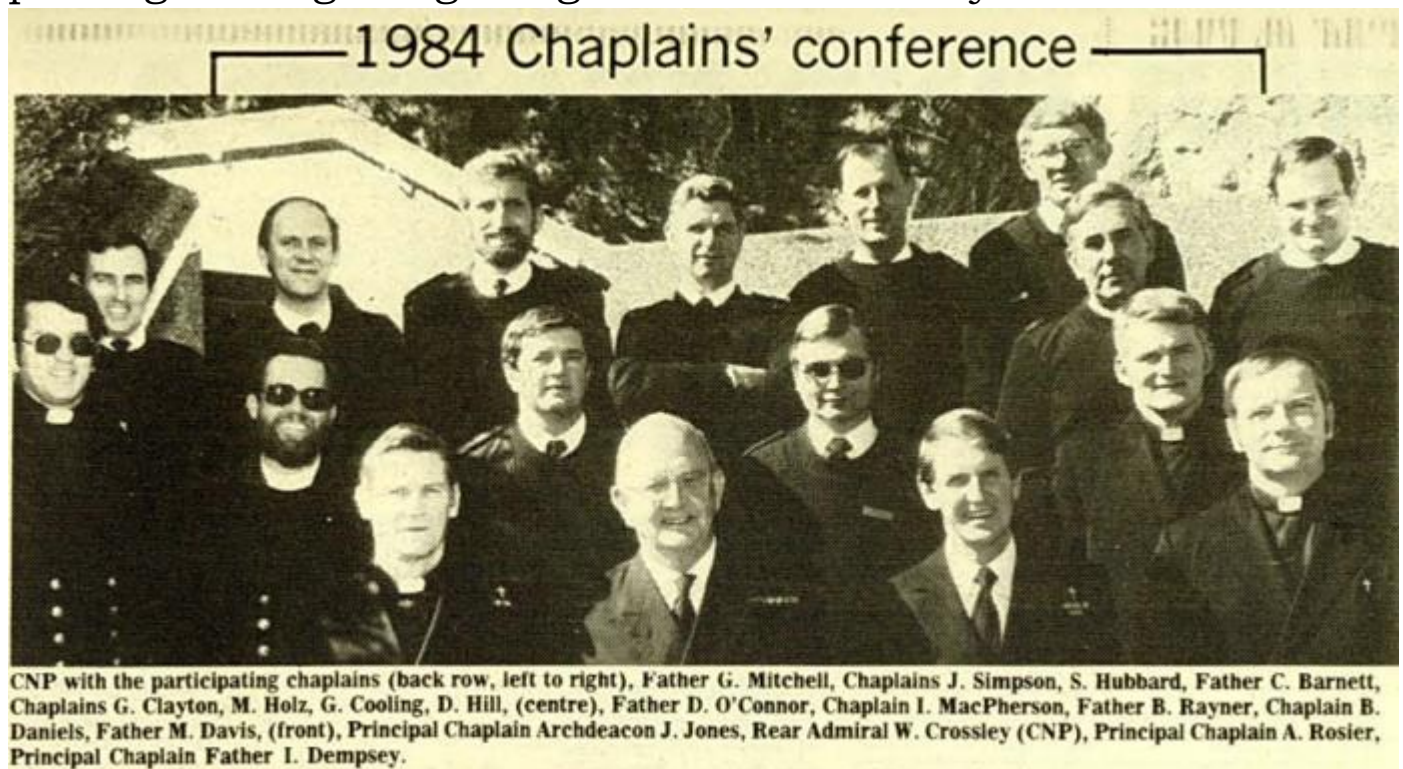
Rev Ian P MacPherson died in November 2022. Thus, we said a sad goodbye to our long serving Western Australian member Rev. Ian P MacPherson.

Ian was born in Sydney in 1935, he attended Sydney Grammar School and then became a Civil Engineer with the NSW Public Works Department. He and his beloved wife Judi married in 1958, and raised two children, Janine and Bill.

Ian dedicated his life to the service of the Lord in his twenties. Ordained in 1966 he served the ministry over 55 years, studying at home and abroad for his Master of Theology. He served the Church for most of his career in various places across the country, and as a Chaplain with the Royal Australian Navy.

In the early nineties Ian and his wife moved to Western Australia, where he was with the Rockingham Uniting Church until his retirement in 2000. After retirement he supported the church in the pulpit once a month.

Ian was a bright, warm and humble person, who was always keen to share his passion for travel and the enrichment one can get from broadening their horizons. He was a proud MacPherson and is survived by his two children, four grandchildren, six great-grandsons, one great-granddaughter, and at the time of his passing had a great-great-grandson on the way.



## **King's Birthday (12<sup>th</sup> June 2023) Honours**



Neil McPherson, a long serving member of the CMA who lives on Australia's famed Gold Coast was awarded a Medal in the Order of Australia, (OAM) in the first Birthday Honours list in the reign of King Charles III. A brief summary of Neils' citation which appeared in the Gold Coast Bulletin read "*Mr Neil Athol McPherson. This Runaway Bay resident has been recognised for his service to the community through many organisations. Mr McPherson founded the Rotary Club of Ashmore in 1990 and was an active member until 2015, serving as president from*

*1997 to 1998. He was also a member of the Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise for a number of years and was named life member of the Surfers Paradise Apex Club in 1982.*

*Mr McPherson was admitted as solicitor of the Queensland Supreme Court in 1967 and later to the NSW Supreme Court and the High Court of Australia".*

Attached to Neil's citation was a comprehensive list of organisations in which he was involved included; Rotary membership since 1980 and President of the Rotary Clubs of Surfers Paradise and Ashmore, membership and holder of several offices in Apex Australia. Other community involvement comprised active involvement in the Scouting movement, the Australian Citizen Military Force (CMF), and the role of Secretary of the Residents' Committee, TriCare Runaway Bay Complex, where he and his wife Lynn reside. The report also noted that Neil was selected as a member of a Rotary Group Study Exchange team that visited India and Sri Lanka in 1967.

Neil's professional career included admission as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland, 1967 and later to the Supreme

Court of New South Wales and the High Court of Australia. Notary Public, since 1979 and President of the Society of Notaries, Queensland, 1995-1996 and 2008-2009. Commissioner for Oaths, and former Ambassador to the Library of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lambeth Palace, London to research the early history of Notaries Public in Queensland.

On a lighter note Neil was Chairman and Secretary, Australian Bartenders Guild, mid 1970s-mid 1990s, and was made a Life Trustee of the Guild.

### **Clan Chattan AGM and Dinner**



Traditionally held on the Thursday prior to the CMA Gathering, the Clan Chattan Annual General Meeting and dinner celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Clan Chattan Association was held at the Kingsmills Hotel in Inverness on 3<sup>rd</sup> August and was attended by representatives of most of the clans that comprise the confederation. The Clan Chattan is one of the oldest Clans said to be 'a powerful confederation of smaller highland families, who in the 14th century, gathered together for protection. On

6th August 2009, the Chiefs of Clan Chattan's clans and other members of these clans came together in Inverness to mark the 400th anniversary of the 1609 Clan Chattan Band of Union and signed a new Band of Union to renew their historic connection.

### **2024 Annual Gathering and AGM**

*Planning is underway for the 2024 Annual Gathering. The programme, costs and a registration form will be in Creagh Dhubh No 76, issued early next year.*

*Dates are from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024.*

*Note also that the Clan Chattan AGM and Dinner is usually held on the prior Thursday. Details will be posted on the Clan Chattan website*

[www.clanchattan.org.uk](http://www.clanchattan.org.uk)

## **Vale - R Gordon M Macpherson CM, FRHSC, FRSA, FSA**

**(Scot)** (by courtesy Canadian Branch Green Banner)



Late of the City of Burlington, Gordon passed away on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. He was the son of Rev. Dr. A. Gordon Macpherson and Mary Strathcona Macpherson (MacBeth). Predeceased by his wife, Nancy (nee Chart 2017), and his brother, Colonel Bruce Macpherson (2001), Gordon is survived by his sister Betty (Mrs. Lawrie Taylor). He was the cherished father of Alexander (Sandy) Macpherson and Pamela McPherson (Kirk), and proud grandfather of Heather, Colin, Andrew, and James, and of four

great-grandchildren.

Gordon had a distinguished career in the investment business, retiring as Vice President of RBC Dominion Securities in 1987. In his "spare" time, he painted coats of arms and made heraldic bookplates. When he stopped a few years ago, he had received numerous accolades, culminating in being named a member of the Order of Canada in 2008.

Prior to that, he was appointed Niagara Herald Extraordinary by the Governor General in 1999. He was also a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA), the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland (FSAScot), the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada (FRHSC), the Knights of Justice of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem (KStJ), the Silver Jubilee Medal of 2002, and the Diamond Jubilee Medal of 2012.

Gordon was passionate about the Clan Macpherson, serving as Canadian Branch Chairman and then as International Chairman in 1991-94. In recognition of his service to the CMA, the Heraldry room in the Clan Museum at Newtonmore is named in his honour. Gordon's knowledge of heraldry was without peer. His advice on personal aspects of Arms was welcomed by many Macpherson and associated families' armigers. Indeed, many of the shields displayed in the Heraldry room were painted by Gordon.

## **Tribute to the late Sir William Macpherson (27<sup>th</sup> Chief)**



A few weeks ago, the Badenoch Advertiser carried a story about the naming of Sir Willam Macpherson Park (formerly Riverside Park) in Blairgowrie. Assisted by the Provost of Kinross and Perth Xander McDade, and a piper from the Blairgowrie and Rattray pipe band, Cluny (Jamie)

unveiled a sign backing a garden of white heather in memory of his father.

Well known for his assertion, that as Chief he was just one amongst equals, the Provost said that event showed how important he (Sir William) was to the Blairgowrie community. 'His life can be summed up by the word 'duty', - his military service in the Scots Guards and the Territorial Army, working in the justice system, and then heading up the Stephen Lawrence inquiry, which had a number of very significant outcomes in the UK in terms of race relations, policing standards and the double jeopardy rule.'

In thanking everyone for coming, Cluny said, 'we are very humbled by the renaming of the park, and know that he would have been slightly mortified, but tickled pink as well.'

### **Wildcat Restoration Project**

Interest in the future of our Clan 'mascot', the Scottish wildcat, has been evident since 1999 when the Canadian Branch started sponsoring kittens at the Highlands Wildlife Park near Kingussie. A report to the 2003 CMA AGM stated; 'A highlight of the Gathering was a visit to the Kingussie Highland Wildlife Park to see four new wildcat kittens. A naming competition in the Strathspey & Badenoch Herald resulted in Scott Hay of Kinraig winning. He named the three female kittens 'Feshie', 'Tromie' and 'Cuillin'. The runner-up (a young chap from Strathardle) named the male kitten 'Cluny'.

A very recent report from the Royal Zoological Society For Scotland describes work associated with the release of a number of the critically endangered species into the Cairngorms National Park (east of Aviemore).

The first round of wildcat releases was undertaken by Saving Wildcats, led by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland (RZSS) in partnership with NatureScot, Forestry and Land Scotland (FLS), The Cairngorms National Park Authority, Nordens Ark and Consejería de Sostenibilidad, Medio Ambiente y Economía Azul de la Junta de Andalucía.

19 wildcats, which were released in small clusters in various locations within the Cairngorms National Park throughout the summer, are being tracked daily using GPS-radio collars. Thus researchers have been able to collect valuable data on what kind of areas the cats are inhabiting and how they move within that landscape.



Evidence to date indicates that most have stayed relatively local to the release locations, while others have explored more widely across Badenoch and Strathspey. The cats are using a mixture of rough grassland, mixed woodland and riparian habitats, which provide prey such as mice and voles, as well as cover to hide from disturbance threats, including people and dogs.

Camera traps have recorded videos of the animals exhibiting positive behaviours such as hunting prey.



The report continues; while ‘still very early in the process ... the first release of wildcats has been a success so far. Despite the risks in the wild, most of the released wildcats are doing well, despite the significant challenges with extreme winter weather and a decline in natural prey expected.

To date one mortality has been discovered through daily monitoring of movement data recorded by the GPS collars.

Searchers found the wildcat at its last recorded location and were able to recover the body. A post-mortem examination cat sadly died of peritonitis, which is an infection in the abdominal cavity. Fundamental to the Saving Wildcats project is engagement with landowners, land managers, ground staff and local communities in the release areas. The Saving Wildcats team works closely with landowners who now have wildcats on their land.

In another step, 13 kittens have been born in the Saving Wildcats conservation breeding for release centre at RZSS’s Highland Wildlife Park this year. Once the kittens reach six-to-eight months old they will be transferred to pre-release enclosures to prepare for their release into the wild in summer 2024.

For more information go to [www.savingwildcats.org.uk/wild](http://www.savingwildcats.org.uk/wild) and [Critically endangered wildcats now call the Cairngorms National Park home | RZSS](#)



The River Spey in flood, surrounds Ruthven Barracks in October.  
Kingussie is in the background (top left)

## **Electronic Version of Creagh Dhubh**

In view of rising costs of printing and timely distribution of Creag Dhubh, and the widening use of electronic communication, the Council has considered the introduction of an electronic version of Creag Dhubh using one of the available software options such as FlipBook.

Council is very well aware that some members are not connected via the Internet, and/or might continue to prefer receiving the hard copy version.

A trial using the 2024 issue of Creag Dhubh is being planned. The Plan is to provide the e-Journal to those whose e-mail addresses are recorded in the Branch data base. The Plan also intends that those for whom we do not hold an e-mail address to continue to receive a hard copy.

Members who do not have an email address recorded have been written to separately asking how they would like to receive Creag Dhubh and the Branch Newsletters in the future.

If you have an email address which you have not previously disclosed, and agree to do so now, your privacy will be respected. If you agree to release your e-mail address, we will ensure that it is used only for the distribution of Creag Dhubh, and the Branch Newsletter.

If you wish to continue to receive Creagh Dhubh and Branch Newsletters in hard copy (NOT as an e-Journal) please advise ASAP to that suitable arrangements can be made to our mailing list.

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## **New Members**

### **Annual**

Joshua S MacPherson (Waikiki WA), Dianne Ruddick (Cudmirrah NSW), Jennifer McAuslan (Glen Innes NSW), Margaret Brown (Ivanhoe Vic)

### **Life**

Murray Macpherson, (Quanba Qld) by transfer from the Africa Branch

## **VALE**

Rev Ian P Macpherson (Baldivis WA), Caroline Ansell (Karana Downs Qld)

## **Clan Websites**

Clan Macpherson Association <http://www.clan-macpherson.org/>

Official Clan Macpherson Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/clan.macpherson.association>

Clan Macpherson Museum <http://www.clan-macpherson.org/museum/index.html>

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**Activities across the Country**  
**(\* check the date)**

**2023**

**10-12<sup>th</sup> November, Beechworth Heritage Festival, info [www.beechworthheritagefestival.com.au](http://www.beechworthheritagefestival.com.au)**

**2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> January Maryborough Highland Gathering, Princes Park, info 0407 046 933 or [events@highlandsociety.com.au](mailto:events@highlandsociety.com.au)**

**25<sup>th</sup> January [Happy Burns Night](#) *Nationwide***

**9<sup>th</sup> March, Hay, (NSW)**

The second Hayland Gathering will include pipe bands, Scottish dancers and Scottish heavy events.  
Info: [haylandgathering@gmail.com](mailto:haylandgathering@gmail.com)

**24<sup>th</sup> March, [Melbourne Highland Games & Celtic Festival](#), Croydon, Vic**

Pipe bands, Clans, Scottish vendors, entertainment and more at Eastfield Park.

Info: [www.melbournehighlandgames.org.au](http://www.melbournehighlandgames.org.au)

**6<sup>th</sup> April, Bundanoon is Brigadoon, Bundanoon (NSW), info 02 4883 7471 or [www.brigadoon.org.au](http://www.brigadoon.org.au)**

**Clan Macpherson Tent.**

**29/30<sup>th</sup> March, 119<sup>th</sup> Maclean (NSW) Highland Gathering, Easter weekend in Australia's Scottish Town. info [www.macleanhIGHLANDGATHERING.com.au](http://www.macleanhIGHLANDGATHERING.com.au)**

**\*April, Scots in the Bush, Boondooma (Qld), info [www.boondoomahomestead.org.au](http://www.boondoomahomestead.org.au)**

**2/5<sup>th</sup> May, Australian Celtic Festival Glen Innes (NSW). Featuring Year of Scotland info [www.australiancelticfestival.com](http://www.australiancelticfestival.com)**

**\*May, Redlands Highland Gathering, Wellington Point (Qld). Info [www.pipebandsqld.com](http://www.pipebandsqld.com)**

**\*May, The Gathering, Ipswich (Qld) Turf Club. Info [www.gatheringfestival.com.au](http://www.gatheringfestival.com.au)**

**25<sup>th</sup> May, Berry (NSW) Celtic Festival, Berry Showgrounds, info 02 4403 0300 or [www.berryrotary.org.au/celtic-festival](http://www.berryrotary.org.au/celtic-festival)**

**1<sup>st</sup> June, Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival, Central Park Wingham, info [Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival | Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival](#)**

**Clan Macpherson Tent.**

**7/10<sup>th</sup> June, National Celtic Festival, Portarlington (Vic), info [www.nationalcelticfestival.com](http://www.nationalcelticfestival.com)**

**15/16<sup>th</sup> June, Boonah (Qld), Scenic Rim Clydesdale Spectacular, info 1300 259 343 or [www.clydesdalespectacular.com.au](http://www.clydesdalespectacular.com.au)**

**\*June, Townsville (Qld) Tartan weekend, info 0413 456 542 or [mig7@optusnet.com.au](mailto:mig7@optusnet.com.au)**