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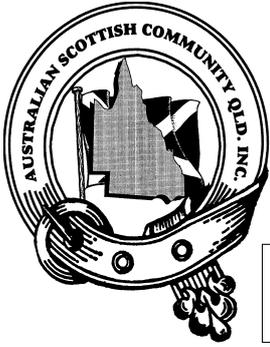
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MAC DONALDS HIGHLANDERS Old Seventy-Sixth Highland Regiment 1777-1784

Letter of service was granted in December 1777 to Lord MacDonald to raise a regiment in the Highlands and Isles, of which corps he was offered the command; but he declined the commission, and at his recommendation, Major John Macdonell of Lochgarry was appointed lieutenant-colonel commandant of the regiment. Lord Macdonald, exerted his influence in the formation of the corps, and as a good selection of officers was made from the families of the Macdonalds of Glencoe, Morar, Boisdale, and others of his own clan, and from those clans, as MacKinnon, Fraser of Culduthel, Cameron of Callart, Etc., a body of 750 Highlanders was soon raised. Nearly 200 men were raised in the Lowlands by Captains Cunningham, and Lieutenant Samuel Graham. These were kept together in two companies, and another body of men, mostly raised in Ireland by Captain Bruce, formed a third company, all of which were kept perfectly distinct from the Highlanders. The regiment was inspected at Inverness in March 1778 by General Skene, and amounted to 1086 men, including non-commissioned officers and drummers.

The regiment was then quartered in Fort George, where it remained twelve months under the command of Major Donaldson, who, from his long experience, was well calculated to train them properly.

Being removed to Perth in March 1779, the regiment was again reviewed by General Skene on the 10th, and, being reported complete, was ordered to march to Burntisland for the purpose of embarking for America. Shortly after their arrival at Burntisland, numbers of the Highlanders were observed in parties in earnest conversation together. The cause of this consultation was soon known as each company, on the evening of the third day, gave in a written statement, complaining of non-performance of promises, of their bounty-money being withheld, Etc., and accompanied by a declaration, that till their grievances were redressed, they would not embark. They demanded that Lord Macdonald should be sent for to see justice done to them. No satisfactory answer having been returned within the time expected, the Highlanders marched off in a body, and took possession of a hill above Burntisland. To show that these men had no other end in view but justice, they refused to allow some young soldiers, who had joined them in a frolic, to remain with them, telling them that as they had no ground for complaint, they ought not to disobey orders. The Highlanders remained for several days on the hill without offering the least violence, and sent parties regularly to the town for provisions, for which they paid

During this time, Major Donaldson, assisted by Lieutenant David Barclay the paymaster, investigated the claims of the men, and found they were well founded, and Lord Macdonald having arrived, his lordship and the major advanced the money, and paid off every demand at their own risk. On a subsequent investigation of the individual claims, when sent to the Isle of Skye, it was ascertained that all, without exception, were found to be just, a circumstance as honourable to the claimants as it was disgraceful to those who had attempted to overreach them. This disagreeable affair being fortunately settled, the regiment embarked on the 17th of March; but before their departure, all the men of Skye and Uist sent the money they had received home to their families and friends. Major Donaldson being unable to accompany the regiment on account of the delicate state of his health, and Lieutenant-Colonel Macdonell having been taken prisoner on his passage from America, where he had been serving with Fraser's Highlanders, the command of the regiment devolved on Major Lord Berridale.

The transports, with the 76th on board, touched at Portsmouth, and while lying at Spithead, the regiment was ordered to the relief of Jersey, which the enemy had attacked; but before reaching the island the French had been repulsed. They then proceeded on the voyage, and landed at New York in August. The flank companies were then attached to the battalion, composed of the flank companies of the other regiments, and the battalion companies quartered between New York and Staten Island. In February 1781, these companies embarked for Virginia with a detachment of the army, commanded by Major-General Phillips. The light company, being in the second battalion of light infantry, also formed a part of the expedition, Lord Berridale, who had, by the death of his father this year, become Earl of Caithness, having been severely wounded at the siege of Charlestown, returned to Scotland, and was succeeded in the command of the regiment by the Hon. Major Needham, afterwards Earl of Kilmorey, who had purchased Major Donaldson's commission. General Phillips landed at Portsmouth, Virginia, in March, and having joined the detachment under General Arnold, the united detachments formed a junction with the army of Lord Cornwallis in May. The Macdonald Highlanders, on meeting with men who had braved the dangers of the field, considered themselves as an inferior race, and sighed for an opportunity of putting themselves on an equality with their companions in arms, and they did not wait long.

The celebrated Marquis de la Fayette, anxious to distinguish himself in the cause which he had espoused

determined to attack Lord Cornwallis's army, and in pursuance of this intention pushed forward a strong corps, which forced the British picquets. He then formed his line and a warm contest immediately began, the weight of which, on the side of the British, was sustained by the brigade of Colonel Thomas Dundee, consisting of the 76th and 80th regiments. These corps, which were on the left, were drawn up on an open field, while the right of the line was covered by woods. Coming up in the rear of the 76th, Lord Cornwallis gave word to charge, which being responded to by the Highlanders, they rushed forward with great impetuosity upon the enemy, who, unable to stand the shock, turned their backs and fled, leaving their cannon and 300 men, killed and wounded, behind them. After the surrender of Lord Cornwallis's army, the 76th was marched in detachments as prisoners to different parts of Virginia. During their confinement, many attempts were made by their emigrant countrymen, as well as by the Americans, to induce them to join the cause of American independence; but not one of them could be induced by any consideration to renounce his allegiance. The regiment, on its return to Scotland, was disbanded in March 1784 at Stirling Castle.

DID YOU KNOW

More than 100 governors of pre- and post- Revolutionary America were of Scottish birth or descent.

35 U.S. Supreme Court Justices, 25 of them are in the Great Americans Hall of Fame.

Almost 1/2 of the Secretaries of U.S. Treasury and 1/3 of the Secretaries of State were Scots.

9 of the signatures on the Declaration of Independence were from Scots descent.

9 of the 13 colony governors made in the new USA were Scots.

James Pollock, of Scots descent, put the slogan "In God We Trust" on American coins.

61% of American Presidents are of Scots descent.

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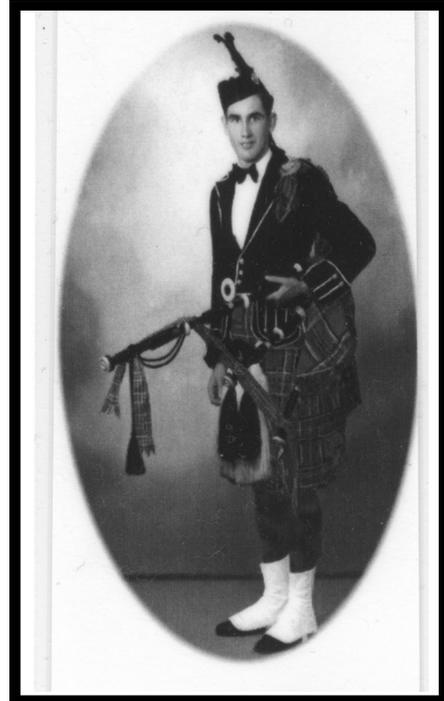
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ARTHUR MURRAY

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30th October 2007

Arthur was heavily involved with all things Scottish from early in life. A piper and a member of various Scottish organisations. He was a valued member of Aussie Scots

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Aberdeenshire Highland Regiment
OLD EIGHTY-FIRST. 1777—1783.

This regiment was raised by the Honourable Colonel William Gordon, brother of the Earl of Aberdeen, to whom letters of service were granted for that purpose in December 1777. Of 980 men composing the regiment, 650 were from the Highlands of Aberdeenshire. The clan Ross mustered strongly under Major Ross; when embodied it was found that there were nine men of the name of John Ross in the regiment.

The corps marched to Stirling, then embarked for Ireland, where the regiment stayed for three years. In the end of 1782 it was returned to England, and in March of the following year embarked at Portsmouth for the East Indies immediately after the preliminaries of peace were signed, notwithstanding the terms of agreement, which were the same as those made with the Athole Highlanders. The men, however, seemed satisfied with their destination, and it was not until they became acquainted with the conduct of the Athole men, that they refused to proceed. Government yielded to their demand to be discharged, and they were accordingly marched to Scotland, and disbanded at Edinburgh in April 1783. Their conduct during their existence was as exemplary as that of the other Highland regiments.

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Sea of Saltires for St Andrew

It used to be that St Andrews Day on 30 November was celebrated more by Scots abroad than in Scotland itself. It was largely ignored here for most of the 20th century, but in recent years - prompted as much by the jingling of cash registers and encouraging tourism as honouring Scotland's patron saint - a number of activities have arisen.

In Edinburgh, giant marquees are to be erected in Princes Street Gardens for three days of events. The "Jig in the Gardens", organised by the Scottish Government, will be one of seven major celebrations held across the country to mark Scotland's national day. There will be concerts, ceilidh dances, and live music sessions, storytelling and children's activities in the Capital. Leading Celtic and traditional folk acts are expected to take to the stage in the evening for a "monster ceilidh" including an Edinburgh-based ceilidh band named "The Porridge Men." Glasgow's celebration is confined to Friday, 30th November, but is no less lively, with "Shindig in the Square" which will see the city's George Square transformed by a sea of Saltires

Weather in Scotland This Week

Although there was some sunshine this week, cloud has predominated, often thick and overcast, with some showers or the threat of showers. There was heavier rain last Saturday in the west and almost non-stop drizzle in Glasgow and surrounding areas on Thursday. Temperatures have been very mild for the time of year, however, with Aberdeen reaching 17C (63F) on Friday, well above the November norm.



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We thank both Ben Power for the great work he did in the Treasurers job and Riley Power in the excellent work he did on the Management Committee. Their support was always greatly appreciated.

Ian Campbell – President.

PRESIDENTS REPORT 18.11.2007

The 2006/2007 year was another good year for the Australian Scottish Community Inc.

Throughout the year members of the club attended an assortment of functions such as our own Christmas Party in December, held here at the Toowong Community Centre which was an excellent event with plenty of entertainment as usual, The Fred Logan Highland Gathering on the 1st.January 2007, Brisbane Clans Pipes & Drums Burns Supper January, The Ipswich International Tattoo, Ormiston Celtic Gathering, The Pine Rivers Multicultural Scottish Gathering, The Kirkin of the Tartan that was held at St.Patricks Church in Morgan St. on the 24th.June & was well attended, All British Day car display 23rd. September, Ipswich Thistle Pipe Band Competition and Highland Gathering 25th. August, The new Celtic Day which was held at Helidon on the 7th.October, The Qld. Government Multicultural Festival at Roma St Parklands in 14th.October which attracted around 40,000 people through the day & night with different foods from all around the world, I applied for a food stall to sell Scottish pies etc. but we were rejected because of the high demand for sites from other groups who have missed out previously, Also other events members attended through the year.

Approx 6 members attended the Standing Stones Celtic Gathering at Glen Innes again in NSW on the 4th.to the 6th.May weekend, this is a great event to attend with meeting people from all over Australia, but because of the location & the distance to travel makes it an expensive event to attend.

The Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc is the only Scottish organization that I know off that promotes all things Scottish at this many venues.

Tartan Day held on the 1st.July this year had a huge attendance through out the day, this is the biggest free Scottish event held in Queensland, Fine weather once again made the day another great success and enjoyable for all those who attended, the success of this event only comes about by great support from you, the members

The quality entertainment provided for this function, which included our own MC. & singer Mr Brian Bisset plus the ceilidh band 'Scotch on the Rocks' & the fabulous 'Gaelic Dream Scottish & Celtic Dance Troupe, The Scottish Country Dancers organized by Sam Herron were excellent as usual. The Scottie Dogs provided by Beril Williams are always a delightful site; The Brothers at Arms sword fighting display thrilled the crowd.

Tartan Day itself had two Massed Band Parades, the main one at 12.30pm, this included 12 pipe bands plus some individual pipers in a spectacular display marching through the crowd, The 2nd.massed band parade along the Broadwalk at South Bank later in the afternoon dragged numerous people into the event. As I mentioned in my Tartan Day speech again, (It doesn't get any better than this) being a free day and enjoyed by all.

I would like to thank all the people who helped in their way to make this outstanding day so successful we are looking forward to another big day in 2008; because of the crowd we attracted the South Bank Committee has advised that at the next Tartan Day we have to supply toilet facilities to cope with the numbers, this will add approx. an extra \$2,000 to our costs

International Tartan Day which was started by this club is now the recognized Scottish event on the calendar.

The Scottish Clans Congress of (Qld), Kirkin of the Tartan held on the 24th. June 2007, was again included as the start of our Scottish week with the finale being Tartan Day.

The club is associated with many other organizations through individual members, keeping us in touch with what is going on, These include The Clans Congress of Qld, Radio 4EB Scottish, Scottish Society of the Gold Coast, The Celtic Council of Australia (Qld), The Family and Local History Assn, The Friends of Toowong Cemetery plus various meetings with Government representatives, St Andrew Society members, The Lions Organization, Library displays and lectures to name a few.

Our Scottish group has achieved a lot throughout the year with applying for and receiving another State Government Grants which has enabled us to purchase more needed equipment which includes, a microphone speaker system for our meetings, a street display banner for our next Tartan Day, This will be strung across Wickham St in the Valley two weeks before the event, This has come about through mediation with Government Departments & their recognition of our strong input into the Governments Multicultural Diversity Program which the Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. promotes.

At this AGM Meeting I would like all members present & members to think back & remember our members who have passed away & think about them as you remember them & our great losses for the year were Christine Murray 24.4.2007 & Arthur Murray 30.10 2007. Once again I would like to thank all the people who put their effort into keeping their Club viable & to enjoy each other's company

Kind Regards to all from Ian Campbell



**The Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc
Executive and Management Committees**

Wish to thank all the members for their support throughout the year and wish them all a Merry Christmas and a great Hogmanay



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BRILLIANT SCOTS

Robert William Thomson (1822-1873) was the Scottish inventor of the

- Pneumatic tyre
- Writing and drawing instruments (the self-filling pen)
- Improvements in obtaining and applying motive power
- Dividing hard substances such as rock stone and coal
- Steam boilers
- Improvements in steam gauges
- Steam omnibuses
- Applying steam power in cultivating land
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- Road steamers
- Guiding road streamers on street tramways
- Elastic beds, seats and other supports or cushions.

- The washing mangle with reversible mangles
- The ribbon saw
- Elliptical rotary engine

DID YOU KNOW

James Simpson, an Edinburgh physician, was the first doctor to use anaesthetics to relieve the pain of surgery in the mid 19th Century. His main objective at the beginning was to alleviate the pain that women felt in childbirth. There was strong opposition to this idea from the Church, because the Old Testament claims that God's punishment to women for the sins of Eve was that they should bring forth children in pain.

Fortunately for women everywhere, Simpson won this argument. All women should bless the Scots just for this alone.

Refrigeration and air conditioning

James Harrison, who emigrated to Australia from Scotland, invented a cooling system for a brewery in Bendigo, in 1851. He had noticed that ether had a cooling effect on metals, and so he pumped it through pipes. As the ether evaporated it took heat from its surroundings to provide the latent heat of evaporation. His idea was used in the first refrigerated ship, the SS Strathleven, which carried a cargo of meat from Australia to England, a voyage of several months, in 1876. Refrigeration was a major force in the economic development of both Australia and New Zealand. Of course a more modern application of the method is air conditioning. Don't we owe a lot to the Scots?



DAY WITH THE MOTOR-CAR ON THE SEA ICE

The first motor car in Antarctica - 1908

These were the pioneer days of the motor car. Shackleton was given a car specially built for the expedition by the Arrol-Johnston company of Paisley, Scotland.

DEWAR, JAMES (1842-1923)

People who live in cold climates who need to have their drinks kept hot owe an enormous debt of gratitude to James Dewar, an industrial chemist from Kincardine on Forth. Dewar lectured at Edinburgh University while he carried out his experiments on the low temperature liquification of gases, including oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen. In 1872, he produced the forerunner of what was to become known world wide as the Thermos bottle, or flask in Britain. Known by his colleagues as a superb experimentalist, along with English chemist Frederick Abel, Dewar also developed cordite, a smokeless, slow-burning explosive powder that became the standard explosive of the British Armed Forces.



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Saturday 1 December Sunshine Coast, QLD - The Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Qld) Kirkin O' The Tartan
Info Fred Logan 07 5441 4238

Friday 7th December Beenleigh Historical Village Carols by Candlelight 6pm on wards.

Christmas Party 16th December Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, look for Aussie Scots Sign. 9.30am Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary.

Monday 31 December HAPPY HOGMANAY

Monday 31 December Wynnum, QLD - Hogmanay Scottish New Year at Wynnum Services Club. Info 07 3396 7333

Monday 31 December Cleveland, QLD - Redland Pipe Band Hogmanay at Donald Simpson Centre. Bloomfield St Cleveland 7.30 start Info 07 3207 0928

Dates for 2008

Saturday 1st January 13th New Years Day Scottish Gathering at Petrie Park Nambour 10AM to 4PM Info 5441 4238

Saturday 19th January Wellers Hill, QLD - Burns Supper Night Brisbane Clans Pipes and Drums Burns Night at Wellers Hill Bowls Club. Info 07 3369 2232

Saturday 19th January Irish Pipe Band Burns Supper, Irish Club. Contact Rowena on 3369 4014 or Mavis on 3849 8271

Sunday 20th January Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Sausage Sizzle. Toowong Community Meeting Rooms, 27 Josling St, Toowong. (Benson Rd end of Perrin Park, look for Aussie Scots Sign. 11.30am Meeting starts 12.30pm. Finishing time must be 3.00 pm. Apologies to the Secretary.

Sunday 20th January Redlands Pipe Bands Burns Supper 7 o'clock for 7.30pm start. Info 3207 0928

Saturday 26th January Mt Gravatt, QLD - Burns Night Scottish Clans Congress Burns Night at Mt Gravatt Bowls Club, Logan Road. Info 07 3397 2

Sunday 6th July Tartan Day at South Bank Cultural Forecourt

DID YOU KNOW

“Advance Australia, Fair” was written by a Scot- Peter Dodds McCormick, who was born in Glasgow circa 1835. He migrated to Australia in 1855 and worked for most of his life in the Education Department in Sydney. McCormick produced a number of versions of the song, sometimes with only minor corrections

“Advance Australia, Fair” was written in 1878 under the pseudonym of Amicus and it was first sung on St Andrew’s Day (November 30) 1878 at a Highland Society function. An amended version was sung by a choir of 10,000 at the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901. In 1907, the Federal Government awarded McCormick 100 pounds for composing it.



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