



THE CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA NEWSLETTER

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The first meeting of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia was held on December 3, 1986 in Brisbane. The current elected committee are:

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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

TO ACT AS A REPRESENTATIVE BODY OF DOUGLASES AND SEPTS.

TO ENCOURAGE GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH AND DOCUMENTATION OF DOUGLAS HISTORY.

TO PROMOTE FELLOWSHIP AMONGST MEMBERS.

TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH OTHER DOUGLAS ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

We send Members two Newsletters a year (and invite members to contribute articles of general interest). We hold social gatherings to enable Members to meet.

We invite you and your family to join this Association. We ask you especially to support the Committee and help us bring together people of Douglas Ancestry, Sept families and other connections, from all over Australia, New Zealand and the World.

Any one descended from, connected by marriage, or adopted by a Douglas or Sept of Douglas is eligible to join.

The Sept families of the House of Douglas are:

BELL, BLACKLOCK, BLACKSTOCK, BLACKWOOD, BROWN, BROWNLEE, CAVERS, DICKY, DOUGLASS, DRYSDALE, FORREST, FORRESTER, FOSTER, GILPATRICK, GLENDINNING, INGLIS, KILGORE, KILPATRICK, KIRKLAND, KIRKPATRICK, LOCKERBY, MACGUFFEY, MACGUFFOCK, MCKILLRICK, MORTON, SANDLILANDS, SANDLIN, SIMMS, SOULE, STERRITT, SYMINGTON, SYME, YOUNG.

We ask you to please notify anyone else you know to be eligible to join, especially those who may not be on our mailing list. Enclosed is a membership form to be returned with Australian currency cheques made out to CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION and send to - The Treasurer, Clan Douglas Association of Australia, PO Box 806, Hamilton, 4007.

CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA INC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the second Clan Douglas newsletter for 2003.

Coming up on 19 October 2003 we have the Annual General Meeting for the Clan Douglas Association. The meeting will be held at the home of Jan and Ken Waller, 91 Mowbray Terrace, East Brisbane. Jan, our Vice President has kindly offered the use of her home for the meeting which will be a welcome cost saving to the Association.

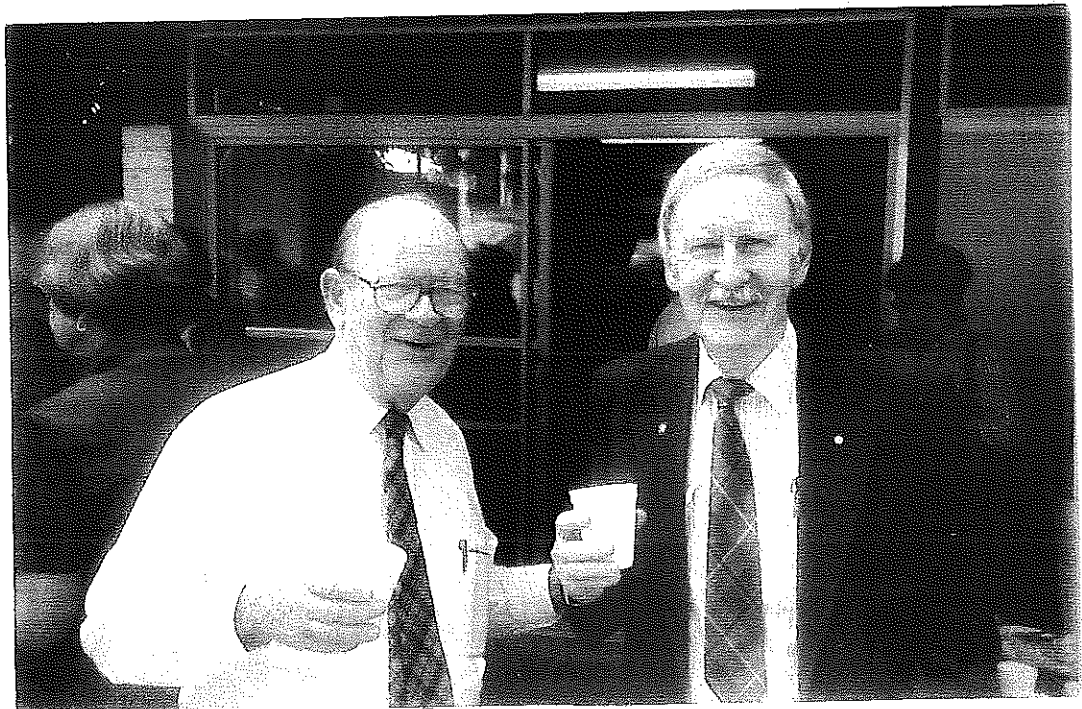
Speaking of costs, financially, the Association remains in a strong position, a credit to the dedication and hard work of its members.

On a sad note, our first President, Ron Douglas, passed away in April of this year. He will be sadly missed by not only his family but by all members of the Clan Douglas. Ron, over the 14 or so years that he was President of the Clan Douglas was truly dedicated to the Clan and all of its Members. Our sympathies are with his family.

Returning to the subject of the AGM, I encourage as many members of the Clan as possible to attend the meeting and raise any issues or ideas that they have. The executive positions of the Association will be declared vacant and people re-elected to them. In that regard, I encourage anybody who is interested to nominate for an executive position within the Association and members to attend the AGM and vote in those elections. Among other things, on the agenda will be a discussion regarding the Clan's proposed trip to Scotland and also the next Ceilidh.

Best wishes and hope to see you at our AGM.

Kind regards
Chris Douglas



Dr John Campbell speaking to the late Ron Douglas, JP, OAM, FSA (Scot), D.Urr. at the Morning Tea held on March 16, 2003 at *Yungaba*.

HISTORY OF SIDCUP

....On a warm June day in 1890, the small town of Sidcup in Kent celebrated the birth of HAROLD EDWARD DOUGLAS, later to be affectionately known as 'Duggie' to everyone whose fortune it was to come to know this remarkable man.

At the innocent age of 17 years, Harold Edward Douglas left the English environment and emigrated to Australia where he spent his youth in the South Burnett District. As a carpenter by trade, he had little difficulty in finding work in the Blackbutt, Nanango and Murgon areas.

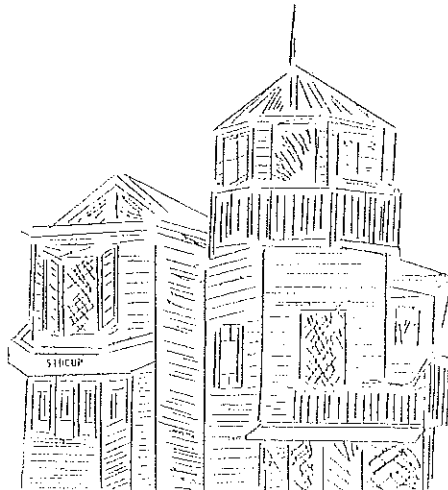
It is not definitely known when he came to Proston itself, but it is thought to have been between the years of 1928 and 1930. Living in one of the boarding houses, Harold Douglas commenced the quite unusual and remarkable construction of "SIDCUP". This building was to be a replica of the home of his childhood in Sidcup, so far away in the English county of Kent.

During the next forty years, "Sidcup" took on its rather unusual shape. Nothing was ever purchased for the building — no timber, no fibro, no nails — every piece, which was lovingly joined together, had been found in the neighbouring areas. The whole structure was held together by hardboard and nails and as there was no electricity available for trimming and sawing, this was completed by means of a brine saw.

Even the furniture which graces the interior of this dwelling had its origin in very different areas. An unique china cabinet had been converted from a lowly ice-chest. All tables, chairs, cupboards and beds were hand made — again from other people's superfluous materials.

All seventeen rooms had been added over the long period — piece by piece, nail by nail. Even in the year 1975 at the age of 85 when he departed this earthly life, Harold Edward Douglas was still adding to his beloved "Sidcup".

"Sidcup Castle", 11 Wondai Road, Proston, Queensland. Compiled from a brochure published by Deirdre Furhman-Luck, custodian of "Sidcup Castle". The property houses hundreds of items from many years ago from the district itself, every walk of life and from arts and crafts to art nouveau.





DRUMLANRIG, Dumfriesshire

Pedigree of the Lairds or feudal Barons of Drumlanrig begins with the story of Sir James Douglas, 2nd Earl of Douglas and Mar, killed at Otterburn and who married in 1373 Princess Margaret Stewart, daughter of King Robert 11 and Lady Euphemia Ross. She married (2) Sir John Edmonstone. No issue from this marriage, but Sir James had 3 'natural' children:

1. William, Baron Drumlanrig
2. Archibald, Baron Cavers
3. Margaret, Baroness Bonjedward.

The title of Earl of Douglas devolved upon Archibald, Lord of Galloway, illegitimate son of Sir James Douglas — the "Good Sir James" — and his first cousin, apparently because of an entail brought into effect before 1380 when his half-brother George, Earl of Angus was born.

William Douglas the 1st Laird of Drumlanrig was born at Drumlanrig in 1365, eldest illegitimate son of James, 2nd Earl of Douglas and Mar and Elizabeth Stewart. The Barony and estates of Drumlanrig in Dumfriesshire were part of the ancient Earldom of Mar and came from his father, Sir James Douglas. William was knighted before 1405 and in 1407, he obtained the Baronies of Hawick, Selkirk and Tibbers from Archibald, 4th Earl of Douglas. This William led a varied career and was involved in many diplomatic and political matters around the kingdom. In 1411 in company with Sir Gavin Dunbar, he seized the bridge at Roxburgh and burned the town. He was slain in France about the year 1421 — some historians say Beauge others Rouen. About whom he married there is some doubt. G. Harvey Johnston & Burke have him married to Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Stewart of Durisdeer. According to Percy WL Adams he was wed (1) to Jean Murray who died before June 12 1410. (2) Jacoba, daughter of William Douglas of Dalkeith and widow of Sir John Hamilton of Cadzow. They had issue of a son William. And according to Sir Robert Douglas of Glenbervie, William was reputed to have married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Stewart of Durisdeer and Rosyth and they had a son named William. Whoever is correct, there was a son **William who became the 2nd Laird of Drumlanrig** after his father's death in 1421.

This William seems to have been a military man and served under the Earls of Douglas and Ormond. He was made a knight between 1432 and 1437 and is said to have married Jane or Janet Maxwell, daughter of Sir Herbert Maxwell, Lord of Carlaverock. They had a son **William who became 3rd Laird of Drumlanrig**. He was born at Drumlanrig in 1429 and died in 1464. He distinguished himself at the seige of Roxburgh Castle and was present when King James 11 was killed by the bursting of one of his own cannon. William was also present at the battle of Alnwick in 1462. He married at Drumlanrig, Margaret, daughter of Sir William, 2nd Lord Carlyle of Torthorwald. They had a son **William Douglas, 4th Laird of Drumlanrig** who was slain at Kirtle or Kirconnell situated between Lochmaben and Carlisle, July 22 1484. He fought under the Royal Banner against the Duke of Albany and the Earl of Douglas when they



invaded Scotland. William married before 1449, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Crichton, Lord of Sanquhar. She married (2) James Campbell of West Loudoun and (3) Sir William Colville of Ochiltree. William Douglas, 4th Laird and Elizabeth Crichton had issue:

1. James who became 5th Laird of Drumlanrig
2. Archibald named in his mother's agreement with James Campbell of West Loudoun in 1496. He died before September 1499 and was the ancestor of the Douglasses of Cashogle.
3. Elizabeth, born 1452; married Drumlanrig 25/2/1496, John Campbell younger of Wester Loudoun.
4. Robert, born Drumlanrig 1453 was described in 1488 as a brother of the Laird of Drumlanrig.
5. John, Vicar of Kirkconnell, born Drumlanrig 1455 and named in an agreement of 1496.
6. Margaret, born Drumlanrig 1457; married John, 2nd Lord Cathcart, son of Alan Cathcart, Master of Cathcart; died 1535.
7. George, born Dumfries, 1460
8. Janet married (1) Drumlanrig 12/10/1478, William, Master of Somerville and son of John, 3rd Lord Somerville and Helen Hepburn; (2) married Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar.

Sir James Douglas, 5th Laird of Drumlanrig, born 1449 and died 1498; married 5/11/1470, Janet daughter of Sir David Scott of Branxholm. James succeeded his father in 1484. He died in 1498. James and Janet Douglas had issue

1. William, 6th Laird of Drumlanrig
2. Gavin, born Drumlanrig 1475; a member of the University of Glasgow in 1489
3. Janet, called Agnes by some, born Drumlanrig 1477; married (1) Robert Grierson of Lag; (2) 4/7/1509 Robert, 4th Lord Maxwell hereditary sheriff of Kirkcudbright and Guardian of the West Marches. He married (2) Agnes, illegitimate daughter of James, Earl of Buchan.

Sir William Douglas, 6th Laird of Drumlanrig was born 1473, died on the 10/9/1513, one day after Flodden; inherited Drumlanrig from his father in 1498; obtained land and town of Dalgarnock 22/8/1500; Tibbers on 23/2/1509 and the Barony of Hawick was regranted to him 15/6/1511. He was created a knight sometime before 1509. In 1512 he was tried and acquitted of the murder of the outlaw, Robert Crichton of Kirkpatrick. William married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar and had children:

1. Agnes, born 1496, married Andrew Cunninghame of Birkshaw
2. Janet married Robert, 4th Lord Maxwell, son of John, 3rd Lord Maxwell and Agnes Stewart of Garlies.
3. John of Craigincune, probably father of John Douglas of same.
4. James, 7th Laird of Drumlanrig
5. Nicola/Nicholas/Nicholace, born 1506, married James Johnstone of that ilk.
6. Robert, Provost of Lincluden in 1547; the Buccleuch manuscript mentions his grandson John who was ancestor of the Douglasses of Burford.

Compiled from "The Scots Peerage", "Douglas, Duke of Queensberry", Sir Robert Douglas, V.1, pp112-119
"A History of the Family of Douglas", by Percy Douglas



DATING FAMILY PHOTOS

Children

Children's clothes tended to change less frequently than their parents. Girls were miniature models of their mothers while the boys certainly didn't wear versions of their father's clothes. It is practically impossible to distinguish the sex of infants/young children of the period. These children were dressed so alike in dresses and tunics and had their hair curled. This occurred right up until they were seven or eight years of age even into the twentieth century! It may be seen that a child dressed in a pleated or belted tunic is more likely to be a boy and one clothed in a fashionable dress might indicate a girl. However, it is well to remember that boys were sometimes dressed in crinolines too.

Children wore boots until 1908 after which date shoes gained in popularity. However, this was not a rule as shoes were seen frequently in earlier periods.

Boys

From the 1850s, tunic suits were worn with a close fitting jacket and the skirts either pleated or gathered at the waist reaching to the knees. They were front buttoned and had a belt. Boys under the age of six wore drawers with frilled ends showing below the tunic hem while older boys wore trousers underneath. Collarless Zouave jackets were popular in the 1850s and 1860s. They had rounded fronts and done up at the neck with a single button. Gingham blouses were worn with the trousers that could have a silk stripe on the outside seam. Knickerbocker suits were fashionable worn with a short collarless jacket and trousers fastened at the knees with a band and buckle. These suits included a straight ungathered version ending below the knee or the gathered variety. In the 1870s, the knickerbocker suit had a frill under the knee.

Sailor suits were popular too during this period featuring a large square collar at the

back of the blouse which sometimes had a 'v' neck in front filled in with vest, topped off with a nautical straw hat. This fashion remained in vogue well into the 20th century.

Knitted jersey suits were worn from the 1860s. Jackets were belted at the waist and worn with white collar and cuffs and long dark stockings. Eton collars were popular with these outfits and remained so for many decades. Older boys could be dressed like their father, but the jacket would be cut with no skirt or tails, rather like an Eton jacket. Reefer jackets, double breasted with lapels and worn with knickerbockers were in vogue during the 1870s. Braiding of woollen suits was usual at the time, giving a Tyrolean effect to the child's suit. Striped stockings were fashionable and remained so for many years.

In the 1880s, striped blazers in flannel were popular and also Norfolk jackets and knitted fishermen's beanies. Tweed became popular in the latter half of the 1880s. 'Little Lord Fauntleroy' velvet suits were much sought after for parties at this time. These suits featured large lace collars and cuffs, a large wide sash at the waist, knickerbockers and plumed hats. Long hair worn by the child completed the 'look'.

Short trousers came into fashion in 1895 worn with matching jackets. A Royal fashion eventuated about this time when kilts and matching blouses were popular. Striped stockings were still being worn. Both boys and girls favoured sailor hats with wide brims tilted back on the head. The 1900s saw a continuation of similar styles as were being worn previously.



EULOGY RONALD DOUGLAS ESQ.

Ronald Douglas was born September 9 1932 in Queensland, Australia and throughout his life, expressed a strong interest in Scottish culture and participated actively on many committees in executive positions. Ron received an Australian Honour, the O.A.M. (Order of Australia Medal) of which he was very proud. This was for services to the community in which he lived. He was a founding and Life Member of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia as well as Armiger which meant that he had been granted his own personal Coat-of-Arms with a shield, crest and the motto — "Onward brave heart" by the Lord Lyon King of Arms in Scotland. This gave Ron the right to wear an eagle feather in his bonnet and carry his banner. Under Scottish Law, this is heritable property and the right to those arms descends to his eldest son and heir. He was a member of the Company of Armigers, Australian Chapter Inc. and had previously served as Armiger Provincial for Queensland. Being a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, FSA Scot. meant much to Ron as he had been nominated by the famous Clan Donald historian and genealogist, Graham MacDonald Esq., formerly of Toowoomba.



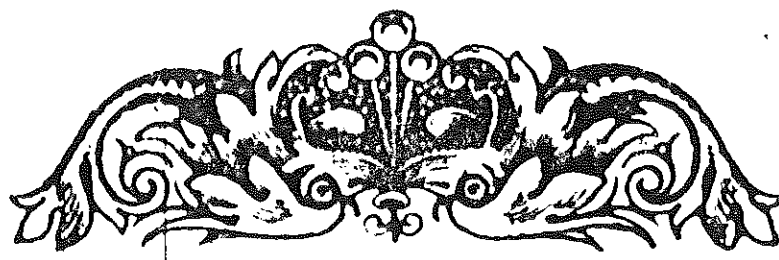
Ron was Chieftain and former President of the Toowoomba Caledonian Society, Past President of the Clan Douglas Association of Australia, Past President and founding member of the Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland, member of the Australian Scottish Heritage Council and Companion of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem — The Knights Templar. This is an ancient Ecumenical Order that serves mankind.

Honouring Ron's services to the Gaels and the Celts, the Celtic Council of Australia awarded him the medal and title of Duinne Urramach "Honoured Gentleman" D.Urr. — one of only twelve ever granted in Queensland. Ron was accredited with the founding of the Darling Downs Branch of the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Q'ld) and was the Current Vice-President, Life Member, member of the Board of Governors and Director of the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Q'ld) Inc. He was a published author and historian and wrote "The Braw Manawdge" meaning "The Fair Society" — a history of the Caledonian Society of Toowoomba. A fine genealogist, a great Scottish Country Dancer, a manufacturer of Scottish silver jewellery, a collector of books, artifacts and antiquities are just some of Ron's achievements.

Ronald Douglas passed away on April 27, 2003 after a long battle with cancer and is survived by his wife Merle, sons Russell and Andrew and daughter Kylie.

When Death's dark stream I ferry o'er
(A time that surely shall come)
In Heaven itself I'll ask no more
Than just a Highland welcome.

Quotation taken from "The Braw Manawdge" by Ronald Douglas, p.109



Did you know?

The North Australian Pastoral Company purchased "Glenormiston Station" on the Georgina River in the Channel country of Queensland in 1968. "Glenormiston" took its name from Glenormiston No.1 run which, in 1876, was the first run in the area taken up by Colclough Kirwan, the lessee of "Herbert Downs Station". By 1878, the station was known as "Glenormiston, Kelvin Grove and Idamea Lakes" — the last two names were eventually dropped. When Kirwan died in 1878, the leases passed to **Walter Douglas** of "Inverlochy", near Goulburn. Walter Douglas did not live at "Glenormiston", but had a manager called Henry Skulthorp whose name appears on the leased paperwork. In 1884, James Tyson with William Collins acquired the property taking up the leases on behalf of Collins White from Tyson's estate in 1899.

(Taken from "You Can't Make it Rain" by Margaret Kowald & W.Ross Johnston, p.187)

MEDICAL DIRECTORY 1847

Dr James Douglas, 6 Keen's Row, Walworth Road, London — General Practitioner, MRCS 1842

Dr Joseph Douglas, 3 Trevor Terrace, Knightsbridge — (Douglas & Brown) General Practitioner, MRCS, 1834, LSA 1833, District Surgeon to Queen Adelaide's Lying-in-Hospital.

PRISONERS OF THE '45

Some of you may be able to trace your family back to the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745. The following were listed in the book "Prisoners of the '45".

Alexander Douglas in Lord John Drummond's regiment, coupar in Angus; in prison 6/2/46 at Perth, 30/3/46 in Edinburgh and 8/8/46 in Carlisle.

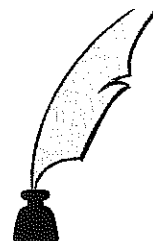
NOTES: 'Was a deserter from English' — J.R., Perth. 'Owned he had deserted from the King's army in Flanders, enlisted with the French, came over with Lord John Drummond, was apprehended robbing a minister's house near Perth in the retreat of the rebel army'. — Addl.MSS., 24900-3330. His ultimate disposal is not known. Does not appear in the transportation lists.

Archibald Douglas was in prison at Stirling 20/6/1746; 'broke prison and escaped'; came from Greenock; tailor. — J.R., Stirling.

Charles Guillaume [William] Douglas, Captain in the French service; in prison 17/4/1746 at Inverness; Penrith; discharged; Came from France. NOTES: Addl. MSS., 29674-210; S.P.Scot., ii. 36-48

d'Hortore Douglas, Captain, Lord John Drummond's French Service; in prison 17/4/1756 at Inverness; Penrith; discharged. NOTES: He was a signatory to the appeal of Lord Louis Drummond on behalf of Captain James Hay of the French Royal Scots on 22/9/1746. — Allardyce, ii.486; Addl.MSS., 29674-209; S.P.Scot., ii. 36-48.

Hugh Douglas, drummer to Lord Elcho's; was in prison in London; discharged; NOTES: He gave evidence to the effect that he was Lord Elcho's servant and that he had seen Lord Elcho during the march to England. He also gave evidence against Lord Balmerino. — Lyon, i.56; Allardyce, ii. 342.

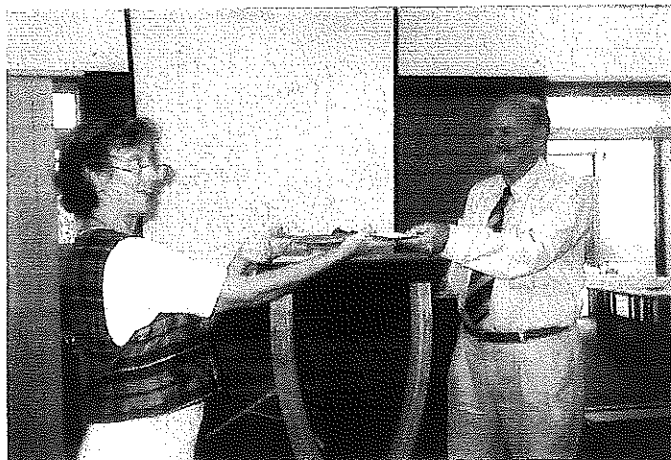


EDITORIAL

With the passing of Ronald Douglas FSA, OAM, a Clan Douglas Association of Australia era has come to an end. Ron was the inaugural president of this association and remained CEO for 14 years. Under his guidance and administration, the organisation developed into one of the most successful of the Scottish Clan Associations in Australia. I am sure that all members of the Clan Douglas Association will join with me in passing on our sympathies to Ron's family.

At Ron's very Scottish funeral, it was suggested to me by one of the Clan Douglas members also there, that we establish a memorial in the form of a book/bursary/scholarship of some kind. A couple of donations were given to me which I duly forwarded to our treasurer. If you as a member would also like to contribute, donations may be forwarded to David Douglas, Treasurer, Clan Douglas Association of Australia, PO Box 806, Hamilton, 4007.

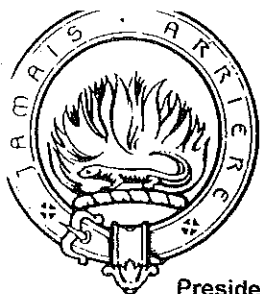
Mary Smith, Editor



Clan Douglas member Jan Shaw presenting John McKenzie-Smith with a 'thank you' gift at the Morning Tea held on March 16, 2003 at *Yungaba* when John was Guest Speaker and spoke about the many pioneering Scottish settlers who were the 'founding fathers' of Brisbane and South-East Queensland.



New Member James Douglas talking to Newsletter Editor Mary Smith at the Morning Tea.



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Foster,	Sterritt,
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COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

Please make cheques payable in Australian currency to
CLAN DOUGLAS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA and post to the
treasurer. Thank you.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

The Clan Douglas Association acknowledges that on the list of Sept families
there are some who are recognised as belonging to other clans, but some families of
these surnames were closely linked with branches of the 'Douglas' in the early years.