

Tha mise Douglas

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Do you have a story to share?

Do you have a family history story you would like to share?

Do you have a special interest story you would like to see published?

We would love to hear from you! So put your writing skills to work and share *your story*.

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Faillte Douglas!

Welcome Douglas!

So as we move forward towards our first year as a Clan organisation it seems only fitting we finally have a proper newsletter for all members to enjoy.

What does **'Tha Mise Douglas'** mean you ask? It means 'I am Douglas' in Scottish Gaelic.

As we know the past few months has been quite a whirlwind of activity to the society we created last December.

In addition to our facebook page we also broadened our social media reach with a G+ page and a blog website.

Our membership has been slow to increase, but this was to be expected, our commitment to continue building our society remains strong.

Upcoming Events

Scotland the Brave

21 October in Brisbane.

The international smash hit event features singers, dancers, pipe-band and drum corps, and soloists.



The Clan Douglas
'Southern Cross'.

We are excited to participate in the National Multicultural Festival in Canberra earlier in the year as well as hosting an international visitor all the way from the UK!

Our Coordinator Ms Anne Breust has been travelling all over our great southern land and to Scotland, proudly waving the Douglas banner. She has been doing a superb job representing our society and enticing new members.

Tentative plans are underway for an inaugural Clan Douglas Australia 'fèille' (feast) in Canberra later this year.

Invitations will be sent out to all our members as soon as plans are finalised.

In our first edition you will find a special interest story, some more stories are published on our blog. Enjoy and thanks for joining us.

Tasmania Highland Dancing Championships

28 October at Riverside

Central Coast Scottish Spectacular

5 November at Gosford

Inaugural Highland gathering at The Entertainment Grounds.

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Mrs Anne Bruest, Mrs Janine Warren and Andrew Douglas at the first ever CDSA Meeting, 6 Dec



Jimmy Barnes with Anne Breust and her son at the Clan Douglas Australia tent, Bundanoon Highland Gathering 2017.

Clan Douglas and the founding of a nation.

. TWO hundred and twenty-nine years ago the First Fleet of 11 ships, each one no larger than a Sydney Harbour ferry with more than 1480 men, women and children aboard; traveled to the other end of the earth to formally colonise the Australian mainland. A feat at the time that can be likened to humans colonising Mars today.

Although most were British, there were also African, American and French convicts. After a voyage of three months the First Fleet arrived at Botany Bay on 24 January 1788. Here the Aboriginal people, who had lived in isolation for more than 40,000 years, met the British in an uneasy stand off at what is now known as 'Frenchmans Beach' at La Perouse, on the northern shore of Botany Bay.

On 26 January two French frigates of the Lapérouse expedition sailed into Botany Bay as

the British were relocating to Sydney Cove in Port Jackson. The isolation of the Aboriginal people in Australia had finished and their story of survival was about to begin. European Australia was established in a simple ceremony at Sydney Cove on 26 January 1788.

Whichever way we see this event today, be it an invasion or colonisation; this day marks forever the foundation of modern Australia. A modern, multicultural country with a brief yet heroic but tragic past. A country with an economy, democracy and quality of life that is the envy across the world. A country we are all rightfully proud to call home.

But what of these men, women and children who left their homeland to play a role in colonising this country. Many had no choice, they came in chains. Some wore the blue and scarlet uniforms of the British Navy and

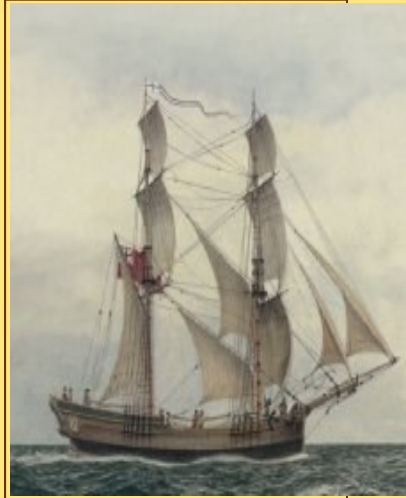


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Marines. Some were free men, some were clergy and some of those people had names that identifies with Clan Douglas.

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HMS Friendship

John Young – Son to Thomas and Elizabeth.

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Aboard the HMS Golden Grove:

William Simms – Crew member.

Aboard HMS Sirius:

Jonathon Bell – Royal Navy.

George William Maxwell – Royal Navy.

Micah Morton – Royal Navy.

Aboard the HMS Supply:

William Simms – Royal Marines.

Aboard the HMS Lady Penrhyn:

Richard Young – Crew member.

Mary Morton – Convict.

Joshua Morton – son to Mary (born at sea).

Aboard the HMS Prince of Wales:

John Hume – Royal Marines.

Sarah Hume – wife to John.



HMS Alexander

Aboard the HMS Scarborough:

Edward Home – Crew member.

John Brown – Royal Marines.

John Brown – Royal Marines.

William Douglas – Royal Marines.

Simon Young – Convict.

From these challenging beginnings many men and women whose name is affiliated with Clan Douglas went on to become key figures in the development of modern Australia through colonial times to post-Federation. As time moves on their stories too will be shared here and recorded to our Clan history.

Whether you celebrate or commemorate Australia Day, we hope you remember this day for the hardship and sacrifice felt by everyone involved that eventually led to this great nation we are so blessed to call home.



Aboard the HMS Alexander:

William Douglas – Convict.

James Brown – Convict.

Richard Brown – Convict.

William French Brown – Convict.

John Young – Convict.

Aboard the HMS Borrowdale:

James Brown – crew member.

James Brown – Royal Marines.

Elizabeth Brown – wife to James Brown (RM).

Aboard the HMS Charlotte:

Thomas Brown – Royal Marines.

James Maxwell – Royal Marines.

Thomas Brown – Convict.

William Brown – Convict.

Aboard the HMS Fishburn:

Robert Brown – Master.

Aboard the HMS Friendship:

Thomas Young – Royal Marines.

Elizabeth Young – wife to Thomas.

TD&A report from your Coordinator

Almost 12 months ago I took on this challenge full of anticipation and much enthusiasm.

The imminent closure of the *Clan Douglas Association of Australia* compelled me to do something to keep the banner of Clan Douglas alive in our great southern land.

A task like this doesn't come without its complications; insurance for instance was something I never even thought about. Then there is a display tent, flyers, memorabilia to display... the list goes on and on.

If it wasn't for the generosity and hard work by Anne Bruest, our society wouldn't exist today. So on behalf of the Clan Anne, thank you.

We are one of only two Clan Douglas organisations in the world (the other being the *Clan Douglas Society of North America*).

Throughout much of the year our society was well represented by Anne and yours truly at local Scottish events in Canberra and elsewhere around the country. During which we have gathered an impressive number of interested persons in our society—44 in total!

Reaching out to the community hasn't all been attending gatherings of course; I have taken on the role of media editor where we have facebook and google+ pages and we also have our own website with a blog. I had been able to maintain all these platforms well with regular stories, articles of interest and engaging well with the national and international community.

Unfortunately though my efforts with the society has lapsed over recent months. This hasn't been by choice of course.

To get a better understanding, I am employed in a large organisation where earlier this year I was promoted to manager and part of that mandate included a commitment. Needless to say this commitment has consumed my time. Our society is to continue to work in its best interests to the best of my ability.

We have prided ourselves on having a society that is free for membership and that commitment remains into the future. But as you know, nothing comes without cost—as I've outlined. So we are exploring options available that can assist us in raising funds for the

society to remain active and of course we're open to ideas!

We're very proud to be registered with Scottish House Australia, and we thank Mr Malcom Buchannan for his continued support.

Coupled with this I am a long-serving member of the Australian Defence Force, although these days I am a Reservist I am however engaged with a HQ that has a very high tempo and equally high demand for my time.



So for much of this year I have been heavily engaged through my positions while at the same time trying to balance home/family/relationships. It's no easy task!

To everyone wondering why things have been so quiet from the society, I do extend my sincere apologies.

Our mission is to foster the spirit of goodwill and community with people whom share a common heritage. Ideally we would love to see a truly national society and have members attend to activities throughout the country (and there are many!).

Our goal is to host our own dinners and gatherings. To connect with each other and celebrate our heritage.

The *Clan Douglas Association of Australia* once had a bursary fund in place awarded to a student help finance trade studies. We would like to carry on with that tradition and continue to assist the youth in our community in this way.

While on future fundraising activities the goal is also to assist society members throughout Australia who wish to represent our Clan at their own local festivals and gatherings.

International engagement is important and although an international Clan organisation isn't yet a reality we still hope to extend the hand of kinship with Clan members worldwide.

As we move into the final months of 2017 we hope to host our first dinner as a Society here in our nation's capital. Details of which will be posted in due course.

Thank you for joining us and I look forward to meeting you sometime.

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