

50TH ANNIVERSARY plans for 2007

The Planning Group of Trev & Pauline Powell, Don McLeod, Rob Miller, Lorraine Gibson and Alex McLeod have been meeting regularly and developing ideas, some which were mooted in 2005, to commemorate the anniversary:-

⌘ Incorporation: Alex and Graham put plenty of time into the drafting of the Constitution, and thankfully we were approved at first application last December. The “Rules of Association” as they are formally known may be refined by the members as time and experience demand.

⌘ Website: Rob and Jasmine are working on this and have had an accessible, “free” site as a working model for further development and location. Stay tuned for more details.

⌘ Clan Bookshelf: This was in 2006 planning, but postponed by the lamented death of Fraser (initiator of the group). A small but respectable array of resources for use by stall convenors, Secretary, Genealogists and general membership, provide for a basic Clan MacLeod and Highland background.

⌘ MacLeod Week grew from a weekend, perhaps only for this year. See elsewhere for the details. Looming as a mini Clan MacLeod Gathering with no other Clan event planned this year.

⌘ Kirkin’ o’ the tartan. Reviving a Scottish tradition, and the awareness that the Scots are, in spite of their political grief, a people of faith.

⌘ S.A. Police Historical Soc. Tour and talk. Something mid week, especially if we have visitors, besides, I missed the one in 2005 and I heard it was fascinating. (I wonder how many MacLeods have been Police Officers? I know 4

⌘ McLaren Vale Tour. Alex with Chief John 18th of Raasay, may recount the Raasay’s migration as pioneers to McLaren Vale and the later move to Bordertown. Alex would love to take guests to his local favourite wineries, Cafés and sites around McLaren Vale, as the setting of the story. Depending on interest, a trip to Bordertown, ‘Nalang’, could be arranged.

⌘ Highland Piping Recital. We saw an opportunity to do a small thing in the MacLeod tradition of encouraging Highland Piping. We are co-sponsoring with Pt. Adel. Caledonian Soc. a new competition for Junior Pipers, in 6/8 march tunes. (This compliments the Clan MacLeod trophy in Highland Dance).

⌘ The Clan MacLeod Ceilidh with the generous hosting support of the Pt. Adelaide Caledonian Society, enables us to have all the High-jinks and Haggis that the Celebration Luncheon doesn’t have time for. Look for some wonderful entertainment.

⌘ Celebration Luncheon. We have raised the status of this occasion especially in venue, Guest Speaker, MC and special guests. Seating is limited to 220.

⌘ Commemorative items. We are looking at ideas of gift souvenir items at the Luncheon, and commemorative glasses for purchase.

⌘ Sponsorship. This area is wide open and we offer it to you all to think about.

- There are a few guests for the Luncheon we need to cover, prizes for raffles, general funds to cover gifts, souvenirs, publicity.

- Piping Comp. Sponsorship.

- Homestay accommodation (if enquired)