

MACLEOD WEEK 7 - 14. OCT. JUBILEE CELEBRATION Wrap - up

S.A. Police Historical Soc. Tour Port Rd. Barracks. 12 people attended, although more had booked. Informative and well supported by their volunteers it was an excellent afternoon out and the first opportunity to catch up with visitors Peter & Wendy MacLeod from NSW and Isabel Symons from Vic.

⌘ Raasay Pioneers and Wine Tour to McLaren Vale. After numerous changes to our transport arrangements we settled for cars. I think 18 folk came and were guided by an information booklet providing routes and background historical interest as we headed into the McLaren Vale region. First stop was Hugo wines for a palate tantaliser of my favourite reds, then on to Gemtree Wines where we had a picnic with Andrew Buttery of Gemtree. They are the current owners of part of the original MacLeod holdings named 'Rona'. With McLeod Hill as our backdrop we enjoyed the hospitality of the wines, snacks of 'Blessed Cheese' and the telling of the episode of the Raasay MacLeods' story in this spot. Then we set off to Wirra Wirra Wines, famous for being the 'best of everything' at the moment, and then on to 'Market 190' in the Vale, for a casual but delicious lunch. Next we went down the road to the stunning Driden art gallery and Hardy's winery.

We rejoined the Raasay story at Old Noarlunga behind the Old Horseshoe Inn site and heard the tale of misadventure and tragedy amidst the background of smugglers and strugglers. Finally we arrived at West Tce Cemetery and the graves of 3 Raasay MacLeods and 1 other mysterious woman. Here we concluded the story and dedicated our thoughts and prayers to their memory and to the traditions we have inherited from our scottish pioneers.

⌘ Highland Piping Recital.

Craig Masson of the R.U. Brown Piobaireachd Soc. has written this report.

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Fred Adam Memorial Trophy & Recital

A very successful evening was had for the inaugural competition for the Fred Adam Memorial Trophy on Friday 12 October 2007 in the Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society Hall at Semaphore. The event was a joint venture of the Clan MacLeod Society and the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society who asked the RU Brown Piobaireachd Society of S.A. to coordinate the actual running of the piping side of the evening.

Fred Adam together with his wife Annie and two piper sons, Freddie and Laurie migrated to Australia from Montrose in the early 1950's under the sponsorship of the Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society Pipe Band. As well as being pipe major in the Pt Adelaide Caledonian Society P.B which he quickly took to the top of Grade 2, Fred through his teaching, had a major influence on most pipers in Adelaide during his lifetime and had close connections with the Heather Girls P.B; Pt Adelaide Girls Scottish PB; 27th Battalion PB. Fred had an excellent ear for pipe setup and was also a regular judge at our competitions.

The guest judge, Tim MacLeod, started the evening's proceedings with a recital. Tim is the President of the Australian Pipe Band Association – Victorian Branch and also is a regular piper for Clan MacLeod events.

After this initial recital, the actual reason for the evening followed and this was a solo piping competition for up to Sub-Intermediate standard where 8 competitors played a 6/8 march of their choice for the Fred Adam Memorial Trophy.

The winner this year was Kaz Takahara; 2nd place went to Mel Inglis from the Mt Barker Pipe Band; 3rd place went to Michael Greig from the City of Adelaide Pipe Band; 4th went to Luke Albreicht from the Royal Caledonian Society Pipe Band and 5th place went to Trent McGee from Noarlunga Pipe Band. The prizes were given out by the chief of the Clan MacLeod of Raasay – Mr Roderick John McLeod 18th of Raasay, with the trophy being presented by Fred Adam's son Laurie.

Mr Ruari Halford - MacLeod, President of the Clan MacLeod Society of Scotland then gave a talk about the MacLeod's association with the MacCrimmon pipers at their school at Boreraig, which existed for over 250 years. Ruari said the Clan MacLeod Society was interested in doing more for piping and would continue to assist with this event in the future. After a wonderful light supper, we had a recital from Andy Fuller and then also from Brett Tidswell. Brett finished his recital with the ground from the Lament for Mary MacLeod. Of course there was the obligatory raffle with a multitude of prizes to be drawn before final closure of the evening.

Our appreciation goes to the Clan MacLeod Society and the Port Adelaide Caledonian Society for their assistance and sponsorship with this evening and we look forward to it becoming an annual event.

⌘ The Clan MacLeod Ceilidh

What a magnificent evening the Pt. Cales put on. It was full of people with an air of expectancy. The theme was intentionally about MacLeod. The songs by the Choir, the dances and the special performances carried that wonderfully, such that it became quite a moving experience having such blessed artists honour our Clan, our names and places; and we were indeed "Preod to be MacLeod".

The Clan Parliamentary banners of Raasay and CMS Scotland added to the backdrop of colour. Alas Australia's was still in the post but has since arrived.

It was a full programme of informality and pleasure, mixed with the rare aura of a special occasion; a blend balanced by the superb entertainers, and our honoured guests. Well done also to our Clan members for turning out in strength with your families, and well done to Pt. Cales for running a great night.

⌘ Celebration Luncheon.

Trevor gives the elementary details in his report. AAMI Stadium staff did an appreciated job, and the food was excellent. 122 attended, so, well done in getting your folk along. A special thank you to Jaqui & Glennis for picking up Gordon Krueger and Ella Jarvis from Tailem Bend and Murray Bridge on the way from Keith.

Well done to Ted Mulligan as MC who's 'Faux -pas' of being at Clan Campbell celebration relaxed everyone into good humour (except himself).

It was one of those occasions, like the TV ad for a certain car featured in a chain reaction of parts movements and states "isn't it great when everything works". It was great rewarding to see so many people moved with the event or buzzing with enjoyment.

This is not just to blow our own bag but it has come through the feedback of many people, and in that we hope the visitors from interstate, overseas are glad they came.

⌘ Commemorative items.

There was a supply of surplus **April Clan Magazines** salvaged from the printer and shipped here. The issue contains features of funeral and obituaries for Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod. These were shared around the tables. I'll send some out to our members who didn't get one from the Luncheon.

From the Luncheon also, were the **placemats** by Trev Powell, **Nametags** by Lorraine Gibson and the **placenames** by Barb McLeod, all beautifully done and appreciated by diners.

A couple of quick individuals scored the rare items of empty toasting bottles of **MacLeod's Isle of Skye Whiskey**.

All members were recently mailed the **History of Clan MacLeod Society South Australia** booklet produced by Alex McLeod.

Thanks for your support for our Jubilee:-

- ❖ R.Miller, T.Powell, A.McLeod, R.McInnes
- ❖ Don & Barb McLeod for Raffle rugs and gifts.
- ❖ Video Ezy (Beverly McLeod)
- ❖ 'Baxter's Foods' (Spring Gully) Basket.
- ❖ Ian MacLeod Distillers, makers of fine Highland Malt Whiskey.



City of Adelaide HIGHLAND DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday 8 Sept. , Chian Assoc. Hall, 73 Grand Junction Rd. Rosewater. Hosted by the Pt. Adelaide Caledonian Soc. The Clan MacLeod Trophy for highest placed South Australian (aged 14-16) was awarded to Jessica Page.

