

# THE GATHERING

The most exciting event in Bendigo since the discovery of gold will take place from April 28th to May 2nd 1999 when the MacLeod Clan holds it's first international gathering in Australia.



Be a part of history as you join with your Clanfolk from around the globe in a celebration of your name and your heritage.

Chief John MacLeod of MacLeod and Chief Torquil Roderick of the Lewes will be our special guests during this event bringing with them the culture of the modern day Highland Chief.

The dispersment of the Clans during the Highland Clearances saw MacLeods arrive in numbers in Canada, New Zealand and Australia. The theme of the gathering is to trace their movements to the Goldfields Region of Victoria and celebrate the rich cultural deposit they left behind, also to explore the similarities between the primitive Highland Clansmen and the Indigenous Australian.

Join us in Bendigo in 1999 for the Goldfields Highland Gathering and take home some *Golden Memories*.

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# PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- Wed 28th April - 6pm to 9pm  
Registration & Cocktails - Shamrock Hotel Balcony
- Thursday 29th April - 9am to 12 noon  
Official Opening - Minister of Tourism  
First Session - Bendigo Regional Arts Centre, 3 Speakers
- Thursday 29th April - Afternoon - Optional tours
- Thursday 29th April - 6pm  
Mayoral reception - Historic Town Hall, Whisky tasting, Regional wine tasting, Tours of Town Hall
- Friday 30th April - 9am to 12 noon  
Second session - Bendigo Regional Arts Centre, 3 speakers
- Friday 30th April - Afternoon - Optional tours
- Friday 30th April - Evening - 8pm to 12pm  
Ceilidh - Kangaroo Flat Leisure Centre  
Celtic Entertainment - Address to the Haggis, Dancing
- Saturday 1st May - 11am  
Street Parade - Marketplace to Rosalind Park
- Saturday 1st May - Afternoon - 12.30pm  
Barbecue & Entertainment in Rosalind Park  
Group photograph
- Saturday 1st May - Evening 7pm - 12pm  
Banquet Dinner - All Seasons International  
Messages from the Chiefs  
Scottish Entertainment  
Special Guest Speaker
- Sunday 2nd May - 8am to 12 noon  
Breakfast by the Lake - Lake Weeroona  
Outdoor Church Service  
Pipe Band Entertainment

Sunday 12 noon - "Auld Lang Syne"



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(Provisional Program - Subject to improvement)

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"THE CLAN MACLEOD WORLD REUNION"

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