



## **APRIL NEWSLETTER**

### **REPORT ON FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR:**

President George welcomed 28 members, visitors and friends to our first Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> February, at Arana Leagues Club. During the programme, our new Vice President, Maxwell Cain, gave us a very interesting talk on his experiences with the people of Vanuatu, the history, language and that the country, made up of dozens of islands, and is subject to earthquakes and cyclones. President George also discussed changes to our future meetings and mentioned our plans to book a tour of the ABC studios on the 7<sup>th</sup> April, details of which appeared in our March newsletter. This was to be followed by other planned excursions, details of which will appear in our monthly newsletters. The Meeting proved to be a very pleasant start to the new year and we hope to have many more interesting get-togethers in the months to come.



### **ABC STUDIOS TOUR:**

This was planned earlier and advertised in our March newsletter to be held on the 7<sup>th</sup> April, for up to 15 people. We are pleased to announce that 9 people are interested in doing this tour, followed by either afternoon tea or lunch, and we will let you know about our experiences at a later date.



**THE CELTIC COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA [QLD]** are holding their **Annual Pan Celtic Awards Night on the 11<sup>th</sup> April**, now to be held at the Easts Leagues Club, 40 Main Ave, Coorparoo at 6 p.m. We are pleased to announce to all our members that our Treasurer, Doug Quayle will be awarded a Celtic Honour of Duine Uasal, [Post nominal – D. Ua], for his many services to the Queensland Manx Society, at this event. The Awards Night is usually held at the Irish Club, but this year at this late stage, the venue has been changed to the Easts Services Club, leaving little time to advertise the event. I know that some of you would have liked to be present to congratulate Doug, but as the booking date will be finalised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April, this newsletter will not get out to you in time, and we apologise for this. You will be pleased to know that 9 of us, including members of his family, will be there to represent the Qld Manx and to celebrate with Doug. However, I know he would be happy to get a congratulatory ring from his many friends in the Qld Manx Society.



### **VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**THE PLANNED LUNCHEON AT ARANA LEAGUES CLUB ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** Instead, we will be holding the luncheon at the **SHINGLE INN, City Hall, on the SAME DAY, 18<sup>th</sup> April**, starting at 11.30, for **20 people plus**. This can be followed by tours [your choice] of the Bell Tower, the City Hall tour [every 15 minutes], the Museum on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, which includes the Hollywood Costume collection, among other displays of interest.

As the Shingle Inn is not a large place, members will have to share 4 people booths joined together, holding 8 people in all, depending on how many attend. However the food is good and worth waiting for and of your own choice and in your own price range. Dietary needs are also catered for. Alcoholic drinks can also be served if required.

The Shingle Inn is 70 years old, and like the City Hall is part of Brisbane's history. Come and enjoy a tasty luncheon with good company. Bring your friends and relatives.

**PLEASE LET ACTING SECRETARY KNOW URGENTLY IF YOU WILL BE COMING FOR CATERING PURPOSES** – PHONE AND EMAIL LISTED ON BACK PAGE.

**ALSO PLANNED** as an excursion for the Qld Manx Society, is a BRUNCH at the **SECRET GARDEN CAFE**, 999 Stanley Street, East Brisbane, which we have booked for **SATURDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY, at 11.30 a.m.** for **20 people plus**. A menu and price list is being sent to the MCM, but the average price for this BRUNCH is \$20. This Cafe is also part of a Plant nursery, where you can browse and/or purchase any flower that takes your fancy.

Car pooling can be arranged if necessary, but buses can be taken from the City – 185 and 210 which stop almost outside the Secret Garden Cafe in Vulture Street. This is open to all friends and family, and our friends from other Celtic Societies if they wish to attend. **Please let Acting Secretary know if you are interested in attending this BRUNCH, by 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

Later in the year, we are also planning another excursion open to everyone, including our Celtic Cousins, in a car-pooled trip to Maleny to have lunch at the **LE JARDIN Restaurant**, which was formerly the Celtic Restaurant, some of you may remember visiting in the past. Although now open to the public with a French theme, it is still worth a visit. There will be lovely gardens to browse through, a nursery, gift shop and a gallery displaying up and coming artists, all to be enjoyed. We will be planning this for around September, but have not yet decided whether to make it during the week or at the weekend. Your comments will be appreciated. Car pooling can be arranged if required.



### **DONATIONS NEED FOR REMOTE VILLAGERS IN VANUATU;**

*As you are probably aware by now that our Vice President Max Cain has close ties to Vanuatu which is still in shock and slowly recovering from devastation from the recent terrible cyclone. When the Committee, at the last meeting, asked how the Qld Manx Society could help in any way, Max came up with the following suggestion. He thought that donations [other than money] sent through the right channels would be the best way to help. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please contact MAX CAIN on 0407 039 356, and he will advise you as to whether you should bring donations to him, or whether you should direct them to a suitable venue for processing and delivery to Vanuatu.*

The items most needed are:

**FIRST AID ITEMS, TOOTHPASTE, SOAP, SHAMPOO, PERSONAL HYGIENE ITEMS, NAPPIES, NON PERISHABLE FOOD, CLOTHING, TOWELS, SHEETS, ETC. but mainly first aid items, bandaids, bandages, tape, scissors, etc.**

As the remote Islanders are seriously suffering, anything you can send to them will be very welcome. Please endeavour to help in any way you can.



### **MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:**

Treasurer Doug has in his possession many records of the Isle of Man Family History Society with details of Parish Records and Monumental inscriptions. If any member would like to borrow or study these records, please contact him on 3408 6791 or email: [dnquayle@tpg.com.au](mailto:dnquayle@tpg.com.au)



### **NEW MEMBERS OF THE QLD MANX SOCIETY:**

We are pleased to announce that **DAVID & JILL BAYLISS** have been accepted as new members into the Queensland Manx Society, and I know you will all make them welcome at future events.



### **GLEN INNES:**

About 11 members of the Qld Manx Society will be travelling to Glen Innes this year for the Celtic Festival, which is to be held from the 30<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May, this year being the year of the Welsh. It is still not too late for anyone wanting to go, although you might have a little trouble with accommodation. However, there always seem to be a few places available. Also, if any of you are in the vicinity of Glen Innes at that time, try to take in the March through the Town held on the Saturday morning, usually a lot of fun, with banners and flags waving and the marchers spurred on by a variety of bands, from Brass bands to Scottish Pipe Bands. We will be pitching our Manx Red tent at the Festival grounds, which usually attracts some attention. It is always a pleasure to meet up with the N.S.W. Manxies every year, and sometimes, we meet Manx visitors from other States as well. This year, we are hoping for kind weather, as last year the wind blew everything away! If you require Manx Tartan scarves and Berets, please contact Edna Davis – 0417 061 865.



The Qld & N.S.W. Manx marching through Glen Innes with Banners waving.



The Red Manx Tent at Glen Innes



**ANZAC DAY IS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** This might mean something special to some of you.



I am the flag of Australia  
My name is "Southern Cross"  
I fly atop tallest buildings.  
I stand watch in Australia's halls of justice.  
I fly majestically over institutions of learning.  
I stand guard with power in the world.  
Look up and see me.  
I stand for peace, honour, truth and justice.  
I stand for freedom.  
I am confident.  
I am arrogant.  
I am proud.  
When I am flown with my fellow banners,  
My head is a little higher,  
My colours a little truer.  
I bow to no one!  
I am recognized all over the world.  
I am worshipped - I am saluted.  
I am loved - I am revered.  
I am respected - and I am feared.  
I have fought in every war for 100 years. I was there at  
Gallipoli, the trenches of Turkey,  
World War 2, Korea and Vietnam know me.

I'm presently in the mountains of Afghanistan and the hot and dusty deserts of Iraq and wherever freedom is needed.

I led my troops, I was dirty, battleworn and tired,  
But my soldiers cheered me and I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt for I am invincible.

I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled in the streets of my country.

And when it's done by those Whom I've served in battle - it hurts.

But I shall overcome - for I am strong.

I have borne silent witness to all of Australia's finest hours.

But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield

when I am draped over the coffin of a soldier who gave his all for this great land,

When I am flown at half-mast to honour my soldier,

Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,

I am proud.

**LEST WE FORGET**



**INTERNATIONAL TARTAN DAY:** [Australian Scottish Community of Qld]

This year, the International Tartan Day will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 and not on the Qld Manx Tynwald Day, 4<sup>th</sup> July. Is now held in the City Hall Park area and is very popular and well attended. The Qld Manx will be setting up their tent where Manxies can gather to enjoy the event.

**SCOTLAND IN THE PARK:** [Scottish Clans Congress of Qld]

The event will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, at the new venue at Greenbank Sport & Recreation Club, 720 – 768 Middle Road, Greenbank, from 9 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Lots of parking to be had and entry by gold coin donation. Enquiries to Ern Thompson [07] 3200 9536.

**MEMORABILIA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:** Treasurer, Doug Quayle, still has Centenary Wine Glasses for sale at \$14 plus postage with MANX LOGO AND CENTENARY DATES etched on them. Phone 3408 6791 or email: [dnquayle@tpg.com.au](mailto:dnquayle@tpg.com.au). MANX DVD'S of the Play *Threads that Bind* are also available for \$8 including postage.



**THINGS HAPPENING ON THE ISLE OF MAN IN APRIL:**



**NEW ALBUM - MATT CREER ~**

**THE LEEWARD TIDE** [From KMJ Magazine – February edition]

Local singer-songwriter Matt Creer's new album of original songs will be released soon. The album features a plethora of talented musos from the Island, including folkies such as Ruth Keggins, Katie Lawrence and Malcolm Stitt.

Former student of the Royal College of Music in London, Matt Creer has established himself as an exciting emerging voice on the Music scene. The Manx singer songwriter's music merges folk traditions, with warm, rich layered arrangements that has created a sound of his own. Local artist Nicola Dixon provides a beautiful album cover.

Here's a video of the opening track "North Northwest":

<http://youtu.be/gko7E1h2ZAQ>

Listen to the song and pre-order your copy of the album here:

<http://mattcreer.bandcamp.com/album/the-leeward-tide>

**FOLK MUSIC & DANCE IN THE MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL [GUILD] 24TH APRIL - 2ND MAY – Isle of Man**

There are quite a few classes in the Guild for Manx Gaelic song, language, folk music and dance:

- \* Manx Gaelic solos M1-4
- \* Gaelic Choirs JC6 (junior) & C5
- \* Folk song solos F1 – 3
- \* Folk dancing FD1-5

The lovely "A Brown Bird Singing" by Manx composer Haydn Wood has also been set for JS9 Girls' solo song (years 9 to 10).

**Get your entries in before Sat 7th Feb!**

PLUS...

**Composition Competition**

A1 – To maintain a link with our cultural heritage, the challenge is to compose with the following criteria:

- a) A new song for one or more voices, the lyrics being from the works of T.E. Brown.
- b) An original composition of Manx character for an instrumental ensemble (duration between 5 and 15 minutes)

All compositions must be submitted with the Entry Form on Saturday 7th February 2015.

**Note from Editor:** As a teenager I sang several songs by Haydn Wood [including the "Brown Bird Singing"] not realising that he was a Manx Composer!

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