



JULY NEWSLETTER – 2015

QUEENSLAND MANX SOCIETY NEWS AND COMING EVENTS:

REPORT ON QMS TYNWALD DAY CELEBRATION:

Thirtysix members, relatives, friends and visiting Celtic Society members all gathered together to enjoy our Annual Tynwald event, which was held at Arana Leagues Club, on Saturday 4th July this year, and it proved to be a very eventful day.

Firstly, we were greeted with news from Helen Saxby, that on the way down from the North coast, she, together with Ellen Wilkinson and her friends Ann de Haas, stopped to have some Coffee, when Ellen tripped over the leg of her chair and fell, breaking her arm. Of course this became a Hospital visit and Helen stayed with them for a while until Ellen was seen to and then she came on by herself to enjoy the day. Later on she picked Ellen and Ann up and took them home again. Ellen was so disappointed to have missed Tynwald, but on ringing her recently, she is coping well with one arm in a sling, fortunately the left arm, as she is right handed, and is in good spirits. Also, further along in the programme, Steve Cass, husband of Shelley Cass, became unwell, and they both had to leave. However, Steve is also now in better health and is his usual cheerful self.

Our Vice President, Maxwell Cain, in the absence of George Cowin, acquitted himself very well and brought a warm friendly atmosphere to the meeting. Our Speakers, Doug Quayle, Alan Randle, Alan Caine, and new member David Bayliss, were of a high standard, very knowledgeable about their respective subjects and were a pleasure to listen to. Grace Roberts again this year, responded to the Toast to the Kindred Societies in her usual sincere manner. This year, as usual, she was representing three Kindred Societies, The Celtic Council of Australia [Qld], the Welsh Society and the Cornish Society, of which she is now the President – what we would call a “true Celt”.

We welcomed again this year, Grace Roberts, Margaret Vallance from Clan Campbell and Avon Moffatt, who represented the Scottish Clans Congress. They are always welcome at our functions and are great favourites and almost honorary “Manxies”. This year we also welcomed two new members from the Cornish Society, James and Pauline Polmeer, who seemed to enjoy themselves and we hope to see them all again next Tynwald Day.

The meal was very tasty and well served by the attentive staff, and this always helps to make our day enjoyable,

We were entertained this year by our own Laxey Singers, all QMS members, Norma Conwell and her son Geoff [on Guitar], Carolyn and Alan Randle, and Tony and Val Ashworth. The theme for the music was about a Manx Miner, who left the Isle of Man via Liverpool, and who travelled to Australia, became a working man as a Miner, and made his home in Brisbane.

The meeting came to a close with the singing of “Ellan Vannin”, accompanied on the keyboard by our own Vic Riddel and by Geoff Conwell on Guitar. We rounded off the meeting with an enthusiastic rendition of “Auld Lang Syne”, a special touch to the programme added by our Vice President. All in all, a memorable day.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING; 29TH AUGUST, 2015

The AGM is nearly upon us again and you are requested to attend and vote for your Committee if you wish the Society to keep going into the future. It will be held at Arana Leagues Club again at the usual time 11.00 for 11.30 start, at a cost of \$25.00. Our President, George Cowin, will be stepping down after an extended year as President, and this role will have to be filled, as well as the roles of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Webmaster. To vote you must be a paid up member of the QMS, **so I am enclosing a Management Committee Nomination Form, and Proxy Form, which I would ask you to please fill in and return to the Acting Secretary by 14th August, 2015.**

For those members who have not sent in their Membership fees as yet, Treasurer Doug has request that you forward on your Membership Form with payment, as soon as you can.

FUTURE QMS EXCURSIONS:

BEE GEES WALK – REDCLIFFE - STAGE TWO: - FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER:

Stage 2 of the Bee Gees Walk will be officially opened on Friday 11th September. The Gibb Brothers [The Bee Gees] were all born on the Isle of Man, before moving to Australia., and spent their childhood in the Redcliffe area. Barry Gibb and members of his family will be present at the opening and taking part in the festivities. More details to follow if members are interested in a trip to Redcliffe for the day.

ROYAL QUEENSLAND YACHT SQUADRON: - 20TH SEPTEMBER, 2015:

In September, we are planning a visit to the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron, 878 Royal Esplanade, Manly on the **20th SEPTEMBER, 2015, at 2.p.m.**, with afternoon tea available for a small cost. There will be plenty of parking. Please contact Val if you are interested in going, as Afternoon tea will have to be catered for. Guided tours of the facility will be provided for those who wish to join in, or alternatively, you can sit back and watch all of the activities and excitement of the marina.

LE JARDIN RESTAURANT – MALENY:

We have still not set a date for our planned trip to Maleny, open to everyone, including our Celtic Cousins, in a car-pooled trip to have lunch at the **LE JARDIN Restaurant**. This was formerly known as 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. More on this later.

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

We have also received a few more DVD's of our Manx Play "Threads That Bind". Please contact Doug Quayle if you require a copy or two. The cost will be \$10 including postage and handling.

MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY:

"I recently forwarded a DVD of the Play over to a Manxman, living in London, who has a Grant from the Isle of Man on Manx Literature and Plays, who, after reading one of our newsletters, asked for a copy. He was absolutely thrilled with the DVD. excited to learn that a new, modern Manx Play had been written, and contacted the Playwright and Director here in Brisbane, requesting further plans for the Play. They will be getting together later in the year, to talk over the possibility of turning the original into a full scale stage play. If all goes well it may turn into an International Manx Play, which was originally commissioned by the Queensland Manx Society! As soon as I hear anything more, I will let you know"

MANX DANCING CLASSES:

When we were in Glen Innes, we were visited by Heather Clarke, Dance Historian, who teaches Manx Dancing in Brisbane and if you or your children or grand-children have any interest in learning Manx Dancing, please contact her on 3289 4708, or at heather.clarke40@yahoo.com. Visit their website – www.colonialdance.com.au It would be nice to have some dancers for our **Year of the Manx next year**.

REPORT ON THE INTERNATIONAL TARTAN DAY – 11th JULY 2015

The Australian Scottish Community held its annual International Tartan Day on the 11th, and despite predicted bad weather reports, the day turned out to be just right for the Stall holders and participants. The QMS this year erected our own tent at the site, and were very pleasantly surprised at the interest shown in all things Manx. We were approached by two interested people who each took home an Application for Membership form, one of these people being Doug Lawler, past member Mona Lawler's son. Some of you older members will remember Mona – a good Manxie sadly missed. I look forward to meeting up with Doug in the near future.

The day, as you can imagine was filled with the sound of Drums and Bagpipes, the singing of Celtic songs and the always popular Scottish Dancing. There appeared to be a large, constantly moving, interested crowd, which was exciting to be part of, felt even by us in the tent. There were lots of items for sale in all the tents, some lovely collectables and some very cute items, and of course, the Scottish dogs which attracted all eyes.

Although manned mainly by Max Cain and Doug Quayle, our tent was visited by a few members who attended, Tony and I, Norma Conwell, her sister Audrey and friends, Doug Quayle's daughter Andrea and friend and her daughter Isobel. Andrea and Isobel have proved to be very good members and are always willing to help out. Our Treasurer Doug was pleased to inform us that we even made a profit selling a few Manx items. Overall, we had a very pleasant, and reasonably profitable day.

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT TO OUR COUNTRY MEMBERS:

Our Vice President, Maxwell Cain, standing in for George Cowin, presently travelling around Australia, has a message for our Country members.

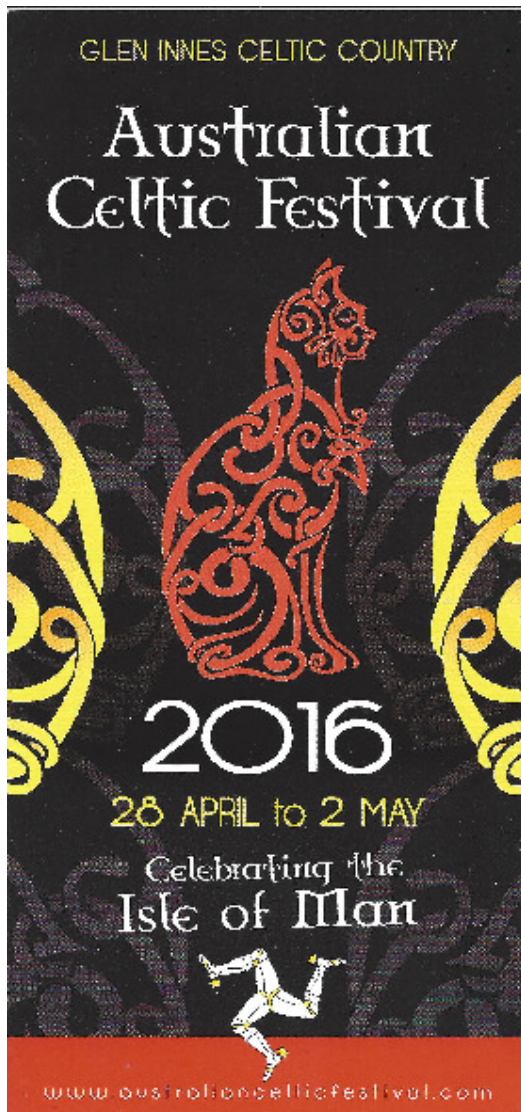
"We are always very mindful of our Manx Country members and those living right across Queensland in our provincial towns and cities. You are ALWAYS most welcome at any of our meetings if you should be in Brisbane at the time. If you are here at any other time, please feel free to give one of our Management Committee a call and hopefully we may be able to meet for Coffee and light refreshment and even gather as many of our Brisbane Manxies to join us if they can. Do consider this if the opportunity presents itself."

VALE – MEMBER BRUCE PETFIELD:

It is with sadness we mention the recent passing of **Bruce Arthur PETFIELD**, who had only been a member of the Queensland Manx Society for the last twelve months. Bruce is the brother of Ross Petfield [also a member] and son of, Elsie [Mylchreest] Petfield, a much loved member of the Society for many years, until her death.

Bruce is also cousin to JOYCE HOLLISS, daughter of Doris [Mylchreest] Mitchell, and VALERIE [MYLCHREEST] ASHWORTH, daughter of Vera [Mylchreest] HACKWOOD. Both Doris and Vera were sisters to Elsie, also now deceased.

Bruce's funeral, for those who are interested in attending, will be held at St Andrew's Church, Indooroopilly, on Wednesday, 22nd July, at 10.30.



YEAR OF THE MANX – 2016 – GLEN INNES

Next year will be the Year of the Manx all over the Celtic World, and we would like to see as many Manxies as possible in Glen Innes for the Australian Celtic Festival, wearing the Laxey Tartan [or any other Manx Tartan],

However, if you wish to go to Glen Innes, it would be wise to book your Accommodation as soon as you can as the Festival gets bigger every year. You can book accommodation online or through the Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre.

To order a brochure for the Australian Celtic Festival – contact Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes Visitor Information Centre, P.O. Box 612, Glen Innes, N.S.W. 2370. Telephone 02 6730 2410

Edna Davis will be away until October, but I am sure she will help you out if you require Tartan Hats, Scarves and Vests.

Also Doug Quayle will be looking into pricing Manx Tartan items from the Isle of Man should these be required.

There will be plenty of entertainment and lots to do. Please consider joining us next year as we usually have a lot of fun!

NEXT QMS MEETINGS – FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

31ST OCTOBER, at Arana Leagues Club, which will be an Afternoon Tea – not a luncheon. More on this later.
5TH DECEMBER, at Arana Leagues Club, which will be our Christmas celebration.

OTHER CELTIC SOCIETY NEWS:

THE CELTIC COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA [QLD] will be holding their Annual General Meeting on 25th July, at 11 a.m. at the Coorparoo RSL & Community Club, 45 Holdsworth Street, COORPAROO. 4151. If interested in attending, please contact Noel Hosking, Hon. Secretary - 3353 2332 - email. actushosking@bigpond.com. - P.O. Box 255 Everton Park, Qld 4053.

CORNISH SOCIETY FOUNDATION DAY will be held at 12 p.m. at Yeronga Services Club. If interested in attending, please contact Val Ashworth at 3273 1782.

BAYSIDE DIVAS present **CELTIC KILTS – SATURDAY 25TH JULY**, at Sandgate Town Hall, Cnr Cliff & Seymour Sts, Sandgate. **MATINEE, 2 P.M. – COMPLIMENTARY TEA AND COFFEE – COCKTAIL HOUR 5 P.M. – COMPLIMENTARY WINE & CHEESE ; Adults \$22, Concession \$18, Children under 12 - \$11. Under 5 – free. Online: BAYSIDEDIVAS.COM.AU, Telephone 3269 7853 or 0412 909 014**

STORIES OF THE ISLE OF MAN: “CELTIC CHRISTIANITY AND THE ISLE OF MAN”

“The Monastery of St Maughold”

Pre-eminent amongst the Manx religious centres during this period of Celtic Christianity was Maughold, where the existence of a monastery founded not later than the early seventh century and continuing until the eleventh century, has now been accepted by historians.

The term monastery in this context, does not imply a large edifice such as the word would now evoke, but rather a cluster of small churches and dwellings which formed in effect, a mission station, a centre around which students gathered and from which the saints went forth on their labours. Probably the area of the Maughold “monastery” broadly coincided with the present churchyard, within which exists the ruins of three ancient keels and the site of another, apart from the parish church of Kirk Maughold. The latter building, with its well-known doorway in the style of the Irish Romanesque architecture, has no part which is earlier than the eleventh century, but there are indications that it was not the first on the site. Extremely little is known of Maughold himself, the founder of the monastery, but as already has been stated, he was not Machutus, nor was he MacCuil with whom he was long associated as the result of incidents related in an early life of Patrick.

The MacCuil legend has now been dismissed as a pagan folk-tale originally unconnected with the great saint; but whether Maughold was an Irishman, or a Breton or a Manxman, is still unresolved.

“Bishop Simon” [Norwegian Period]

The best known bishop of Sodor and Man during the Norse period, was Simon, who held office from 1227 until about 1247. According to the Chronicles of Man he was a man **“of great prudence, and learned in the Holy Scriptures.”** It was he, according to the Chronicle, who began to build St German’s on Peel inlet as the cathedral church of the Sudreys about the year 1230. When he became Bishop there were very likely two churches on that small island, a spot of very special sacredness.

One of the churches was St Patrick’s [an eleventh or early twelfth century building, now in ruins but originally the parish church of Kirk Patrick], while the other was presumably the ancient parish church of Kirk German on the site now occupied by the ruins of the cathedral. Simon selected St German’s not only because of its association with the traditional first bishop of the Celtic Church of Man, but possibly because it had a larger endowment of land. He proceeded to rebuild it, but did not complete the work, being able to finish only the chancel and the tower and transepts, while the nave was built some years later by Bishop Richard. Simon was buried in his own cathedral, which continued to be used until the middle of the eighteenth century, but has since become dilapidated. He is said to have had his palace in Kirk Michael on the site of the existing Bishops court, but the present building belong to a later date.

DID YOU KNOW?

That it was not until 1498 that the Scots seem to have come to the realisation that they had no hope of ever recovering the Isle of Man. They applied to the Pope for permission to create a new Diocese based on Iona. The suggestion came from the Earl of Argyll.

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QUEENSLAND MANX SOCIETY INC.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 29 AUGUST, 2015

Aana Leagues Club. Dawson Parade, KEPERRA

PROXY FORM

1, _____, being a paid up member of the

QUEENSLAND MANX SOCIETY, hereby authorise _____

to serve as my proxy and to vote on my behalf at the **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held on

SATURDAY, 29TH AUGUST, 2015, at the above address, my nomination being for _____

_____ for the position of _____

_____.

This matter is valid for all matters voted on at the said General Meeting.

FULL NAME OF MEMBER:

SIGNATURE:

Date:

Please return this form to Acting Secretary, before **14th AUGUST, 2015**

Val Ashworth
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SUNNYBANK HILLS. 4109
Email: arashworth@optusnet.com.au



Queensland Manx Society Inc

Nomination Form – Committee

I, [NAME].....being a Financial Ordinary Member of the Queensland Manx Society Inc., hereby nominate the following for election to hold office on the Committee of the Queensland Manx Society Inc. at the **2015 Annual General Meeting** of the Society in the position indicated.

NOMINEE:

[Name]

POSITION: [Please circle your choice on the list below:]

PRESIDENT

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

TREASURER

LIBRARIAN [1]

LIBRARIAN [2]

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

WEBMASTER

COMMITTEE

Nominated by:

[Name]: Signature: Date:

Seconded by:

[Name]: Signature: Date:

ACCEPTANCE:

I, [Name] hereby **ACCEPT** this nomination for election and agree to accept the position should I be properly elected to hold that office.

OR

REJECTION:

I, [Name] hereby **REJECT** this nomination for election and advise that **I DO NOT** wish to hold office.

Signature: Date:

RECEIVED:

I certify that I received this nomination, duly completed, before the close of Nominations as notified in the Notice of Election of Office Bearers.

Secretary:

[Name]: Signature: Date:

VERIFIED FINANCIAL MEMBER:

I certify that I have checked the Membership register and Receipt Books and that the person Nominated on this form was a Financial Member of the Queensland Manx Society Inc., at the date of nomination, having **Joined/Renewed** by paying his/her Membership Fees by the due date in accordance with the Constitution of the Queensland Manx Society Inc. Article 8 [3] [c]. This payment was received by:

[Name] on [Date] As recorded on Receipt No.

Treasurer:

[Name]: Signature: Date:

I certify that the person nominated on this Form was **ELECTED/NOT ELECTED** to the position for which nominated.

President:

[Name]: Signature: Date:

Secretary:

[Name]: Signature: Date: