



Edition 5 – July - 2024

Hello to All!

Items of Interest	Message from the President
<p>Message from the President</p>	<p><i>I apologise for the lateness of this Newsletter as it has been a busy time, with lots of positive discussion being made regarding the future of the QMS.</i></p>
<p>Glen Innes Report</p>	<p><i>First of all, there was a visit to Glen Innes for the Celtic Festival, this year being the Year of the Manx and Irish. George Cowin set up the Manx tent, aided by Betty Elmes and Jan and Richard Blackburn. A reasonable quantity of sales of Manx memorabilia were made, and it proved to be a good visit overall, despite heavy rain and changes to various venues so the entertainment could carry on. A short report by George Cowin appears further on.</i></p>
<p>Tynwald Day</p>	<p><i>As per the Flyer sent out to members and friends recently, the next most important event to come up is our National Day celebration – Tynwald, which will be held at Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra, on the 6th July, 2024. We would love to see you there and feel free to bring along friends and relatives. Apart from our usual programme, we will be entertained by the well known group called 'Phillip's Dog' who are really wonderful to watch, hear and perform Manx music and dance.</i></p>
<p>Community Folk Dancing</p>	<p><i>The second event is our Annual General Meeting, which all are welcome to attend, on Saturday, 17th August. At 1 - 3 p.m. In the Boardroom at Arana Lagues Club We would love to see you there as your input and ideas are very much needed to keep our Society relevant and viable. Afternoon Tea will follow downstairs in the Restaurant.</i></p>
<p>History Redcliffe Picnic in the Park</p>	<p><i>I recommend attending an event to be held by History Redcliffe called Redcliffe Remembers 1824 – 2024, 'Picnic in the Park' on Saturday 14th September, 2024. This is sure to be a great event. Read on for more information. All welcome.</i></p>
<p>Message from the Committee</p>	<p><i>The Committee is still trying to get together another outing for the QMS and I sincerely hope the next one will be a winner, and one that members and friends can attend and enjoy.</i></p>
<p>Celtic Corner</p>	<p><i>Four members of the Committee joined other Celtic Societies at the Annual Friendship Day run by the Celtic Council of Australia [Qld], held at their President's home at Mr Gravatt on the 30th June. It was a lovely day weather-wise, and we were entertained by the Qld Irish Choir, the CCAQ Pipe Band and Tom Kimmert, singing all our favourite Celtic and Folk songs.</i></p>
<p>Snippets from the Isle of Man</p>	<p><i>I look forward to meeting up with you at Tynwald and the Annual General Meeting.</i></p>
<p>Subscriptions</p>	<p><i>Val Ashworth President and Newsletter Editor QUEENSLAND MANX SOCIETY</i></p>
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REPORT ON VISIT TO GLEN INNES BY GEORGE COWIN:

"I arrived at Glen Innes on Thursday 2nd May, and established myself at the Showground with my Caravan ready to set up the QMS tent at the Standing stones site. At 2.00 I went to the Standing Stones site and registered at the site administration tent, and was directed to the site where our tent was to be erected. Betty and Howard Elmes arrived and gave a hand and helped close off the sides ready for completion on Friday. Jan and Richard Blackburn did not arrive in time to assist as Jan was unwell on the trip down and she wanted to recuperate.

On Friday morning, I presented to the Town Hall for the Guardians' Welcome and carried the Manx flag in the procession of Nations. The ceremony included an address by the Mayor of Glen Innes, an address by Barnaby Joyce, [Federal Member of Parliament], and addresses by the visiting Irish Master Fiddler, Gerry O'Connor, and by Elizabeth Davidson-Blythe and Daniel Quayle, the Manx guest Artists.

Following the opening event, I accompanied Grace Roberts, [Welsh Guardian] to the Guardians' Luncheon where I was able to have a quick and fruitful discussion with Elizabeth and Daniel and indicated that we may be embarking on a festival in Brisbane of our own and wondered if they would be interested in coming over to be guests artists for our event. They indicated that they would be delighted to do that after discussion with Culture Vannin to see if there was any likely support from that organisation. We agreed to have further discussion in the future.

Jan and Richard arrived after luncheon, and helped to complete the setting up of the tent ready for Saturday morning. On Saturday, the Street Parade assembled in fine weather and was very well attended by numerous bands, groups and acts. We had three people in our group this year proudly waving our Manx Banner and flags – Janis Blackburn, Brian Cowell and me.

Back at the QMS tent, we were inundated with people wanting to talk to us, and we managed to make considerable sales until a heavy downpour made everyone disappear from the site, which quickly became a quagmire.

Sunday saw the Dawn Service held in the Town due to the wet conditions on the hill, and all other formalities were transferred to the Town Hall, where Richard and I conducted the Manx ceremony with all the other Celtic nations.

On our return to the tent, we had a visit from QMS member, Petar Grulovic, who had recently taken over The Croft Cottage as well as managing the Red Lion Hotel at Glencoe, near Glen Innes.

Despite the bad weather, changes of venue, etc. we all managed to have a good weekend, thanks to the welcome help of Richard and Jan Blackburn and Betty and Howard Elmes. "

*Photo of Richard and
Jan Blackburn
Taken by Betty Elmes*



THE QLD MANX SOCIETY TYNWALD DAY: 6TH JULY, 2024.

We recently sent out an invitation to you regarding our National Tynwald Day celebration at Arana Leagues Club, on the 6th July, 2024, from 11 a.m. To 3 p.m. Please come along and bring your family and friends and be entertained by speakers and the Australian Historical Dance Group 'Phillip's Dog' who will perform Manx music, song and dance. Price \$40.00

Please contact Mrs Janis Blackburn, mobile 0414 764 848 or janqms@outlook.com if you wish to attend. We would love to see you there!

LOCAL NEWS:



 2024
Phillip's Dog

COMMUNITY FOLK DANCE

Fridays 7:30pm



Samford Farmers Hall, Main Street
9 February ~ 8 March ~ 12 April ~ 10 May ~ 14 June 12
July~9 August ~ 13 September ~ 11 October
8 November ~ 13 December.

Arana Hills Community Centre, 291 Dawson Pde
23 Feb: Welcome ~ 22 March: Alice in Wonderland
26 April: Jane Austen (National Heritage Festival)
31 May: Medieval ~ 28 June: Scottish Cellidh
26 July: Steampunk ~ 23 August: Dance like a Pirate
27 Sept: Jane Austen ~ 25 Oct: Bush Dance
22 November: End of Year Party!

Jane Austen Ball ~ Dayboro ~ 5 October

Tel. 04 2206 7392 www.historicaldance.au

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FOLK DANCING:

If you are interested in Anglo-Celtic Folk Dances, here is the social activity for you. Lively social dances are taught. No partner or special costume required. **Live music by Phillip's Dog**, who specialise in Manx Dance and song. Cost \$4.00. **Activities held at the Farmers Hall, 30 Main Street, Samford – Friday 7.30 to 9.30 a.m. and Community Centre, 291 Dawson Parade, Arana Hills, Friday, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.**

HISTORY REDCLIFFE:

History Redcliffe will be holding an event called 'Redcliffe Remembers' - 1824 to 2024 - PICNIC IN THE PARK, on Saturday, 14th September, 2024, from 10 a.m. To 3 p.m. in the Redcliffe Museum Precinct, 45-75 Anzac Avenue, Redcliffe. All welcome to attend. Look out for the QMS Blue tent, where Manx memorabilia and Manx history will be on display.

The poster features a blue sky background with white clouds and green leaves on the sides. In the top left, there is a circular logo with a ship and the text 'Redcliffe Remembers HISTORY REDCLIFFE 1824-2024'. In the top center, it says 'Redcliffe Remembers 1824-2024 Festival Picnic in the Park'. In the top right, a yellow circle says 'free event'. A dark blue banner in the middle reads 'PRESENTED BY REDCLIFFE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC Redcliffe Museum Precinct | Saturday 14 September | 10am-3pm'. Below this, text describes the event: 'Bringing the community together to celebrate our heritage, from the first inhabitants to the first Europeans to settle and establish a penal colony. Songwoman Maroochy Barambah will deliver a Welcome to Country. Entertainment includes roving bands, dancers, choirs and North Pine Bush Poets. There will also be children's activities such as face painting and arts and crafts. A range of food trucks will also be on site.' At the bottom, it lists the website 'historyredcliffe.com.au' and mentions support from 'Community Bank Margate' and 'Bendigo Bank'.

MESSAGE FROM QMS COMMITTEE:

As our Secretary, Mr Nigel Jeffares is away overseas for several months, we are looking for a replacement Secretary to fill this position until the end of the year. The job is not demanding, involving the typing of Minutes, booking dates for functions, designing and typing up programmes, etc. We usually hold our meetings at Arana Leagues Club, so it would suit someone living nearby. Our Committee is friendly, hard working and dedicated to the continuation and promotion of the Queensland Manx Society.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the President, Mrs Val Ashworth, rather urgently, on 0403 564 217 as this is a busy time of year for us. We look forward to hearing from you.

CELTIC CORNER

JUNE:

Sunday 30th June - CCAQ FRIENDSHIP DAY, at 590 Creek Road, Mt Gravatt, Brisbane, Entrance - \$10 includes Hot lunch, beverages, BYO Chair and Alcoholic drinks. 12 noon.

JULY:

Saturday 6th - QLD MANX SOCIETY – TYNWALD DAY, Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra, 11.00 a.m.

Sunday 14th - 141ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE WELSH CHURCH, 6 Thomas Street, BLACKSTONE Qld 4304, commencing at 2 p.m.

Saturday 27th CCAQ AGM: Coorparoo RSL and Community Club, Holdsworth St, commencing 10.30 a.m. for morning tea and AGM meeting commencing at 11 A.M

AUGUST:

Saturday, 17th - **QLD MANX SOCIETY AGM** – Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra. Starting 1 p.m.. unless otherwise notified. Flyer to be sent with details.

NOVEMBER:

Saturday 30th – **CCAQ CHRISTMAS FUNCTION** - Midday at Coorparoo RSL & Community Club, Holdsworth St, COORPAROO

DECEMBER:

Saturday 7th - **QLD MANX SOCIETY CHRISTMAS FUNCTION** – Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra

Saturday 14th -**QUEENSLAND IRISH ASSOCIATION [QIA]** - Christmas Function, West's Rugby Club, 65 Sylvan Road, Toowong

Saturday 21st – Summer Solstice AEST [Longest day of the year in the Southern Hemisphere]

QMS EMBROIDERY WOVEN QMS BADGES AND MEMBERS' NAME TAGS:

If you require a Member's Name Tag, please contact Mrs Janis Blackburn on 0414 764 848. Also, if you need a garment embroidered with the QMS logo, please contact Mrs Val Ashworth on 0403 564 217.

SNIPPETS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN:

The clock stopped

It happened on 5th March and was intentional because conservation work is needed on the tower to enable high level conservation work to be completed, help prevent water ingress to the clock tower and for the clock room roof and floor structure to undergo essential repair. The clock mechanism will also be cleaned prior to replacement.

Castle Rushen's Medieval clock is one of very few wooden frame clocks to survive from the 16th Century and has undergone significant changes and restoration during its lifetime, including the replacement of the original escapement in the early 18th century with today's pendulum escapement. The clock didn't have a face at all until around 1720 by which time it was already at least 100 years old. Sadly, the original clock face was lost and the current one-handed face dates from the 1980s.

It's anticipated that the clock will be in place and going again in the autumn.

DBH – London Newsletter

Source: Manx National Heritage

NEW COIN CELEBRATES 2024 TT

A new commemorative coin for TT 2024 has been unveiled, depicting a rider passing the famous Creg-ny-Baa pub on the Mountain Course. The £2 coin was designed and produced by Tower Mint who have been the Isle of Man Government's currency partners since 2017.

Bill Henderson MHK, currency committee chairman and Treasury member, said: "I am pleased to unveil the TT coin for 2024, which showcases an iconic course location. "I would like to thank our minting partners, Tower Mint, who have once again produced a precision high quality coin and design."

Sarah Maltby MHK, political member with responsibility for TT and motorsport in the Department for Enterprise, said: "Commemorative coins are not just tokens of history; they're cherished keepsakes that connect us to moments, places and memories of significance. "This coin depicting a rider experiencing the thrill of the famous Mountain Course encapsulates the essence of the event, revered worldwide for its legacy and thrill.

“For fans who cherish the iconic event this coin is a tangible embodiment of their passion and a testament to the enduring spirit of the races, in a form that ensures wherever they may be in the world the spirit of the TT is always close to hand.”

The coin will be on sale at the Isle of Man Post Office, Manx National Heritage, The Book Company on Castle Street in Douglas, plus websites Westminster Collection and IoM Coins.

Isle of Man Today

MESSAGE FROM THE MANX WORLD ASSOCIATION:

'On the Isle of Man, on the 5th May, the Governor unveiled an etching of the Manx Poet, T. E. BROWN, above the relocated plaque that has been in the Glen since 1953. The event was well attended and marks the anniversary of his birth. I hope this picture will be of interest, and feel free to share. This coming Saturday, we are holding a Manx Tay with entertainment and about 50 people are expected to attend.'

*David Christian MBE, JP
Chairman Manx World Association*



MEMBERSHIP FEES OUTSTANDING

Because of problems with the Bank during the change over from one Treasurer to another, which unfortunately took more time than expected, there were holdups in the transfer of subscriptions. If your fees have not been paid, please contact our Treasurer, Mrs Janis Blackburn on 0414 764 848 or email: janqms@outlook.com Membership is still \$15.00 and Family Membership is \$20.00 .

Fees can be deposited to any Westpac Bank using the BSB 034080 and A/C 183032. Any enquiries can be directed to Jan at any time.

QMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

*The Committee cordially invites you to attend our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**, which is to be held on **SATURDAY, 17TH AUGUST**, in the Boardroom, Arana Leagues Club, Dawson Parade, Keperra, at 1 p.m. This will be a short programme, and we will be sending a Reminder prior to the meeting. After the meeting, you are invited to Afternoon Tea, downstairs in the Restaurant, for a get-together and a chat.*

We hope you will attend, as we need your input to discuss future plans to promote our Society.

Because Tynwald Day was fast approaching, I thought I would hold the newsletter to add a short report and some photos of our National Day for the information of those who could not attend. This event was held, as usual, at Arana Leagues Club, on the 6th July. We changed the format somewhat, with the meeting being run by a Master of Ceremonies, Mr Max Cain, working with me, as President, and all went fairly smoothly. We were fewer in numbers, but we all blended well and all had a really good time. We were entertained by 'Phillip's Dog', a highly recommended and very talented group who played, sang and danced Manx music for us. This was very popular and we shall be calling on them again sometime soon. We also introduced two new members who attended that day, Jen Corrin and her Husband Barney Bishop.



Three members of Phillip's Dog playing Manx Music



New members Jen Corrin and Barney Bishop

HISTORY QUEENSLAND NEWSLETTER:

Please click on this link to bring up their recent newsletter – June 2024, Volume 11, No. 2

<https://www.historyqueensland.org.au/news/>

We are sorry to report the resignation from the Queensland Manx Society, of Mr George Cowin, who has given faithful service to our Society for many years, and always worked hard for the promotion of the QMS. We wish him every success in his future endeavours and activities.

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Manx Kids



Five Fun Facts about Tynwald Day

1. Tynwald Day is celebrated on the 5th of July.
2. Tynwald is the parliament of the Isle of Man.
3. Tynwald is thought to be the world's oldest parliament.
4. Tynwald was established by the Vikings in the 10th century AD.
5. Tynwald meets in the open air at Tynwald Hill every July.

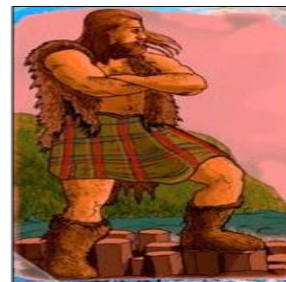


The Making of Mann A Manx Fairytale (Retold)

Thousands of years ago, at the time of the Battles of the Giants in Ireland, Finn Mac Cooil was fighting with a great, red-haired Scottish giant who had come over to challenge him.

He beat him and chased him eastwards towards the sea. But the Scottish giant was a faster runner and began to get ahead of him, so Finn, who was afraid that he would jump into the sea and escape, stooped down and clutched a great handful of the soil of Ireland to throw at him.

He cast it, but he missed his enemy, and the great lump of earth fell into the midst of the Irish Sea. It is the Isle of Mann, and the great hole which Finn made, where he tore it up, is Lough Neagh in Northern Ireland.

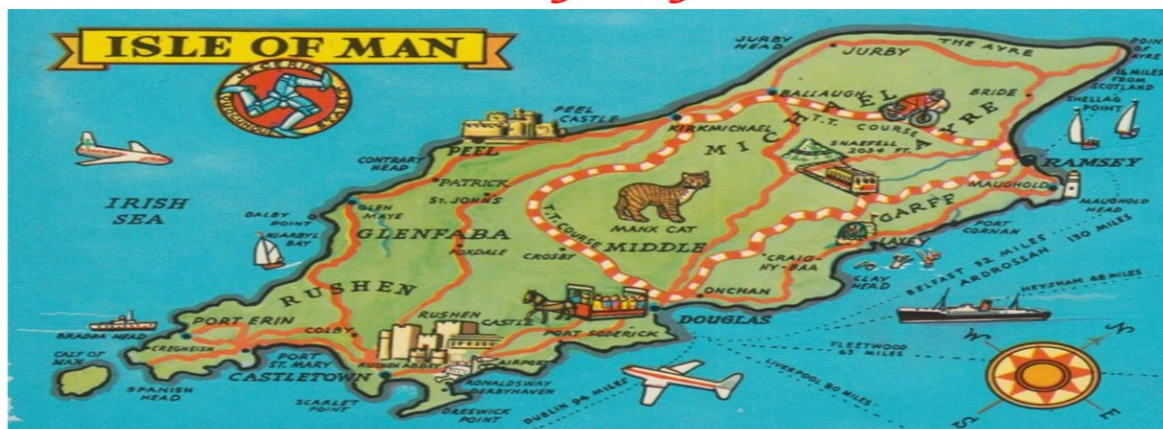


Tynwald Day

Tynwald Day is celebrated at Tynwald Hill. It was made long ago, with rocks. Soil collected from places all over the island fills the spaces between the rocks.



Find the way to Tynwald Hill?



1. Get off the plane at the airport.



2. Visit Castle Rushen.

3. Ride on a tram pulled by a horse in Douglas.



4. Go to Laxey to see the Laxey Wheel.



5. Catch a train to the top of Snaefell Mountain.

6. Look around Peel Castle.



7. Find your way to St. Johns.



TYNWALD HILL IS HERE!