

Clan Chisholm Society of Australia Inc.

Aims of the Clan Chisholm Society

- To promote friendship and kinship amongst Clan members*
- To arrange gatherings of members*
- To promote family history studies*
- To maintain contacts with Clan folk in other parts of the world*
- To support and promote relevant Scottish culture*



Ceud Mile Failte

“One hundred thousand welcomes” to the Clan Chisholm Society of Australia. If you have any kind of Chisholm ancestry or simply an interest, you are most welcome to join our Society. It can help you to find out about the Clan’s history, and maybe your own family history, and your Scottish heritage. It also functions as a branch of the International Clan Chisholm Society which has other branches in the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada and New Zealand. See the website at: www.clanchisholmsociety.org

International Clan Gatherings are held around the world every three or four years. You would be most welcome to attend these gatherings. Clan Chisholm descendants of all spellings of the name (Chisholm, Chisolm, Chism, Chisum, Chisam etc) are invited to join The Clan Chisholm Society.

The Clan Chisholm Society was founded at the end of the 19th century by Chief James Chisholm and revitalised in 1951 by his granddaughter, Mairi, and her nephew, Chief Alastair. Today Alastair’s son, Andrew Francis Hamish Chisholm of Chisholm is the 33rd Chief of the Clan Chisholm and Robert Chisholm from New Zealand is our President of the Clan Chisholm Society. In the early 1950s branches were established in Australia by Miriam Chisholm who had joined the Clan in Scotland. When she returned to her home in Goulburn, New South Wales, she set up the first branch in Victoria in 1953, with Professor Alan Rowland Chisholm as President. The following year a branch was opened in New South Wales with Alec Chisholm as President. These two branches were later merged into the Australian Clan Chisholm Society.

The Australian Branch used to meet once a year for their Annual General Meeting and Clan Dinner. We tried to meet in a different city each year to enable more members to attend the gatherings. We usually spent a few extra days together after the Annual General Meeting to enjoy each other’s company and visit places of interest nearby. We have attended Scottish festivals such as Glen Innes Celtic Festival, Bonnie Wingham Scottish Festival and Brigadoon at Bundanoon to promote the Clan. Since COVID we have held our Annual General Meetings via Zoom technology.

Two highlights for the Society in Australia have been the building of a cairn of stones from Chisholm connections all over the world. Another highlight in 1990 was the launch of the book *The Clan Chisholm in Australia 1790-1990*. The book celebrated 200 years of Chisholms in Australia. Many Australian Chisholms submitted stories of their families’ emigration and settlement in this country. This book is now out of print, but extracts can be purchased if desired.

Yearly membership to the Clan Chisholm Society gives you:

- Fellowship with other Clan members
- Access to the Australian Branch genealogical database (accessed online through a code that you will receive on joining)
- Access to the International CCS Genealogical database called Chisholm Genealogies (accessed online through a code that you would receive on joining)
- Two newsletters from the Australian Branch
- International Clan Journal

You are also encouraged to participate in the Chisholm Genealogies International forum online (www.clanchisholmsociety.org) and the DNA Surname Project associated with Family Tree DNA (www.clanchisholmsociety.org)

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Full Name, Title & Occupation:

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Address:

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Phone:

Email:

I hereby apply to become a member of the Clan Chisholm Society of Australia Incorporated.
In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the constitution of the
association for the time being in force.

I agree to have my name and details available for genealogical records (delete one)

YES / NO

Signature:

Date:

If possible, please give details as to where your Chisholm ancestors originally came from
and/or if you have any connections or relatives who are already members of The Clan
Chisholm Society.

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Annual Subscription: Adults \$45 per couple, \$35 for single; Children (under 18 years of age)
are free.

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