



**CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY INC.
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH**

**NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER, 2016**



In this issue we:
Give you an update of Clan news;
Report on our excellent AGM at Agnes Water, Qld.
Plans for AGM in 2017

Dear Members,

Firstly, I must apologise for writing to you so late in the year. Most of you will know that, straight after our excellent AGM week in May, Peter went off to hospital and basically remained in hospital care until his passing on 6th August. It has been a very traumatic and overwhelming time for me and my family, made easier by the terrific support from so many of you. Thank you for your cards, flowers and kindness. My daughters and I thank you all.

Since then I have also had time in hospital and rehab, having a knee replacement. I am much better now and hopefully getting back to some usual life.

You will find the latest Journal from the UK in this posting. There has been much discussion among international members as to the cost of production and postage of this document. A new editor has been appointed and I have thanked Ben Chisholm-Broomfield on your behalf for his editorship in recent years. Martin Chisholm has been in touch with me regarding ideas for journal articles and I hope some of you might think of biographies of some of your own family that would make an interesting story. Please let me know if you can help with this, or get in touch with Martin at mchisholm1@sky.com.

The Minutes of our AGM are enclosed. At the meeting we discussed the significant burden the Journal puts on our own finances in the funds we transfer to the UK to pay for copies for our members. I mentioned last time that we are being stricter with our policy of one journal per family, where possible. We discussed this at the AGM and it was suggested I ask you if there are any members who do not want the journal. Please let me know as this will save postage.

Our AGM week was a great success. We had lots to do, with all the lovely scenery of the Discovery Coast in Qld, plus sites to see and the excellent 1770 Festival. This was a local event, run by the people of that small community with plenty to do and enjoy. Penny and John Miguel are to be congratulated for all the work and hospitality they put in to the week to keep us busy, fed and happy. Many thanks Penny and John.

Regards



Carolyn Chown
Secretary

CHISHOLM MEMORIALS

Last January Peter and I went to Canberra for a few days. While there we visited the War Memorial to see the new WWI exhibition. It is well worth a visit, much more detailed than the old one with some very interesting exhibits. One will be of great interest to the Clan as it holds Dame Alice Chisholm's insignia of her investiture as a Dame.

I will add the following to our Chisholm Memorials file:





Insignia of Dame Alice

VALE
PETER CHOWN
24/01/1933 – 06/08/2016



So many of you will remember Peter at Clan meetings over the years. He became an active member of the Clan after I became Secretary, having previously watched the slow progress of the book we published back in 1990 and the associated boxes of papers.

He enjoyed getting to know the members at meetings rather than the details of family history, which has always fascinated me. However, he did also contribute some stories for the Journal and was always dragged into helping me with the postage of newsletters etc.

He would have really enjoyed our last meeting at Agnes Water and it was sad that he was too ill to take part in most of the activities. He will be well remembered with his Chisholm tartan cap that I bought for him in Edinburgh; also his marching at various Scottish/Celtic festival days; notably in company with Ken Watson, both with their walking sticks.

**AGM 2016
AGNES WATER, QLD
18-25 MAY 2016**

The week of festivities began on Wednesday 18th May as members arrived and settled into their accommodation. Many of us met in Brisbane, having flown up from Sydney and Canberra. We took the flight up to Bundaberg where Donald and I picked up the bus and he drove to Agnes Water.

The first night we all met at The Tavern for a nice welcome and dinner. It was a great time to catch up with each other, some from NSW, some from nearby in Qld with Donald C coming all the way from SA and surprising us.





THURSDAY 19th May. OUR DAY IN BUNDABERG.

We all set off in the bus for the drive to Bundaberg, meeting Penny and John at the Bert Hinkler Hall of Aviation. We spent some time going through this excellent museum to the man and the history of early flight in Qld.





Kerry, Valerie, Sue, Penny and Moira ready for lunch



Sue and Tony at the Museum

After lunch in the gardens at the Museum we set off for a bus tour around Bundaberg, seeing the lighthouse and old buildings and arrived at the Rum Factory for a tour. We had a most informative hour or so learning about rum production and its role in the sugar industry which finished with some sampling in their bar.



The original home at the Rum Factory



Valerie, Donald and Tony comparing purchases

We made a late trip home to Agnes Water and had dinner at The Tavern.

FRIDAY 20TH MAY. 1770 FESTIVAL

A local exploration day; culminating in the Captain Cook re-enactment of his second landing in Australia in May 1770 in the bay at Agnes Water.

Breakfast, for those who stayed Chez Miguel was a bacon and egg luxury, cooked by John himself.



We spent the day exploring the area with the beautiful beach at Agnes Water, having lunch at a café set in a botanic nursery.



John and Penny



Bruce, Kerry, Carolyn, Donald and Valerie



In the late afternoon we met at Agnes Water beach to be ready for the landing of Capt. Cook at sunset. Cook made this second landing here in May 1770 to collect water as he made his way up the east coast. He only stayed one night, shot some native bush turkeys, which he called Bustards and then sailed on.



Joyce and Wilf, Sue, Kerry and Bruce, Doug and Marjorie

At sunset we spied Capt. Cook being rowed ashore.



He landed and began his walk up around the beachfront:





We enjoyed the small ceremony put on by the local people, who were there in droves. It was all done with community participation, including Capt. Cook's children dressed up as the bush turkey (Bustard) and various other native animals. It is a memorial they perform every year and from this ceremony the activities continued over the next couple of days.

That night we went to a local restaurant, The Discovery Café, where we were delighted to see the wonderful Captain arrive with his wife and children. His wife's mother was the proprietor of the café!

It was also an exciting evening as we celebrated Kerry Chisholm's birthday with a delicious cake.



SATURDAY 21st May. ATTENDING THE FESTIVAL

This was the day of the street parade and market. We lined the road ready for the floats, which looked as if every vehicle in the town was participating! It was all good fun.





After lunch we explored the area, with a memorial to Cook and a windy walk overlooking a beautiful cove.



That evening we held a BBQ at the Miguel's home and welcomed members of the Queensland Chisholm family of Dorothy Langton.

It was a very happy evening with the bbq going, everyone finding a spot on the verandah and inside and the conversation flowing among the 24 people present.



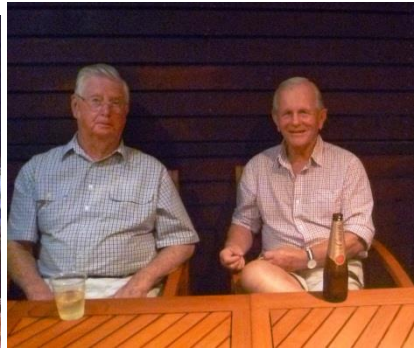
Valerie and Donald



Michael Morrison



Wilf, Douglas and Sue



Donald C and Tony



Marjorie, Joyce, with Qld family visitors



Marie, Bernadette, Bruce C and Tony



Bruce and Caroline



Kerry, Joyce and Wilf

SUNDAY 22nd MAY, AGM

We met at the Miguel's house at 10am for our meeting. On arrival Marie Langton and Margaret Dunshea joined the Clan. We all sat on the verandah, supervised by Alastair.





After the meeting we went to the Gateway Café for lunch.

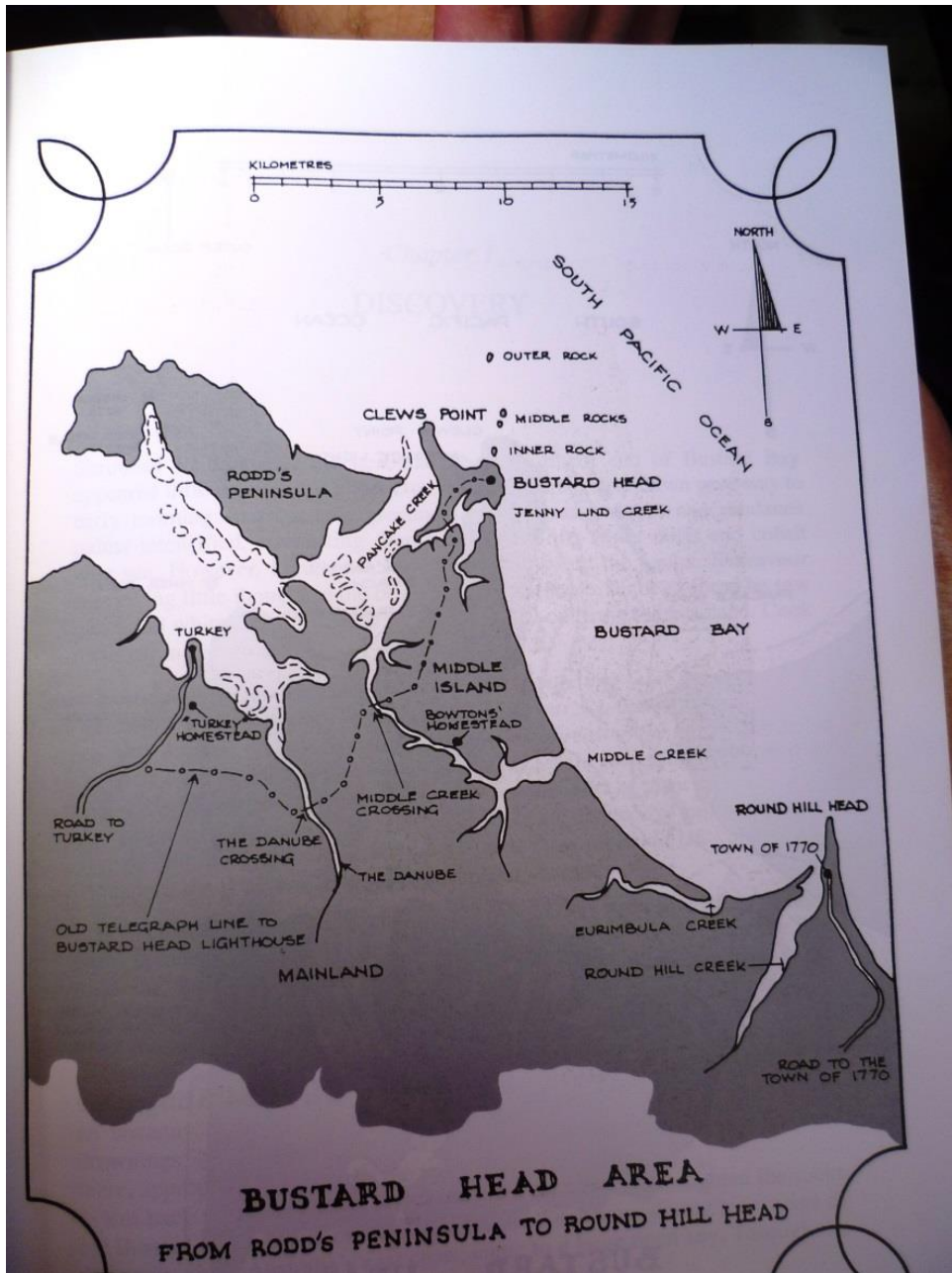


Two families: Donald, Marjorie and Joyce with Dorothy Langton and her family



MONDAY 3RD MAY. LARC EXCURSION

We were bright and early to the Agnes Water area to join the LARC for our day excursion to the Bustard Lighthouse. The vehicle has been adapted from a rescue vehicle capable of land and water transport. It covered both that day, taking off across waterways, inlets and sand spits on its long journey up to the Bustard Head. On the way we travelled over waterways and sand spits; we passed a lot of bird life and rays before finally climbing the steep headland towards the lighthouse. We stopped halfway up for morning tea before going on to the top. The view back where we had come was spectacular. The map below shows the extent of our journey that day.





The view was amazing as we looked right back around the bays to Agnes Water in the distance.



Morning tea break



The Lighthouse on Bustard Point

We learnt a lot about the lighthouse and the families who lived there over the years. It is automated now, but families bid for residency time to oversee the facility and tourist visits. Bustard Point was named by Cook as he travelled north.



The house held a museum of life at the Lighthouse

We came back to the camp site for lunch then walked down to the beach where the LARC joined us and we moved on to a sandboarding dunes.



Here the men of the Chisholm Clan took over. They climbed and boarded with great stamina and were generally hailed as the champions of the day.



Our President, Donald



Tony Morrison



Michael Morrison



Champs: Donald and Tony

We got back to Agnes Water after a long, but thoroughly enjoyable day. It was a great finale for our Clan week.

Dinner that night was at The Discovery Café, our final dinner. The following day we all made our various ways either home or for further travels, leaving Penny, Moira and John to some peace at their house after all their excellent hospitality.



EARLY PLANS FOR AGM 2017 IN GOULBURN NSW

We plan to meet from Wednesday 22nd March to Sunday 26th March.

The date for the next AGM will be Friday 24th March, 2017

We will be based in Goulburn and will have days out as a group to Canberra for a Scottish Festival and other interesting places around the Goulburn/Bungendore area.

Full itinerary will be sent to you closer to the time. In the meantime please secure your accommodation in Goulburn. We recommend the PostHouse Motor Inn which has rooms set aside for Chisholms. Please secure your booking on 1800 020521.

Please complete and return the slip at the end of this newsletter and I will let you know the itinerary early next year.

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2016 FEES ARE OVERDUE!

**2016 Fees remain the same:
\$35 single, \$45 double, \$12 child.**

**PLEASE PAY VIA DIRECT DEBIT:
Account 205832169, BSB 012 865
Stating your name and member number.**

**OR: cheque to Clan Chisholm Soc. Inc,
Penny Miguel, "Nunken" 447 Kaputar Road,
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**AGM 2017 Functions attendance: Please return this slip to
Carolyn Chown, 129 Somerville Rd., Hornsby Heights, 2077
or chown.holmby@bigpond.com by 1 December 2016.**

Name/address/number of attendees.....

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Email:.....

Staying at:

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**We will be attending functions from Wednesday Evening
Dinner to Sunday lunch.**

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