



**CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY INC.
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH**

**NEWSLETTER
JUNE, 2017**



In this issue we:
Report on our Clan AGM activities;
Report on Clan business arising from our AGM
Highlight early plans for 2018

Dear Members,

We have had an excellent first half of the year with a really enjoyable AGM gathering, which you will read about in Michael Morrison's report. I want to give special thanks to Tony and Sue Morrison for organising such a great gathering in Goulburn and to Michael for producing his informative report on all our activities over the 5 days. All I had to do was add the photos. Many thanks also to Chis Maxwell for his most entertaining commentary on 'things Chisholm' during our Red Bus Day tour; and for arranging for Amanda Campbell's talk on Dame Alice Chisholm's work in WWI at the War Memorial.

This posting will include the Minutes of our AGM and the Journal. You will see from the AGM that the UK is experiencing difficulties with the rising costs of production and postage. We believe we can carry the extra cost for the time being. In the future we might add in the option of receiving the journal via the internet as many professional organisations now do. This will mean that members will need to attend to their internet availability. It has been pointed out that it is possible to use the local library, where you can set up your own Gmail, or Hotmail, account and receive mail. So for those who do not have email at present, I urge you to think about this solution. If I do not have any of your email address please send it to me (you can email it to me; carolynchown@bigpond.com).

I send out as many reports and articles during the year that come in to me and I think might be of interest. Some of the newsletters from other branches come to me via email and I think all of you would enjoy reading them as well as reports from the UK, but you need the internet to receive them.

We also discussed the issue of postage of journals here at home. We have a policy of sending one per family, but on some occasions when

families are scattered I do send to the different households. I have been asked to inquire again: If you do not wish to read the Journal and are not interested in having it, please let me know. This will certainly help with the funds we are required to send to the UK. I will put a slip at the back of this newsletter, please let me know via email or post.

At the AGM we decided on the next meeting for 2018. Tasmania has been chosen for our next AGM; the date will be 14th – 21st March, 2018. We are still in planning mode, but expect to be settling on a base just out of Hobart. This will give us easier mobility than staying right in the city. We plan to find a suitable motel where we can all stay; from there we will have busses to take us all to places out of Hobart, but also into Hobart to visit, for instance the old Female Factory where we hope to have a talk by an historian, and a day trip to Port Arthur. We are keen to have an idea of numbers, could you please let me know via the slip at the end of the newsletter as we will need to reserve accommodation as early as possible. It will be an interesting week and many of you might make it a more extended holiday by going on to more interesting places in Tassie after, or before, our week there.

At the AGM meeting on the Friday we were presented with a painting of Kippilaw Church. Joyce Bott had done a very nice small painting for us and Marjorie Mill brought it with her. On behalf of us all I thank Joyce for her generous donation; the painting will find a nice home.

Just recently I met a woman, called Pennie Griffiths, who is a member of the Watson family who purchased Wollgorang from John William Chisholm back in 1914. We spent a very interesting afternoon together and Pennie sent me photos of the property when John Chisholm had it and more recent photos of it. I have put some into the newsletter, plus a story on Henry Edenborough who was the original owner and sold to Chisholm.

You will find plenty of photos to enjoy in this paper and Michael's report on our AGM. Please attend to any fees that are now outstanding and let me have your responses to my questions on the last page.

Regards



Carolyn Chown, Secretary

2017 FEES ARE NOW OVERDUE!

**2017 Fees remain the same:
\$35 single, \$45 double, \$12 child.**

**PLEASE PAY VIA DIRECT DEBIT:
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Stating your name and member number.**

**OR: cheque to Clan Chisholm Soc. Inc,
Penny Miguel, "Nunken" 447 Kaputar Road,
Narrabri, 2390**

"The History of the Edenborough Family. (Extract relating to 'Wollogorang'.)

Henry Edenborough (1812 – 1888)

Henry was born at Bruce Grove, Tottenham on 14th May 1812. He started his career with the East India Company as a midshipman on *LORD LOWTHER* 1827/8: he sailed home from St Helen in *CANNING*; he was midshipman on *ABERCROMBIE ROBINSON* 1829/30 and then 4th mate on *LORD LOWTHER* 1831/225.



The Lord Lowther built in 1825, on charter to the East India Company

No doubt assisted by his father, he became Captain and Master of the "*AUGUSTA JESSIE*" a 380 ton barque which his father owned. The "*AUGUSTA JESSIE*" made several voyages to Australia from England carrying passengers and convicts. On 31st March, 1836 he married Margaret Stedman in St Mary Magdalene Milk Street, London, and she accompanied him on a number of trips to and from Australia. Following his father Samuel's death in 1838, Henry bought the "*AUGUSTA JESSIE*" from the estate for £950.

Through his travels to Australia, he found the opportunities there very attractive: and as we shall see further below, Henry clearly had a significant influence over encouraging his younger brothers (who had not inherited as well as the two eldest brothers) to follow him there. In Australia in the 1830 – 1840s assisted immigration was introduced. To curb the dominance of the squatters and to end the system of free convict labour, the Colonial Government decided to promote the migration of free settlers and limit squatter land leases to 14 years. This was to create a free people consumer economy and improve the moral tone of the colony. The Colonial Government assisted some migrants by paying their fare to Australia and helped to set up farms and businesses alongside the wealthy squatters – who of course were not very happy with such competition.

After looking around various places to settle in New South Wales, Henry eventually purchased land just outside of Goulburn in 1840 and built a considerable home there. The large property (around 640 acres) is known as Wollgorang and is still in existence today although no longer in the family.

About one third of migrants who came to Australia between 1830 and 1850 paid their own way. Convicts and settlers who came to Australia found that in comparison to Europe, conditions were very good and with hard work and determination they could prosper. They encouraged their relatives in England to come to Australia and enjoy the prosperity. Women migrants were also assisted to curb a gender imbalance in the colonies, to work as domestic servants and to foster marriages and childbirth. These migration schemes resulted in 58,000 people coming to Australia between 1815 and 1840. With increasing numbers of free migrants and the desire of Colonial society to be free of the hated 'convict stain', the Colonial Government decided to cease transportation to NSW in 1852. Between 1788 and 1868 approximately 160,000 convicts were sent to Australia.

The 1841 Census for New South Wales records Wollogorang as having 23 people – 4 ticket-of-leave men (i.e. convicts), 5 shepherds (the property was and still is a large sheep station), 8 gardeners and stockmen, 4 domestic servants and Henry & Margaret. On 1 Jul 1840 a pasture license was issued to Edenborough & Gore to “*depasture stock beyond the limits of location*”. And by 1842 Henry had 1200 breeding ewes at Monaro. It is presumed his brother Bishop was in fact looking after the Edenborough interests at Monaro.

In the *Sydney Morning Herald* for 11 Sep 1844, Henry is appointed a Magistrate for the district – he had previously been a Justice of the Peace. The same year he was also appointed a steward of the Goulburn Race Club.

Henry and Margaret had their first child born in Sydney with another 5 children at Wollogorang.

In 1854, aged only 42, Henry (ostensibly to give his children a first class education, but also possibly due to failing health) sold up and returned home to England with their children. Henry died at Chelsham Lodge, Surrey, on 6th February 1855, and Margaret died 26th October, 1869 at 5 Sheffield Gardens, Kensington, London.

Of their five children three returned to Australia.”

WOLLOGORANG

Photographs from Pennie Griffiths' collection.



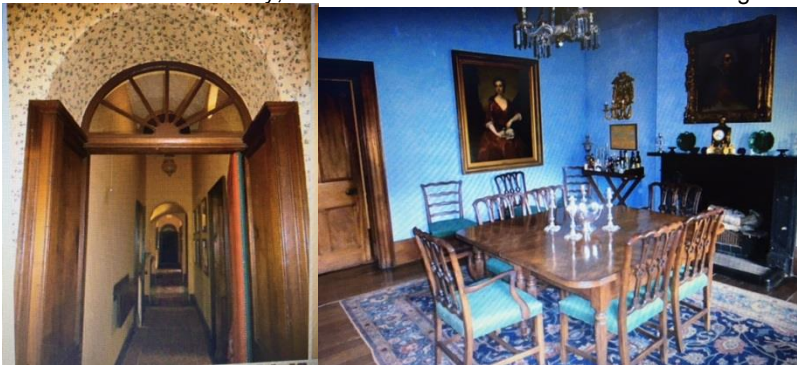
Homestead in early days without the verandah.



Aerial photo of the homestead and buildings taken in early days.



Homestead as it is today, with the verandah restored close to the original



The hallway and the dining room as restored

AGM 2017
IN GOULBURN NSW
Wednesday 22nd March to Sunday 26th March.

2017 CLAN CHISHOLM AGM AND OTHER THINGS

“Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.”

— [Dr. Seuss](#)



Twenty one members of the clan met at Goulburn on 22nd March for the AGM and sightseeing for the next four days. Two things were noteworthy. The first, 'time spent in reconnaissance is seldom wasted', and here we have to thank Tony and Sue Morrison for the outstanding plan they came up with, also to our Secretary, Carolyn Chown for keeping us all informed. The second; the reunion of old friends and the making of new friends. This is very important to the wellbeing of our clan as we take the past into a vibrant future.

We welcomed a Queensland connection; Dorothy Langton and her family Margaret, Marie and Bernadette.

There is a lot to tell from the national out look of the past to the more parochial of how a clan, the Chisholms went about life in their day. The report tries to find a middle road of what we saw and did as we rushed from one place to the next, some traditional Chisholm and some general especially dining.

We started off on the evening of Wednesday 22nd March and had a meal at The Ban Thai restaurant which was a bit hurried as we had to get to the Goulburn Club for the Leider Taffels production of Twelfth

Night. This was enjoyed by all as it was held inside and we felt that we were part of the cast. The acting was of a high order.



'Twelfth Night' with the Leider Theatre Company at The Goulburn Club

Thursday was a big rush and we saw many things and houses of Chisholm interest against the background of Goulburn. Tony aptly called it the Red Bus Tour. This was the start of our bus rides driven by the President, Donald Chisholm and Tony. First up was South Hill with its beautiful view back towards Goulburn with its rustic architecture.



Part of South Hill homestead

Then we went to 'Carrawarra' and amongst other things saw the wonderful relief carving of the brolga and the kookaburra in the sitting room. It is significant to know that the property is part of the Son of God Hospital which deals with mental illness; a former Chisholm estate now serving a public good.



Carrawarra, originally the home of Arthur Bowman Chisholm and family, with a beautifully carved overmantel by Joan Chisholm, Arthur's daughter.



The overmantel carved by Joan Chisholm

Later in the morning to St Clair – a lovely local museum covering Goulburn history and beyond.



St Clair's rose garden.



Donald finds a seat.

Of great interest were the Chisholm family military uniforms beautifully kept and the forerunners to Australian Light Horse uniform.



Chis and Tony with the dress uniforms of Lt. Chisholm of Australian Horse Brigade dated 1897. All these uniforms and artefacts beautifully preserved at St Clair were featured in their Light Horse exhibition in 2015.



Doug and Alistair with the old weapons



Marie, Bernadette, Margaret....



...and Dorothy

(The following article was sent to me by Roger Bayley of the St Clair Museum. I include it here within Michael's report. ...Carolyn)

"The 1st Australian Horse Brigade

© Roger Bayley

Goulburn is home to the oldest Light Horse regiment in Australia.

The story of the First Australian Horse Brigade could have come from the pages of fiction. In a roundabout way, it did.

In 1895 a Cootamundra squatter wrote a best-selling novel called "The Yellow Wave." It told how a rag-tag cavalry of bush stockmen repelled a Chinese invasion of Australia. Kenneth Mackay based his plot partly on personal experience – as a child, he had seen a running battle with mounted bushrangers, and in later life he had served as Captain of a group of volunteer "Light Horse," in an era when every country town boasted a militia who proudly paraded to the beat of a drum and the tune of a brass band. He knew how effective mounted troops could be in rough country.

The book stimulated debate about the need to defend the colony. Fiction turned into fact when the New South Wales Government offered him a

Colonel's commission and asked him to raise the "1st Australian Horse Regiment."

Recruitment first took place at Murrumburrah on 28th August 1897 and then at other towns across the southern tablelands. Headquarters Company and the regimental band were based at Goulburn, because of its central location and good transport links.

The Goulburn Drill Hall was built. The Brigade adopted its motto "For Hearth and Home" from the book. It was emblazoned on the badge that adorns the slouch hat that has since become so familiar.

The handsome myrtle-green uniform was designed by Colonel Mackay's wife, Mabel. She chose black Orpington plumes for the hat. Volunteers had to provide their own horse, and pluck their own rooster.

Uniforms were ordered from Messrs. Hobson and Sons of London at enormous cost, spending the budget for the three years in one go, but the Colonel knew that volunteers would queue for the opportunity to wear such magnificent togs. He was right.

Service was part-time and unpaid, so a glamorous uniform was a great inducement. Volunteers were also attracted by the lure of a dazzling sporting and social life. Shooting competitions, polo, cricket, football and mounted sports were arranged, usually followed by a dance or a ball.

Two stiff-backed English officers were appointed to lick the local lads into a well-disciplined unit. They drilled them so well that, only three hours after taking delivery of uniforms and swords, they paraded flawlessly in front of Major General French. Soon they were in demand for ceremonial parades across the colony, resplendent in gorgeous livery, providing mounted escorts for Governors, Dukes, Princesses and Duchesses. They even paraded at the opening of the first Federal Parliament. It was a grand adventure for the boys from the bush.

The stockmen from Bredbo, Michelago, Goulburn and Bungendore hadn't forgotten how to "rough it". Some said they could shoot a fly off a rabbit's nose while steering a horse through a hollow log at full gallop at midnight. And their horses were even tougher than they were.

These traits saw them serve with distinction in the Boer War, where they earned extravagant praise. They even inspired the admiration of the enemy. One Boer wrote that “the Australians were more formidable opponents and far more dangerous than the British troops.” At Bloemfontein, where they led the charge, Banjo Patterson, war correspondent, recorded;

“The First Australian Horse was given the post of honour, right out in front of the army ... ahead of everybody, the nearest men of all to the enemy. They spread out in good style, their fresh well-filled out horses evoking great praise as they swung along with the true Waler stride.”

When war ended in 1902, the Australian Horse had won great respect, paid for in blood by the highest number of casualties suffered by any Australian unit. It had also replaced the green uniform with the more practical khaki.

Federation of the colonies brought about re-organisation of the military. The First Australian Horse Brigade merged with the NSW Lancers and has gone through several name changes since then, from the 3rd Light Horse, 11th Light Horse, to the 7th Light Horse. During the First World War the 7th served with distinction at Gallipoli, Sinai and Palestine, earning sixteen battle honours and awards.

The colours of the troop hang in the “Soldier’s Chapel”, at St. Saviour’s Cathedral.”





The original uniform, insignia and hat.

After our fascinating exploration of the treasures of St Clair, we had a BBQ lunch at Tony and Sue Morrison's house. And here, thanks to Tony, Sue and Carolyn for their efforts.

The afternoon saw us at 'Cardross' and 'Merrilla'; two significant properties in Chisholm history. At Cardross we were met by Guy Milson. He said his aim in maintaining the homestead was to keep it in line with furnishings and décor when it was built. Indeed it was very pristine.





At Cardross with Guy Milson

'Merrilla' was exciting. Anthony Crichton-Brown and his staff introduced us. That was followed up by Chis Maxwell as he had grown up there. He gave all of us a booklet on the history of the property which was beautifully prepared.



'Merilla'



Afternoon tea and a wander in the gardens

In both homesteads we were allowed to make our own inspections. What stood out in both properties was how well they were maintained. One was the more traditional, the other more contemporary. After a full day of sightseeing we had dinner at the Post House Motel where the majority of the party were staying. 'Phew!' would be a good word to describe the day's activities, it was full.

Dinner at the Post House Motel





Friday was the business end of the trip held at Chisholm Park, Breadalbane - our AGM. The park had previously been donated by Tony and Sue Morrison from their former holding of South Raeburn.



AGM at Chisholm Park

The meeting was presided over by our President Donald Chisholm. Noteworthy were the election of office bearers and there were no changes; an Email to Scotland and on line journal in due course; and a very good presentation by Kerry Chisholm of how the international conferences were conducted over the internet using Email. As regards next year's AGM, it was suggested that Tasmania maybe a suitable venue. We skipped the Boolle Championship and went to the Merino café on a nice sunny afternoon.





In the evening we had a real treat at the Goulburn Brewery hosted by Michael O'Halloran.



In the bar at the Goulburn Brewery; Michael O'Halloran gave us an entertaining tour of the old Brewery, designed by Francie Greenway; and an excellent dinner.

Saturday, on the road again; we went to Canberra, Gundaroo and home again. On the way to Canberra we went via Collector before visiting the National Museum and the Australian War Memorial.



Amanda Campbell gave us a very spirited talk on the achievements of Dame Alice Chisholm's life in the Middle East in WW1. (From this author, military service it is no mean feat for a person to go to the front at age fifty nine and do what she did). We were shown a pencil sketch of her by George Lambert.



Later at the daily Last Post ceremony, President Donald laid a wreath in memory of Lieutenant William Malcolm Chisholm who was the first Australian to lose his life in the Great War while serving with a British regiment. We had a pleasant dinner on the way home at The Grazing in the Royal Hotel, Gundaroo.

Sunday was dispersal day with the trip to the Rocky Hill War Memorial and luncheon at the Paragon cancelled.



Dinner at the Royal Hotel, Gundaroo

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AGM 2018 in Tasmania and your thoughts on the Clan Journal:
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July, 2017.

**Yes, I am planning on joining the Clan for the Tasmanian
AGM week from 14th to 21st March, 2018**

Name/ number of people.....

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Email:.....

**I will need accommodation in a suitable motel that the
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**A proposed itinerary will be sent to you as soon as we have
looked at the possibilities**

Any suggestions?.....

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