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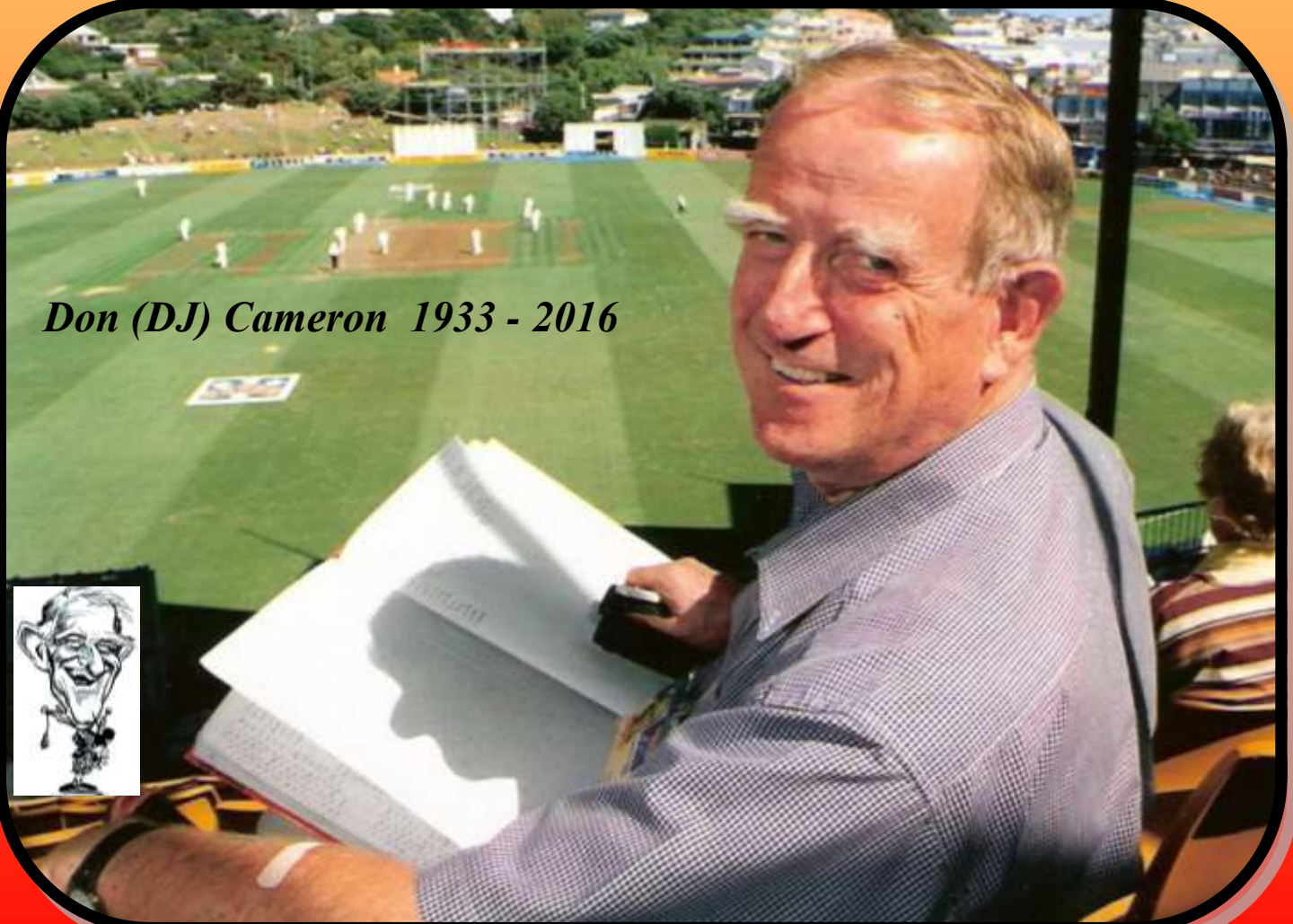


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*The young Haggis
Party Wait for their
cue at the Auckland
Dinner*

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A Message from our Commissioner...

Dear Clansfolk,

On the 30th July Julie and I attended the Clan Cameron Manawatu branch mid winter dinner event held at the Coachman Hotel in Palmerston North, followed by a mid winter dinner event in Parnell organized by the Auckland branch of Clan Cameron the following weekend. We were more than a little impressed with both functions.

The Manawatu branch function was memorable for several reasons. I think for a first time performance of the “Address to the Haggis” Bryan Barber did an outstanding job. No doubt he will be called upon to do this address in the future. John Cameron explained that his attempt to make a haggis nearly failed and they hurriedly secured another – it was delicious. The Palmerston North Mayor Grant Smith gave a very interesting talk about his plans for this area – which I personally found very interesting as I had spent 7 years of my early life living in this area whilst attending Massey University. A big thank you to Russell Cameron and the team for making our visit one to treasure.

Julie and I travelled to Auckland via Porangahau and Taupo where we spent time with my brothers John and Paul and my Uncle John. In Auckland we ferried across to Waiheke Island, a first time for either of us, to spend a night with President Norman and wife Jill Cameron. I was interested to hear of the history of Jill Cameron who was on the early heart transplant team working with Sir Brian Barratt-Boyes. She and others have recently published a book relating to this period of New Zealand's history and we should ask her to give a summary of it in our newsletter. A trip to Te Whau vineyards in Waiheke was a little trip down memory lane for Julie as she discovered that the owner/winemaker Tony Forsyth was a person she had not seen since she was a child. He used to board next door to Julie's father's farm in Darfield while attending school in Christchurch.

The Auckland branch dinner was simply outstanding in every way. Norman and Neil Cameron and team deserve a big pat on the back. Duncan McQueen was a very polished MC and set the scene. Once again Bryan Haggitt (II) performed an even better rendition of the Address to the Haggis than for the previous year – a performance which would be hard to match. The musical entertainment was simply awesome!. We were all royally entertained.

Thank you to Matthew McQueen who is currently working hard to set up a new website for the clan and for the contributions most of the branches are making towards this. No doubt Neil will give us an update of this in the newsletter.

Your executive members are meeting once again returning to their old haunt in Turangi to discuss Clan matters of interest in October. This will occur a week after our band contest trip to Sydney – so it will be a busy time for some of us. Also a reminder for the South Islanders that the Hororata Highland Games is to be held on the 5th November at which we will be hosting a Clan Tent. It is a well attended event and I expect David Cameron to once again exceed in the kilted mile.

Best wishes.

Nick.



**How do you pronounce our
Clan motto?**

“Aonaibh ri Cheile”

[Uhniv ree Hail]



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From Clan Cameron Australia News

2018 Australian Clan Cameron Gathering 20-22 April, Gold Coast



By James L. Cameron, Australia Commissioner

Well yes it is now official. The first national Clan Cameron gathering in Australia will take place from Friday 20 April to Sunday 22 April 2018 on the Gold Coast, Queensland.

Many more details will follow in future newsletters, and work has already begun on a detailed program of activities and events over the three days. While it will be officially an Australian gathering, there is an open invitation for any international Camerons wishing to attend, and indeed we hope many do.

A sub-committee has been formed with representatives so far from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, as well as a separate reference group to actually do much of the organising on the ground. Please do get in touch if you

would like to help to organise the events over the three days – the more hands on deck the better. Personally I would like to see at least 1000 Camerons attend this event in 2018, but even if only half that number attend, it would still be an amazing success to bring so many of our clan together.

Many of us still have strong links with many Camerons we met at the international gathering at Achnacarry in 2009, so clan gatherings are a great opportunity to build those clan bonds.

The Cameron motto is Aonaibh Ri Chéile, and indeed, let us unite in April 2018 !

*By Editor:
The Commonwealth Games
are on from 4 to 15 April
2018 on the Gold Coast -
what a great trip to Oz if you
include the Gathering.*

Scottish Clans Association -Auckland Districts and Clan Campbell Ceilidh

Sunday 9 Oct 2016
Irish Society club, Fowlds Park
New North Road/Rocky Nook Avenue
Auckland

12.00 noon Pipe in Clans
12.15 Haggis Ceremony
12.20 Potluck lunch
1.00 to 3.00 Entertainment

Bring a plate to share Admission - \$5

Bring your Voice/ Fiddle/ Bagpipes or Dynamic Personality
Also if you could provide an entertainment item such as sing, dance, play an instrument, tell a tale, et al, we welcome your participation. If you can, or want further information, please call Malcolm Campbell at (09) 634 - 2219

Clan Cameron New Zealand Website

The website is up and running

www.clancameronnz.co.nz

The site is still being developed and will improve with time.

Your comment is welcome. We would particularly like further input from the branches, using the Auckland page as a guide.

Please send your comment and updates to:

Matthew McQueen. matt-mcq@hotmail.com
CC Tanya.cameron30@gmail.com
CC Neil Cameron kncam@xtra.co.nz

Coming Events:

Sunday 9 October 2016

Kirkin o' the Tartan service

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Turakina. At 2pm.
With Rev. John Peill. Come and celebrate the wearing of the tartan and our Scottish heritage.
Enquiries to Roz Grant tullochgorum@xtra.co.nz
06 327 3655

Saturday 5 November 2016

Hororata Highland Games

The Clan tent will be there. See Canterbury news.
Enquiries to Rae Magson raejohn@xtra.co.nz 03 308 8927

Sunday 6 November 2016

Bay of Plenty Branch Luncheon

Te Puke RSA. 12 noon. See Bay of Plenty news.

Saturday 12 November 2016

Upper Hutt Highland Gathering

Harcourt Park, Akatarawa Rd.

Saturday 19 November 2016

Auckland Highland Games

Three Kings Reserve. From 10.30am. Free entry and a wonderful day for the family. Visit the Cameron tent for a friendly welcome and to learn about our clan.
Enquiries to the editor.

Saturday 10 December 2016

Palmerston North Jenny Mair Square Day

Clan Cameron will be there. See the Manawatu news.

Sunday 1st January 2017

Waipu Highland Games

(Not Monday 2nd as previously advertised)
Events start with a formal march from the street at 9am.
Visit the Cameron tent and give us your support.
Info at www.waipugames.co.nz

Saturday 8 April 2017

Clan Cameron Gathering and AGM.

Masterton.

(See Wellington/Wairarapa News - page 3)

From the Branches....

The views expressed in these reports are those of the writers. Some have been lightly edited.

Auckland by Neil Cameron

As our president Norman is still overseas and as printing date is fast approaching I will write this report. Norman and Jill have visited Lochaber and called on Lochiel and I hope a very interesting description of their travels will appear in the next edition of *Cameron*.

Our annual dinner went off very well with over 100 folk attending. The entertainment was superb and I must thank Rex Garland for arranging the talented cast of Nicholas and Chrystal Jones (violin), Ben Kubiak (piano), Kim Bulluss (soprano) and Michel Tent (pipes). Also a big thank you to Malcolm Campbell for his spirited singing of *The March of the Cameron Men* and *Flower of Scotland* and the Rev. Bryan Haggitt's wonderful *Address to Haggis* - all of which we look forward to each year. We thank also all the committee members who did so much on the night, Duncan McQueen as a masterly Master of Ceremony, Jenny Haggitt and Hillary Hakaraia for running the raffle, Elaine Ebbett and Jill Cameron on the registration desk, Bryan Haggitt (the Elder) and Matthew McQueen, and, of course, our president Norman for welcoming our guests at the door and from the podium.

We were honoured to have Nick, our Commissioner and his wife Julie as our guests. Nick gave an interesting talk on piping. It was great to see the youngsters getting involved in the Haggis Ceremony and we hope they will continue their interest in the traditions of their Scottish heritage. Altogether a very happy evening which was rounded off with a roof-raising *Auld Lang Syne*. Haste ye back -- may we see you again next year.

One person missing from the dinner, the first time for many years because of poor health, was Don Cameron. We were saddened to hear of his death on 7 September.

Don was a former president of Clan Cameron Auckland and took a great interest in all we did - and attended everything. The funeral mass took place in a very full church and was well attended by clansfolk from our own and other clans, and by his many sporting friends and colleagues. At Don's request the service included the 23rd Psalm and concluded with *Highland Cathedral* played on the pipes by Andrew McQueen. Our condolences go to Don's family, especially to daughter Fiona who is well known to us as the former Clan Historian and Genealogist.

The Auckland Highland Games are coming up on 19th November. Please come along and give us your support. As Ruth and I are getting less mobile we are finding that looking after the tent is becoming increasingly difficult, and our faithful helpers over the years are getting older and dropping out. We would welcome some assistance, especially with erecting and taking down the tent. Please let me know if you could help.

Bay of Plenty by Tanya Cameron

The Bay of Plenty Branch is currently organising our annual luncheon in November. We have previously held these at the Tauranga RSA but are hoping that with a change of venue we may get more of the Clan attending by having the dinner in either Mt



Maunganui or Te Puke. I believe some of the Clan have been worried about the traffic in the area around the RSA so if we are in smaller town areas, we hope it will help.

At our committee meeting on Sunday 11th September we discussed our luncheon. We are looking forward to our Luncheon on the 6th of November 2016 at the Citizen RSA Club at 179 Jellicoe Street, Te Puke at 12 Noon.

We have had a couple of our members moving house recently and one resignation so our hope to increase our members is still a work in progress. But we will prevail.

As the incoming branch president, I hope to have some more to report in the near future, but until then, please feel free to send me any feedback you have.

Canterbury by Rae Magson

We are resting on our laurels at the present time, after the very successful Tartan Day luncheon in Ashburton in July. There has been some sickness among members. However we are thinking about our stall at the Hororata Highland Games on 5 November. This is usually a wonderful event and each year it keeps growing. There will be the Clan Alley and we will do our best to see the Camerons are well represented. The haggis we give away is well received. There will be the usual events of highland dancing, solo piping and drumming, pipe bands, tug o war, a fleece to garment challenge and lots of others.



Hawke's Bay by Helen Shaw

Members attended a combined Pipe Band Concert at Lindisfarne College in July with both the City of Hastings Pipe Band and the Manawatu Scottish Pipe Band entertaining us with some very stirring music. The Manawatu Band, who wear the Cameron tartan, were fundraising to attend the Pipe Band Contest in Scotland where they were placed eleventh in the World Championships.

Some members have had ill health over the winter months, but we were indeed fortunate that none of our members were affected by the gastro outbreak which saw 5200 people - a third of the population of Havelock North, stricken.

Our Branch has been in recess over the winter since the Easter Highland Games, but we hope to organise a social get-together in the near future.



Manawatu by Jessie Annabell

The Manawatu branch held a successful midwinter dinner on July 30 again at the Scotty-friendly Hotel Coachman in Palmerston North. We were delighted that New Zealand President, the lovely Nick Cameron, and his equally lovely wife, Julie, came along, as did Rob and Catherine Cameron, Jenny Mair of the Manawatu Scottish society and some members of other clans. Grant Smith (the Mayor of Palmerston North) and his wife Michelle also attended, and Grant eloquently told us about his vision for our city. Scott Orange and Reuben Bisland, junior pipers from Manawatu Scottish, piped in the haggis and later entertained us with some fine piping. Ainsley Watson, a senior piper from Manawatu Scottish #1, introduced them. We could not be more satisfied with the menu and the courtesy and attention of the staff.



There has been some discussion about the need for a midday function in the middle of the year, but after some discussion, the consensus is that the existing pattern, a mid year evening dinner, and a midday potluck lunch at the AGM in February, be retained.

We again remind members that all are welcome at committee meetings. Accordingly, the next committee meeting will be at 28 Aranui Rd, Palmerston North, at 7.30 pm Tuesday 8 November. If you have any queries ask Jessie jannabell@xtra.co.nz.

Upcoming branch events:

Square Day, Saturday 10 December. As usual, help will be required for setting up in the morning and on the food stall between 10am and 2pm. Last year's stall was an overwhelming success. Those of you who can spare an hour or two, please contact Bryan Barber 06 354 5811 or bjbpbbarber@gmail.com.

Manawatu Branch AGM is on Sunday February 26th 2017, again at Mt Lees Reserve.

Iar (Taranaki / Whanganui Area)

By Shona Wallace

Clan Cameron Iar has had a quiet winter mainly due to members being unwell. I guess this is what maturity does to you! I was once told "aged to perfection" is good but we all seem to be breaking down.

Alan Drake our Treasurer has just had about a month in the UK visiting friends, the Tattoo and as the pinnacle of their trip, time visiting Lochiel. We are meeting this week to await reports. We are down to a very small membership and attracting new young members seems impossible. However we will keep on as long as possible.



Wellington/Wairarapa by Rob Cameron

The Annual gathering will be held Saturday 8th April 2017. The Masterton Club is the venue. The Executive meeting will be held first, followed by the AGM, then lunch.

There will be time to visit local places of interest. Currently we are trying to arrange a visit to The Vintage Aviator Fighter Collection at Hood Aerodrome and also the Sports and Vintage Aviation Museum. Shear Discovery and Pukaha Mt Bruce are also worth a visit.

The evening will begin with a get together, followed by a Scottish themed meal and entertainment. We will include a full programme, accommodation options, local places of interest, and an enrolment form in the December newsletter.

Wellington Wairarapa Branch is planning to hold a dinner to thank Jenni Vogel for her years as treasurer of our branch. Also to thank Sonja Cameron for her years as a committee member and stalwart of our Branch.

Our son Ewen married his fiancée Kerryn Thompson in Rarotonga recently.

Gisborne by Mike Topham

Gisborne Branch President, David Cameron was nominated for the 2016 Tairāwhiti Men of the Year Awards which showcases and celebrates positive male role models in the Poverty Bay District. David was



nominated for his contribution to Arts and the Community.

A report in the local paper reads:- "Anyone who knows David Cameron will describe him as an exceptionally talented but humble man." He is a recognised leather carver, painter and ceramist, and tutor in his preferred art form uku (Maori clay ceramics). He has given back to his community over the past 40 years in maintaining the Taonga of his Marae. David spent 12 years painting the Kowhaiwhai in the newly constructed Wharenui Te Poho O Hiraina at the Pakowhai Marae near Gisborne. This work was described as "spectacular" by the Maori King Tuheitia Pahi at the opening ceremony.

David has now been awarded the Arts Access Aotearoa Artistic Achievement Award 2016, for his outstanding achievements and contribution to traditional and contemporary Maori arts.

The awards were hosted by the Hon. Maggie Barry, Minister for Arts, Culture and Heritage, in the Banquet Hall of Parliament.

At the presentation the Judges said "the decoration of the Wharenui has bought huge mana to David and his community. His commitment, passion, achievements and contribution to mahi toi shine like a beacon across Aotearoa, New Zealand."

David is acknowledged nationally as a senior Ceramic Artist and a mentor for emerging ceramists. Art Access Aotearoa receives core funding from Creative New Zealand.

David's Great Grandfather, Donald McPherson Cameron, and family came to New Zealand in 1859. Donald was the eldest son of John Cameron of Corrychoillie.

(See photograph on the back page --Ed)

Vale Derek North 1927-2016

Professor Emeritus Derek North passed away on 14 August 2016. Derek was the husband of the late and much loved Alison (nee Cameron). An overflowing church celebrated his life as a surgeon, husband and father.

Derek and Alison were founding members of the Auckland branch of Clan Cameron, when it was re-established in 1986. Their support and encouragement then and since ensured we had a strong foundation to build on.

Our sympathy and prayers go to the family.

First Light by Bryan Haggitt

In the disappointing absence of any First Lighter heading our way from Scotland, Auckland's Parnell Cricket Club is continuing to keep up its Scottish connections and a further two players will be here for the 2016/17 season to play for the Club.

Henk and Schalk Conradie, 22 year old twins, who recently gained Scottish residency and, therefore, eligibility to represent Scotland are very keen to follow in the footsteps of a number of Scots to play a season here in Auckland for the Parnell CC. They will need to be accommodated and we are seeking help!

Sadly, none are Camerons. Surely there are some young Clansmen/women who would like to come out from Scotland to New Zealand, They don't have to play cricket – we do play a bit of rugby here, too!





Two great Haggis Ceremonies

Above: *The traditional way* - at the Manawatu Dinner
Below: *Involving the young* - at the Auckland Dinner



Photo: Jean McQueen



Photo: Jean McQueen

Kim Bulluss leads the singing at the Auckland Dinner



Photo: Jean McQueen

A happy group of Camerons; Lachlan, Max and Annika



Colin and Joy Cameron with Jenny Mair

- Manawatu Dinner -

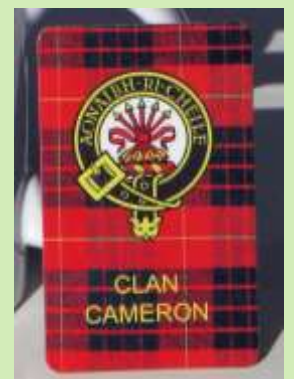


Bryan Barber, Dean Cameron, Ewen Grant, John Cameron



Loch Arianas in Morven. A beautiful loch in a Scottish Wildlife Trust reserve. An empty landscape following the 19th century 'clearances'. Remains of the cleared village of Arianas are nearby. Photo: Bill Cameron

The Bay of Plenty Branch still have a number of Clan Cameron Fridge Magnets for sale at \$2.00 each plus postage. Members can contact Joy Cameron with any orders by email or phone.
camisky@kinect.co.nz
phone 07-575-4659
or mail – 8 Kokomo Key, Papamoa, Tauranga 3118.



The Auckland Dinner.....

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Genetic Genealogy and the Clan Cameron DNA Project - follow up points.



By Joanne Cameron (Manawatu)

There was a big response to my article in the June Clan Newsletter, and a number of people have ordered up kits from Family Tree DNA. We now have representatives from at least 4 of the Cameron Families who lived at Turakina and arrived to NZ onboard the Blenheim in 1840 as well as other Cameron family lines.

Although the Paternal Y DNA testing is the main focus of the Clan Cameron Project I wanted to talk a bit more about the Autosomal DNA (Family Finder) tests which can work very well alongside the Y DNA tests.

Autosomal DNA (atDNA) is a term used in genetic genealogy to describe DNA which is inherited from the autosomal chromosomes. Every person has 46 chromosomes in total, 23 from each parent. 2 of these 46 chromosomes are the sex chromosomes. The other 44 are autosomal chromosomes.

The autosomal chromosomes come in pairs, with one chromosome from each parent in every pair. The 22 pairs are numbered 1 through 22.

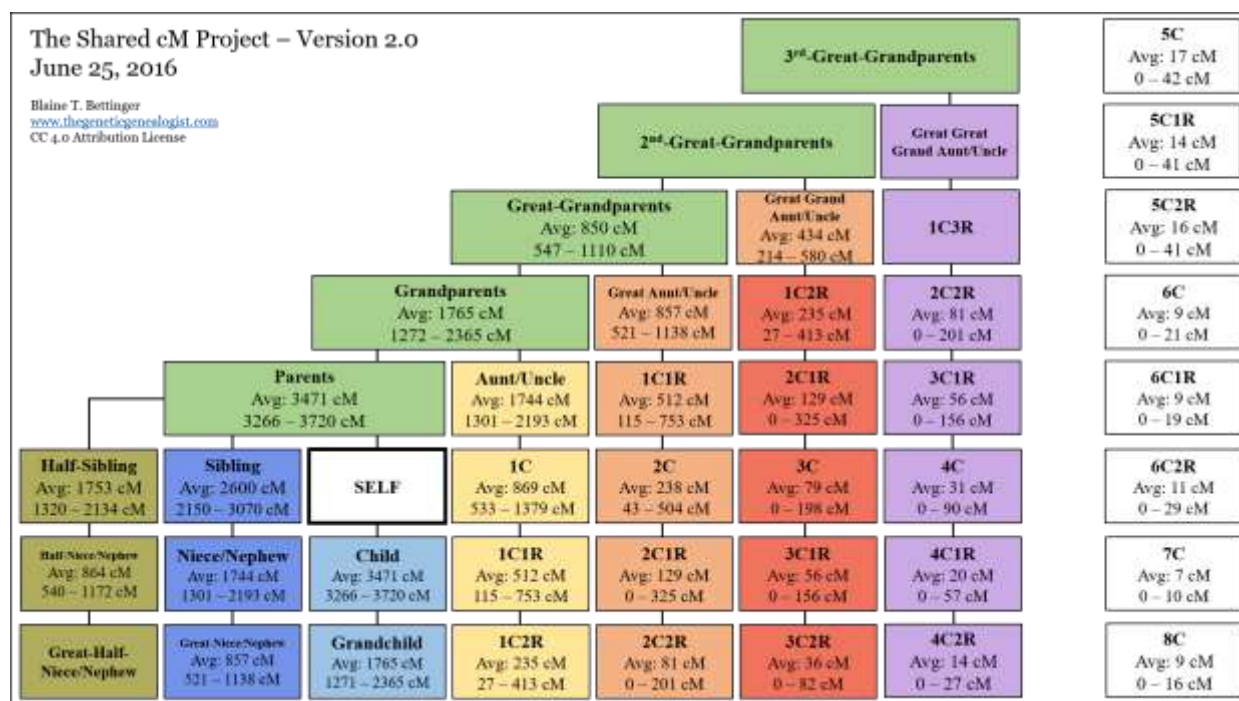
The Family Finder test, nicknamed "Cousin Finder", is for both men and women. This test is designed to find relatives on any of your ancestral lines within the last five generations

or so. It is often a good idea to get the oldest living relative in your family tested as they are closer in generation to the ancestors. The more family you test the better.

Autosomal tests are nowhere near as easy to interpret as Y-chromosome or mt tests, but they are affordable, currently priced at ftdna for \$79 USD + p&p, and are very popular. This test cannot distinguish between matches from your mother's side versus your father's side.

Autosomal DNA is chopped up and shared between families within a fairly small number of generations, so that only close relatives will normally share long stretches of autosomal DNA. But often long stretches of DNA are also preserved down a number of generations from an obscure common ancestor. These long stretches of near-identical DNA are measured in centimorgans (cM). Typical comparison measures include the total length of near-identical segments down to a minimum size of say 5cM, or the length of the largest matching segment. The segments' size is a key factor in determining whether and how closely two people are related

This is a guide used for the comparison of shared cM's: (Example: 2C2R = Second Cousin Two Generations Removed)



The Family Finder test also has a component called myOrigins. This component gives you a breakdown of your ethnic makeup by percent. myOrigins compares your DNA to reference populations around the world that have been tested through scientific research. Your myOrigins results can go back in time much further than your matches. I would like to mention at this point that with DNA testing everything is done online, with the exception of doing the actual test itself.

Once you have ordered the DNA kit, ftdna establish an online account for the user and everything else is done via that account. You can track the progress of the testing, establish a

Family Tree for your matches to view, join up to Name Projects as well as view your results and matches once the testing process is finished.

<https://www.familytreedna.com/>

Once your Family Finder test results are in you will most likely have hundreds of matches, and then your detective work will begin in earnest! Many of your matches you will never be able to find a paper trail back to a shared common ancestor. If you are lucky certain family names will pop out but the reality is a lot of work and collaboration between matches to find the MRCA (Most Recent Common Ancestor).

There will be a point where you may start to see patterns of names emerge which connect on a certain chromosome, particularly if you are part of an extended name project like our Clan Project and/or have had a number of known family members tested. You can then use this data to build a DNA profile of an ancestor.

There are many blogs, websites and webinars out there to help with any of the Genetic Genealogy topics. Here are some that I recommend:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGXMVPJ5TBwcIvvRt3XWpDw>
<https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/dna-basics/>
<http://thegeneticgenealogist.com/>
<https://sites.google.com/site/wheatonsurname/beginners-guide-to-genetic-genealogy>

<https://dna-explained.com/>
<http://www.genealogyjunkie.net/>

And once you have grasped the basics of Autosomal testing and have your test results you can transfer your raw data from ftDNA to <https://www.gedmatch.com/login1.php> GEDmatch provides DNA and genealogical analysis tools for amateur and professional researchers and genealogists. There is another site I highly recommend <http://dnagedcom.com/> which has some phenomenal ADSA (Autosomal DNA Segment Analyser) tools once you grasp the basics and have tested. If you have any questions I can be reached via the Clan Cameron Manawatu facebook page.



Summer at Achnacarry

With thanks to the Braes of Lochaber

The ABC (Achnacarry, Bunarkaig and Clunes) Community and many friends from wider Lochaber got together to help Lochiel and his family celebrate his 70th Birthday. Achnacarry Castle was full of happy chatter and glasses were raised to the toast proposed by son Donald Cameron. The party moved to the hall for a ceilidh and dancing, music by Deirdre Beck and Sileas Sinclair, who responded to every request brilliantly. Lochiel opened the singing, ably assisted by his grandson Alexander Trotter, with his version of 'Donald, Where's your Trousers'.

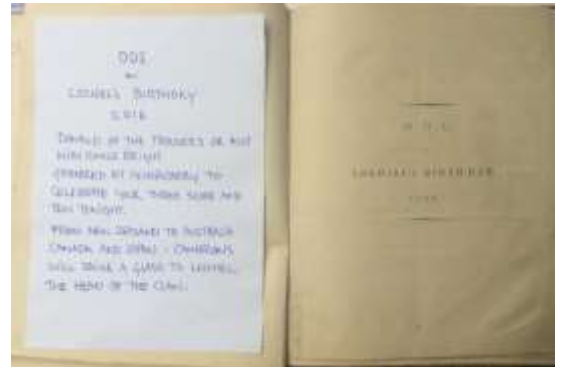
The newest resident is Haskeir, pictured right, a beautiful Highland Stallion who is getting stronger by the day.

A film crew from Great Canal Journeys visited as one of the autumn screenings of the programme will feature the Caledonian Canal. Lochiel spent time with them and talking to Timothy West and Prunella Scales.

The Caig Hydro scheme is fully operational and is officially opened on 24th August. Meanwhile the Archimedes Screw on the river Arkaig is also operational although final works are still ongoing to the weir and landscaping.



On Right: A 1796 book entitled "An Ode to Lochiel on his Birthday" was presented to Lochiel by Bill Cameron. Bill had written his own ode to Lochiel to go with it.



Above: Lochiel with daughters Lucy Maundrell and Emily Cameron and Grandson Alexander Trotter.



Pictures on the wall at Lochiel's 70th Birthday Ceilidh:
 Left: The present Lochiel. Right: Lochiel as a baby with his father and grandfather - all the Chief or future chiefs of Clan Cameron

Dr. Archie Cameron - Part 1

A Highland Gentleman to the end

by Bill Cameron

Dr. Archie Cameron is most notably remembered as being the last man to be executed for supporting the Jacobite cause in 1753. However his early life in Lochaber prior to being involved with the Jacobite Rising of 1745 makes for interesting reading as a father, husband, brother, and most notably as a doctor.

Like many people, I was aware of parts of his life from reading books and having conversations with folk over the years. In fact only last year two new books were published on the life of Dr. Archie. Both of them were launched in Lochaber on the same evening. The first and more substantial title being, Doctor Archie, The life and times of Doctor Archibald Cameron by Mary McGrigor. The other title being, The Last Jacobite Martyr, by Sonia Cameron Jacks.

Both books are well-researched and give an insight in to the life and times of this well regarded highland physician in the period leading up to his untimely death in 1753.

Archie Cameron was the fourth son of John and Isobel Cameron of Lochiel. Born at old Achnacarry House in the same year in which the act of union was signed between Scotland and England.

The first Achnacarry House was by all accounts an imposing and substantial wooden structure situated alongside where the present day Steading buildings are. The only remnant of this House that exists is the lone stone chimneystack close to the Steadings.

Archie's early life would have been very much connected to the land and members of the wider clan that lived upon it. Deer stalking and fishing would have been a necessary and much loved past times on the Achnacarry Estate, which in the early 1700's would have been more extensive than the present day land holding.

Under the old clan system it was commonplace for the sons of the chief to be fostered out during their younger years to other family members, or cadet branches of the clan. In young Archie's case he would spend some time with the Camerons of Glendessary, located beyond the head of Loch

Arkaig, some fourteen or so miles distant from his parents house at Achnacarry.

Glendessary and the adjoining Glen Pean would have supported a good number of families working the land as shepherds and crofters in the early 1700's.

Running through Glendessary recently, I was aware of a number of rectangular stone piles where houses had once stood. There was a family staying up at the house at the far end of Glendessary called A'Chuil up until the 1950's. It is now a mountain bothy.

The present day Glen Dessary is noted for it's large shooting lodge and the wild boar that roam the glen.

Archie was brought up speaking Gaelic and English. His

early years offered the freedom to ride horseback through the glen, learning essential swordsmanship skills and stalking. All of which would have grounded his ideals and set his moral compass for helping others less fortunate than himself with an empathy and understanding for of living in a remote landscape where independence and interdependence ran hand in hand.

After Archie's father went into exile in France after the Jacobite rising of 1715. Young Archie and his brother Euan are believed to have been sent to Stirling to attend St Ninians School, where their fees were covered by Cameron of Glendessary.



A' Chuil bothy, Glen Dessary.



Looking along Glen Dessary.



Looking across to Strathan at the entrance to Glen Pean

A Highland Story

By James and Fay Cameron

Hello Cameron Clan in New Zealand,

We left the UK in 1990 by yacht intending to sail around the world for an undisclosed time; six months, two years..... This voyage was interrupted 12 years later when somewhere offshore from Australia's Barrier Reef Fay got pregnant and 9 months later along came Jamie. By this time we had returned to our most favourite country, New Zealand.

My problems personified when I made the mistake of buying my wife a cow for her birthday and thus began our love affair with Highland Cattle. Being a headstrong Scottish lass born near Stirling and having once climbed The Ben five times in twenty four hours for pleasure this Fold of Highlanders had little choice but to grow and grow it did.

We live on a 300 acre farm north of Auckland farmed exclusively with Highlands and are in the middle of yet another calving season.

We love visitors so maybe we can invite you to a farm day -with food - closer to Christmas.

By the editor - James and Fay are members of Clan Cameron Auckland. We hope to arrange a Clan visit to their farm in the very near future.

It will be something to really look forward to.



The sheltered folds of the Makarau and Rauhori Valleys, high above the Kaipara, north of Auckland, is home to **Clan Cameron Highlands**. Our breeding herd is comprised entirely of Scottish Highlands; an animal that has changed little in a thousand years, an ancient breed that has not been tinkered with or genetically touched.

Like the Cameron's, the Highland cow originated from the damp cold mountainous regions on the West Coast of Scotland. A natural selection process of genetics resulted in a thrifty and hardy breed of cattle, an incredibly efficient utiliser of grass that lives in perfect harmony with nature which is reflected in their docility, longevity and great health



Vale

Donald John Cameron -

20 February 1933 – 7 September 2016

By Bryan Haggitt

Don joined the NZ Herald in 1950 straight from school. First yachting, then assisting TP McLean reporting on rugby and then cricket. He became a master wordsmith – clear, incisive descriptions of games that gave the reader a sense of the drama of the contest and of the atmosphere. Rugby and cricket trips abounded – rugby took him all round NZ, and many trips overseas including France and South Africa. Cricket took Don twice to the Caribbean and, of course, Australia. He had good rapport with players and administrators but would stand his ground if principle demanded – huge respect was gained as a result. Glowing testimonials attesting to Don's contribution to sports journalism have already appeared in the NZ Herald and the Barbarian Rugby Club's newsletter.

Don also contributed greatly to Clan Cameron NZ. A real stalwart – a past President of Auckland Branch, Don greatly valued his Scottish heritage and



**Don - as seen by Malcolm Evans,
a former NZ Herald colleague**

worked very hard to promote the Clan here and to grow it's membership.

Born in Dunedin, Don's schooling was there and, later, at St Bedes, Oamaru, where he gained his interest in sport. His grandfather, John B. Cameron, came out from Lochaber with several brothers including Donald A. Cameron who founded Glenfalloch (now Nokomai) Station in the Nevis Valley of Central Otago. Donald acquired several other large runs and John managed some of them – Closeburn (on Lake Whakatipu) and Fassifern (near Tapanui). WG Rees, a cousin and godfather, of WG Grace was a neighbouring runholder on Lake Whakatipu – a cricketing connection even then!

Don loved his sport – his work wasn't, really, work but, as he entitled his autobiography published in 1998 – "Someone had to do it". Our sincerest condolences go to Valmar, Fiona, Mark and Adam.



*Don and Valmar Cameron
Taken on Don's 80th birthday.*



David Cameron, President of the Gisborne Branch,
Winner of the Arts Access Aotearoa Artistic
Achievement Award 2016. With him is Senior
Maori Artist, Darcy Nicholas.

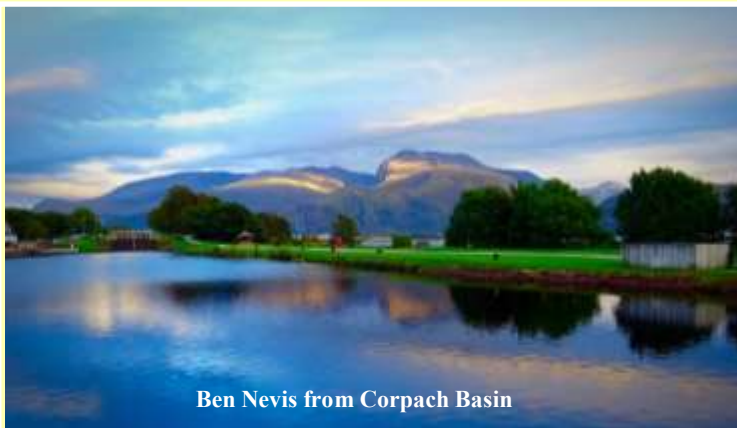


NZ Camerons in Fort William (L) Bill meets John Cameron
(Above) Bill and Florence dine with Norman and Jill Cameron



Auckland Camerons at the Combined Clans Assn Dinner

Some of Bill Cameron's great Photos ...



Ben Nevis from Corpach Basin



Achnacarry at night. Note the midges swarming around the light.



Druimarbin (Little Rod-Deer Ridge) near Loch