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Clan Cameron New Zealand; founded 1935, incorporated 2000

# Cameron

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Photo: Bill Cameron

**Glenfinnan 2011.** above: Clan Cameron and White Cockade members study the inscribed rock at the spot on which Prince Charlie's standard was believed to have been raised on 19 August 1745. Below: The Glenfinnan Monument on the day.



Photo: Tracey Grant



Photo: Bill Cameron

Left: Robert McMillan addresses the haggis at the Manawatu Dinner - see page 3



## The Bay of Plenty Branch Winter Luncheon

*By Denis Cameron*

The date was Sunday 10th of July and from 11am onwards the branch members gathered at the Tauranga RSA buildings [formerly Fahy's] for a great day. We were absolutely delighted when 38 members and friends duly arrived. The success of the day was due to the efforts of two of our committee members; Hazel Cameron and Helen Renner who made phone calls to the branch members who were on the local phone exchange. We were delighted to have some of our members from outside this region turn up. This certainly made this social event a very successful occasion. We thank you both.

We had the Branch pipers – Ray Crafts and Rex Cameron play us some pipe tunes during the day. Two of our members Shirley and John Baillie from Te Aroha came over to entertain us; Shirley on the harp and John on the fiddle. This too was much appreciated and we thank you both for coming all that way.

The luncheon put on by the Tauranga RSA was first-class and thoroughly enjoyed. Prior to the luncheon we had the usual Piping in the Haggis by Rex Cameron; the Haggis was carried by the Past President of the BOP Branch, Fraser Cameron; the Knife and Pin was held by the New Zealand Commissioner of Clan Ross, Mr Paul Anderson; and this was followed by the new President of the BOP Branch; Denis Cameron who was carrying the precious Liquid Amber. The Address to the Haggis was done by Ray Crafts.

Then at about 12.45 pm, we sat down for our winter luncheon ably served by the RSA. Our special thanks to Ray and Janet Crafts for organising the day.

During the day we gave away 3 "spot prizes". The winners were Betty Kearney, Ian Martin and Martin Jordan. Our Treasurer, Joy Cameron then produced the raffle, which had four prizes to give away. And at about 2 pm we had the usual Olde Lang Syne to end a very nice day. Our thanks to all who came along and like me I am sure that you enjoyed this social occasion. .

## Wanganui/ Taranaki

*By Shona Wallace*

Just to let you know that the Taranaki-Wanganui Branch is in resurgence mode.

Mr Don Cameron called an extra-ordinary AGM on Sunday June 19th 2011 and it was resolved that we proceed to re-instate the branch.

The election of officers proceeded with the following elected:

|           |                                 |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| President | Mr Neville Wallace              |
| Secretary | Mrs Shona Wallace (nee Cameron) |
| Treasurer | Mr Don Cameron                  |

Neville brings a lot of experience to the chair having recently been Taranaki Chairman of Federated Farmers Meat and Fibre Section and is current President of Hawera Camera Club. He is a retired farmer still farming a small holding.

## Auckland News *by Don Cameron*

Auckland members of Clan Cameron will be able to get a small Scottish taste of the Rugby World Cup on 1 October. That evening Scotland will be finishing off their B Pool series with a key match against England at Eden Park starting at 8 pm. However members of the Remuera Businessmen's Association are hopeful they will have a good muster of Scottish tourists for a special Gala day in the up-market Auckland suburb.

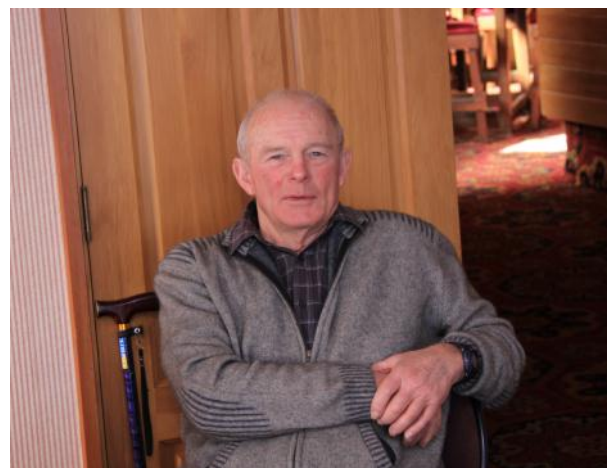
The first event will be a street march through the major Remuera Rd -Victoria Avenue intersection, with as many clan banners as possible on parade. A preliminary notice mentioned a list of no fewer than 21 clans involved -- each one in the parade to be represented by their banner-bearer.

"There will be other Scottish entities participating in the parade and there will be various activities taking place after the parade," states a paramilitary notice.

As photos on the back page show, Clan Cameron's four-member squad was the biggest single clan group at the annual Kirkin' O' the Tartan service at St Andrew's Church. As a novelty the church organisation also arranged a special photographer who produced a series of excellent photos of the occasion.

The Clan Cameron members present were Barbara Cameron, Ian Cameron, Norman Cameron and Donald Cameron.

Soon after this newsletter goes to press the Auckland clan stage their annual dinner at Fairway Lodge in Glenfield. The special guests include Liz and Gary Cameron, who will speak on their founding of the Lochiel vineyard at Mangawhai, and Fraser Cameron, the recently elected president of Clan Cameron New Zealand.



*Neville Wallace, President of the "new" Wanganui/ Taranaki Branch*  
*Photo: Shona Wallace*

Don has returned from living overseas and brings a wealth of financial experience to us.

Shona has spent many years nursing but is now retired. She is currently secretary for the Hawera Camera Club.

We recently met with our National President Mr Fraser Cameron and his wife Elaine and grandson Tristan. They had called into Hawera on their way home from Palmerston North, so we had a good meeting with them.

## Welcome to the following Members who have recently joined us:

Bay of Plenty Branch: James and Lynn Clark Tauranga  
 Canterbury Branch : Garry Clarke Cromwell



## History Corner *by Fiona Cameron*

### Puzzling over Pictures

If a picture does indeed paint a thousand words, then old photos should be easy to identify. All too often however, we must rely on memory. Was that one taken Christmas last year or the year before (or the year before that?) Older photos can pose even greater problems. Someone may have scribbled 'Mum's wedding' on the back, which would be fine if we could work out exactly who 'Mum' was. Even if we do know that it was Auntie Alice's wedding, who is that standing next to Uncle Bill? Ask around, someone in the family may remember or have a copy that is marked with names and dates.

There are a few other tools at our disposal to solve these photo puzzles. In the days where few people owned cameras, many more formal photos were taken by professional photographers in studios and these are often marked with the photographer or studio name. Auckland Libraries hosts an index of photographers who have worked in New Zealand from the 1840s to the present day. This index is searchable by the photographer's name, monogram (usually the studio name) or by location and year. This may help narrow down where and when a photograph was taken.

Auckland Libraries Photographers Database  
<http://tinyurl.com/nzphotographers>

There are other tools to use as well. Clothing (and photo) fashions changed as often in the past as they do now. Looking at other photographs from the period may help work out whether a wedding photo was taken in 1910 or 1930. Are any landmarks or identifiable buildings in the photo? What time of year was the photo taken? Can you work out what make of car that is parked in front of the house?

Matapihi is a collection of New Zealand online databases including many photographic collections from places such as the Alexander Turnbull Library, Otago Museum and Te Papa. Searching just for wedding photos brings up results dating from 1860s.

Matapihi  
[www.matapihi.org.nz](http://www.matapihi.org.nz)

Once you have worked out who, when and where, don't forget to record that information. Writing with a soft pencil on the back will not damage the photo.

National Library – Preserving Photographs  
<http://tinyurl.com/photopreserving>

## Manawatu Branch *by John Cameron*

Again not much has happened at our branch since our last report—a couple of meetings and our very successful branch mid-winter xmas dinner and ceilidh held at the Hokowitu Bowling club on 30 July.

We had guests from far and wide - our new president Fraser and Elaine accompanied by Tristan, Robert and Betty McMillan from Levin, with Robert having the honour of addressing the Haggis. Harry Lampen-Smith's friend Bill Campbell and wife were brave enough to attend a Cameron do, Val and John Grant were the only representatives from the Wanganui branch, also Trish and Mike Topham the only reps from Hawke's Bay. We also had the pleasure of two McFarland Clan gentlemen join us (there names I cannot remember, sorry) - the branch invited all the clans in our area and they were the only ones to reply. They were delighted to be invited and enjoyed the evening.

The entertainment was provided by Tristan speaking on his First Light experiences in Scotland and answering questions, he also later was talked into playing the pipes accompanied by Sheren Cotton. Sheren is the band leader and tutor for the Scottish Society no3 development band and she organized 4 young pipers and 3 drummers to entertain us. One piped the haggis party, the 3 drummers played a drum solo, and the pipers played throughout the evening. They surprised us when two of them, one a youngster, danced the highland fling - great!

These young kids were fantastic and very talented -

Sheren must be proud of her charges. A very enjoyable ceilidh was experienced by the fifty or so members and guests who braved the cold night to attend.

Thanks to Harry, Roz and Ewen, Joy and Colin, Jessie, Diane, Alistair and the committee for their help to make the dinner a very enjoyable night out.

### -and a comment from Trish Topham:

The theme was Christmas - and decorative, large, and very attractive Christmas Crackers were the centre piece decoration on the tables. It was suggested by a Manawatu member that they needed Holly to complete the Christmas theme and Joy Cameron said she had Holly growing in her garden. However, there were no red berries on Joy's holly, so ever resourceful Joy journeyed into the city, procured some bags of red wooden beads with a hole in the centre and she and Colin painstakingly wired the beads to the holly branches. This little exercise took them 4 hours to complete the many branches required to dress the tables. So thank you Joy and Colin for the attention to detail and also to Roz Grant for her scrumptious Haggis and calorie laden Christmas Cake. A group of young Pipers entertained us and a very good night was had by all. Thanks to John and Manawatu members. (If anyone requires the botanical name of the special Holly it is Genus Joybelles Manawatu !)

*A poem by Trish about the above and a picture of the holly will be in the next (Christmas) issue. Editor*

## A message from our President



### To the members of Clan Cameron New Zealand

Neil tells me it is time to report for the newsletter as he has returned to duty. Trust you have enjoyed your holiday well enough to enjoy being editor again.

My visitations to Manawatu and Wanganui branches were very successful as well as enjoyable, our hosts Ewen

and Roz we sincerely thank you both. The evening function at Palmerston North was well attended as well as being most pleasant, to see Maisie with a big smile was something - and for her to have a good chat with Tristan was welcomed by both. To be able to enjoy the words of another successful First Light exchange to Scotland for the founder of the scheme when health is not at its best would have made for an enjoyable evening I am sure.

Tristan did manage to give those in attendance some words of his adventure along with answering the questions from those present, also giving a few notes on the pipes after pressure from the band members. For myself and Elaine it was a very pleasant meeting with those present. John and his Master of Ceremonies Harry did the evening well, and the catering was very successful.

Our short visit to Hawera to meet the members of Wanganui branch at the Club was rewarding to say the least.

As they had assembled at 10.30a.m. they had enjoyed the sunshine till we arrived at 11a.m. then tea, coffee, scones and raspberry jam had to be attended too.

I took time to enlighten members present of the alterations to the constitution for the inclusion of the First Light details, also answered the questions of members with regard to this item. Tristan was able to give them some details of his exchange under the scheme. Among the other items was the history book of Clan Cameron N.Z. with enquiries for same. I left a copy of the minutes as well as agenda for the last Annual General meeting held in Hawkes Bay. Apologies were received from John Grant for the meeting, but thanks are due to Don Cameron, John Grant and Alan Drake for the resulting reformation of the branch.

The new president and secretary as well as the members are very positive about their interest in Clan matters and they were pleased to receive the back copies of the newsletter, with very favourable comments as regards the publication as well as the costs to members. Discussion was also made regarding the e-mail copies being available if desired. I pointed out the adjustment of postage deduction to members otherwise it was a small cost as part of the annual subscription.

The Draft Copy of the Constitution should be available for branches very shortly and be ready for reading at the mid-year council meeting in Turangi on October 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) - usual arrangements. Now members give thought to tea towels, as well as bumper stickers for First Light funding. Members please bring along your proposals as well as the costing.

Yours faithfully, President Fraser L. Cameron

## Tartan Day at Frankton

By Denis Cameron

The Day started very early for us to arrive in time to get to Hamilton for the Tartan Day on 2 July and as we got closer to the city the day became much brighter and eventually the sun shone quite brightly for the rest of the day.

We all gathered on Commerce Street for the Clan March down to Kent Street where we eventually dispersed. We counted only five Clans marching which is a lot lower than usually. Next we had a magnificent luncheon which was much appreciated by all. Prior to the luncheon, the Address to the Haggis that was ably quoted by Alex Calderwood.

After our lunch we went back into the Agora Café hall which was planned as an amphitheatre with seating all around. From there we were entertained with a very well rehearsed re-enactment of a very dramatic and tragic event in our history on 'The MacDonald's of Glen Coe'. This too was narrated by Alex Calderwood with his wonderful Scottish brogue.

The pupils of the Hillcrest High School Drama Group and friends were the main contributors for the play. They were ably supported by the Hamilton Celtic Choir, the Cambridge and District Pipe Band, and the Hamilton Caledonian Society.

It certainly made this historical story very real and was well received by all the clansfolk and others who were there. Our congratulations to all the people who were in the play and thank them for all the hours they must have had to do in practicing their parts.

Afterwards we had our usual ceilidh that showed that Hamilton has plenty of entertainers to call upon and the afternoon just flooded away and we were suddenly saying our farewells to all our friends for another year.

## Canterbury Branch

by Rae Magson

Plans have been made to have a luncheon at the Equestrian Hotel in Hornby, Christchurch on 9 October. We realised we have been rather quiet over winter, so it is time for us to get together.

We have not done any recruiting for the last few months, as we realised Christchurch people have had enough to cope with in this last year, with the earthquakes.

Plans are being made for the Clan Cameron Conference on 27/28/29 April, the Hotel Ashburton being the venue. We have lots of ideas for this, one being a possible visit to a robotic dairy farm.

By Editor:

We hope to be able to print the final part of Tristan's story in the next issue. Please note that this will come out on 1 December and will be an enlarged edition.





*Aonaibh ri Cheile*

## Cameron

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## Coming events

**Saturday 3 September 2011**  
**Auckland Branch Annual Dinner**  
Fairway Lodge, 7 Argus Place, Glenfield. 7pm start.  
Cost \$50  
Not too late if you call us **now**  
Call Bryan Haggitt 09 524 5254  
or Don Cameron 09 520 0716

**Saturday 29 October 2011**  
**Executive Council Meeting**  
RSA Turangi. 10.30am.

**Saturday 19 November 2011**  
**Auckland Highland Games**  
Three King's Reserve. Commencing 10.30am.  
Free entry and a wonderful day for all the family.  
Visit the Cameron tent for a friendly welcome and to learn about our clan.  
Enquiries to Don Cameron 09 520 0716

**Monday 2 January 2012**  
**141st Waipu Highland Games**  
Note that as New Year's Day falls on a Sunday the games are on the following day.  
Come and visit the Cameron tent and give us your support.

### Useful Websites

**Clan Cameron New Zealand website**  
<http://www.camclan.orconhosting.net.nz>

**Clan Cameron Online**  
<http://www.clan-cameron.org>

**Achnacarry Sporting and Country Pursuits**  
<http://www.achnacarrycountry.co.uk/>

**Clan Cameron Scotland**  
<http://www.clancameron.org.uk>

**Clan Cameron Australia**  
<http://www.clan-cameron.org.au>

**Scottish Clans Association Auckland District**  
<http://www.scottishclans.co.nz>

**Ordnance Survey site listing Gaelic place names and meanings**  
<http://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/oswebsite/freefun/didyouknow/placenames/gaelicglossary-a-b.html>

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## Cameron Gallery Tsarskoye Selo Palace St. Petersburg

*By Neil Cameron*



*Photo: Editor. Text thanks to Wikipedia*

During our recent visit to St. Petersburg, Ruth and I visited the Tsarskoye Palace, also known as Catherine's Palace.

We were intrigued to see, in the grounds, a building described as the 'Cameron Gallery'. The photograph does not do it justice, as it was taken in light rain.

Who was this Cameron and what was his connection to the Gallery?

Charles Cameron was an architect who became a specialist in Roman baths. He claimed descent from Cameron of Lochiel, but was in fact born in London where his father was a carpenter.

Cameron was invited by Catherine the Great to Tsarskoye in 1779 and worked as a designer there for 15 years. He built a Roman bath-house next to the palace and later the adjacent gallery. This colonnaded two storied gallery became Catherine's favourite promenade. It is flanked by a formal garden on one side and an English landscape park on the other.

Many of the craftsmen employed at the palace were recruited by Cameron from Scotland.

## Message from Donald Andrew

I wanted to alert you to a new commercial venture begun by Alec Macdonald who has been the resident deerstalker at Achnacarry for over 30 years. Some of you may have met Alec at previous Clan Gatherings (he has always run the clay pigeon event). Alec is the fourth generation of his family to have been stalkers on the Lochiel Estate and is extremely knowledgeable not only about the wildlife and hills of the estate, but also its culture and history. His wife, Catherine, is a Cameron of Glen Nevis by birth, and she has lived at Achnacarry in the past. She is a talented musician (and music teacher) who has played at some clan ceilidhs and clan church services.

This year Alec (and Simon Laird, a stalking tenant who has a holiday home on the estate) have set up a business called "Achnacarry Sporting and Country Pursuits". Its aim is to take wildlife tours, fishing tours, and sporting ventures around Lochiel Estate as well as let deerstalking and shooting parties. The Lochiel family are not financially involved in this project or do any management, but I am chairman of the company which runs it, and it very much has our blessing....in essence, we have "outsourced" the sporting enterprise on the estate to Alec's company.

I happen to think it would be a perfect service for any Camerons visiting Lochaber, enabling them to take advantage of Alec's expertise and knowledge, giving people the chance to take in some of the estate and its hills and wildlife, in whatever way they like. Alec has use of "argocats" and other all-terrain vehicles which will make parts of the estate accessible to people of varying levels of ability, etc.

The website is: [www.achnacarrycountry.co.uk/](http://www.achnacarrycountry.co.uk/) and Alec's email is: [info@achnacarrycountry.co.uk](mailto:info@achnacarrycountry.co.uk) I am sure he would be happy to give you further information.

*Donald Andrew*



*Photo: Bill Cameron*

The memorial marking the grave of the 26th Chief, Colonel Donald Hamish Cameron of Lochiel, in the graveyard at Achnacarry. When I attended his funeral, over 7 years ago, I remember this as a lovely peaceful place, overlooking the loch and surrounded by trees.

*Editor*



# The Secret Portrait

*By Bill Cameron (Lochaber)*

Two hundred and sixty six years ago, Prince Charles Edward Stuart stood upon an elevated knoll above the dark and ominous waters of Loch Shiel, hoping to change the course of British history when he raised the Jacobite Standard at Glenfinnan. It was to be a cause during which many would lose their lives in the pursuit of restoring the Stuarts to the British throne.

Bonnie Prince Charlie's ill-fated campaign throughout Scotland has been much analysed by scholars, from his first landing in the Western Isles; as were the various caves in which he is alleged to have taken shelter in after his defeat at Culloden, and to his final departure disguised as an Irish maid (Betty Burke) - evading capture and denying his captors the thirty thousand pound reward on his head for those treacherous enough to give away his whereabouts.

Within the many historical accounts written about the Prince, it is clear that if the Gentle Lochiel had not been persuaded by him to back the Stuart cause and offer the support of his clan, then the '45 would probably not have taken place.

Showing allegiance to the Jacobite cause would have taken a variety of forms, from the direct bonds of kinship in following the rallying call of the clan chief into battle, to the discreet carrying of small items that had a connection to the Prince; such as enamel portraits of the him, locks of his hair, or fragments of his kilt.

Within the West Highland Museum in Fort William, there are many articles associated with Prince Charlie and the Jacobite cause. In many respects the museum was founded around the central idea of having a permanent home for such Jacobite artefacts.

A major Jacobite Exhibition in 1925 would see the museum acquire more objects from various individuals into its permanent collection and it eventually moved into the present day site in Cameron square.

When Her Majesty the Queen visited Fort William in 1991, a year after its tercentenary, she called in to the West Highland Museum and was shown the Jacobite collection by the then curator, Fiona Marwick. Guiding the Queen round the show cased objects that are said to have a strong connection with the Prince. Her Majesty was intrigued! When Fiona told her "This, Ma'am is a lock of Bonnie Prince Charlie's hair, and that is a piece of the tartan that he wore at Culloden".

The Queen responded to the curator with a very perceptive and unusually humorous take on what she had just been told, saying - "My dear, if all the locks of Bonnie Prince Charlie's hair and every piece of his tartan that I have been shown on my travels were authentic, then the Prince would have been bald and bare by the time he was exiled in France".

Amongst the many exhibits in the Jacobite Collection, by far the most unusual and intriguing is The Secret Portrait of Bonnie Prince Charlie. Found in a London market stall in the early 1920s by the Museum founder, Victor Hodgson. The Secret Portrait is made up of two parts. One consists of a 30cm square wooden panel, upon which crescent moon-like daubings of coloured

paint circulate round its centre, giving the first-glance appearance of a well used artist's palette.

And here in lies the secret, for when the second part of the unique portrait is added - everything becomes clear. A 20 cm high wooden column with a central element of polished metal reveals the apparent distortion below on its surface, showing the handsome image of Bonnie Prince Charlie.

The artist and date of the portrait remain a mystery. However, this anamorphic style of painting has been used by a number of well-known artists, most notably in Hans Holbein's 'The Ambassadors', in which he employs a similar technique to distort, then - reveal from looking at it at a certain angle, a human skull in front of two central figures.

The portrait of the Prince, along with many other small objects collected by Jacobite sympathisers would have to have been kept well hidden from public view, in case government forces found out that they were supporting the Stuart cause.

It was for this reason that when the Jacobite supporters raised a toast to the Prince, they also ran the risk of being caught, by the Redcoats, while in possession of an outlawed item of Jacobite propaganda. However, on removing the column from the board, the distorted image became nothing more than intangible streaks of paint, thus keeping the portrait - and their allegiance to the Prince - a secret.

On the closest Saturday to the 19th of August each year, the Glenfinnan Gathering takes place to commemorate the 1745 raising of the Standard alongside the Glenfinnan monument.

It is from this location that a colourful procession takes place from the monument to the games field, raising a flag to remember the Jacobite Rising and to officially declare the Gathering open.

Shortly after this year's opening, a small group of Camerons moved away from the crowded field and walked up to what is quietly believed to be the real spot on which the Standard was raised. On a mostly moss-covered rock overlooking Loch Shiel, a number of Latin inscriptions record the significant day in 1745 when the Prince stood alongside many clansmen in the hope of changing the course of history. He did, but not as he would have wished. More than two and a half centuries later, a group of Camerons once again gathered on this spot - no doubt thinking of the past - and raised their glasses in a toast to the Prince.



*Photo: Bill Cameron*





# Aonaibh ri Cheile

'Cameron' September 2011

## The Back Page

Camerons meet in Palmerston North,  
Hawera and Auckland



Photo: Tracey Grant



Photo: Tracey Grant



At the Manawatu Dinner: Tristan, the latest First Lighter, meets Maisie Earle, founder of the scheme. Fraser and Dick Earle look on.

Photo: Neville Wallace



Alan Drake and Shona Wallace—Wanganui Taranaki Branch

Photo: Ewen Grant



Tristan, Elaine, John, Brent La Quesne and Fraser at Palm Nth

Photo: Neville Wallace



Tristan, Vic and Nancy Minnell

Photo: Neville Wallace



Don Cameron with Fraser and Elaine

Photo: Neville Wallace



Shona & Neville Wallace & Don Cameron

Kirkin' O' the Tartan  
St Andrews Auckland

Photos: Timotius Widjaja



Camerons All: Norman,  
Barbara, Ian & Don

