



# Clan Chisholm Society NZ



## Newsletter #58 Winter 2014



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##### Greetings to the Clan:

Our winter newsletter is finally published, and even better news, winter is almost over. This covers events at the annual gathering, plus recent news from around the clan. The AGM featured four presentations, 2 of which were prepared by Audrey, to honour the two Chisholms recently awarded NZ Order of merit. Retired Judge Lester Chisholm was present at the AGM, and Audrey's first presentation covered his family. Her second presentation was for retired NZSO cellist Allan Sedman Chisholm; unfortunately time constraints prevented it from being delivered, and so it is printed in edited form in this newsletter on pages 4-7

Raylene Lewthwaite's presentation was on her recent visit to Strathglass, and it included the

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wonderful anecdote of seeing a couple of locals doing a paint job on a park bench. So she asked them for some directions. Turns out the "painters" were the President of the UK Branch of Clan Chisholm Society, assisted by his wife, the President of the International Clan Chisholm Society. So Raylene and Reg Lewthwaite scored the jackpot, a guided tour of the clan lands by none other than Ben and Juliette Chisholm -Bloomfield. The other presentation was made by me, and it concerned another honour bestowed on a Chisholm, in this case on the co-founder of Clan Chisholm Society, the late Mairi Lambert Gooden-Chisholm. OLI, MM, OStJ, OEB. A life sized bronze statue of Mairi and her colleague Elsie, known in Flanders as the Madonna's of Pervijse, will be unveiled next month to mark the 100 year commemoration of the establishment of their First Aid Post on the Western Front. More of this in the Spring issue. Until then!



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### From the President

Dear Chisholm people

We had a very satisfying Annual Gathering in Wellington - with all credit to the local organisers. Ashley Chisholm, and others, sent flyers out to everyone in the region who might come, which helped to bring in a goodly number of people, and they made local arrangements, including setting up the seating and tables, and the PowerPoint, which was used for Raylene Lewthwaite's talk. Anne O'Regan managed the catering, with help from her daughter Nikki, and also, no doubt, others. All this went quite smoothly. Still, we should have brought a bottle of whisky from Palmerston North, to toast the haggis, and, not being familiar with local liquor stores, had a bit of a drive-around to find one. The haggis itself was splendid, and well worth toasting.

In honour of its being the twentieth anniversary of the foundation gathering of the Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand, aka the New Zealand Branch of the international Clan Chisholm Society, it was fitting that that it was held in the original venue, the Connolly Hall, and that we engaged a bagpiper, from the City of Wellington Pipe Band, who did us proud. It was very good, too, that quite a few members who had been at that gathering were able to be there, including, among others, Brian Chisholm, the oldest person present, and Fay and Michael Chisholm, come down from Gisborne. Douglas in New Plymouth sent his apologies. The furthest-afield person present was Dick Chisholm from Rawene.

More recently, I and my wife Doreen were invited to an annual dinner, held in the Coachman Hotel in Palmerston North, of the Clan Cameron Association. One of its members gave an interesting and well-illustrated talk about his investigations into the life of his ancestor, "Big John Cameron," and the various places, southwest of Fort William, where he and his family had lived and farmed before coming out to New Zealand, and settling near Turakina. Someone also told several jokes, such as:

Two men were playing golf, and saw two women ahead of them, who were moving along more slowly. So one of the men said he would go and ask if they could play on through. However he got just so far, and then came back to his friend and said, "Um, this is a bit awkward. They're my wife and my mistress." So the other man went off towards the women, but also turned back, and said, "Gosh! What a coincidence!"

### CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND

Dear Reader

I hope you enjoy reading the Clan Chisholm (NZ) newsletters.

If you would like to help us to continue our work in promoting research into clan families and clan matters generally, please consider joining the society. Society members may also access the Clan Chisholm Forum, the International Database, and the Clan Chisholm Society website. The \$15.00 per year subscription represents great value, just the price of 3 or 4 cups of coffee to show your commitment to Clanship. You can pay by cheque to the address below:



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Our Page 3 glamour model is from the winterless north, Dick Chisholm of Rawene

### HOKIANGA'S GOOD SORT

Clan Chisholm NZ member Dick Chisholm has been thanked for his community contributions over many years. At the Kaikohe/Hokianga Community Board meeting on 7 March, he was presented with a certificate of appreciation by the Board Chairman, John Schollum.

Portions of letters of support were read from those in the community who have benefited from, or have been aware of, the help that Dick has given to so many. Many people attended and helped to supply morning tea.

One of the local people who appreciated Dick's efforts was Carol Fife. She wrote in the community newsletter: "His caring nature has not gone unnoticed and it was most fitting that Dick be presented with the certificate. No one could deny that Dick is a special person who would do anything for anyone in need."

Dick was delighted to find that his son and daughter and their families were present. His daughter Tracey Lyn Chisholm thanked those who nominated Dick for the Good Citizen Award, keeping it a secret and making it a wonderful surprise. She wrote:

"Thank you all so very much, kia kaha - take the kindness and pass it on, let's 'infect' the world one happy person at a time."



Sources: *Rawene Community Newsletter* 13 March 2014, page 1

*Northern News*, March 12, 2014, page 6

Photograph: Community board chairman John Schollum presents a Good Citizen Award to Richard (Dick) Chisholm

## CHISHOLM TALK, 2014 AGM by Audrey Barney



CUIMHNICHAIBH AIR NA DAOINE. (Gaelic: "Forget not the people from where you have come.")

So wrote John Ross, ten years ago, in the foreword to my book on my Chisholm family, and continued: "As individuals, living in Aotearoa New Zealand, in 2004, grasping our own identities requires of us this recognition of our personal family histories. . . . Not forgetting requires, also, celebrating the enterprise of our forbears who came out to this country as pioneers."

And so, today, at the 2014 Gathering, we honour two New Zealand Chisholms, Lester Hugh Chisholm, who was made a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit, and Allan Sedman Chisholm, who in the same Honours list became a Member of the NZ Order of Merit. We honour and "celebrate their enterprise" and "forget not" the pioneering families in Fortrose and Nelson from "where they have come."

Allan Sedman Chisholm is the second man whose family links we honour today. He has received this recognition, MNZOM, for his leadership within the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, and services to music, over 38 years. Unfortunately he cannot be here today, but I will be sending him this booklet about his family that have gone before.

Allan's family were in New Zealand for almost twenty years before Lester's great-grandfather Hugh arrived. Duncan Chisholm, Allan's great-great-grandfather, arrived in Auckland in 1858 as a mature married man of 41, with a family of seven, aged from a toddler to his eldest son, William Sedman, 15. When he, and his wife, Elizabeth, had left London, Elizabeth was pregnant, and was to have three more children in Auckland.

Lester's great-great-grandfather, Hugh's father, Donald, who joined his two sons in Fortrose in 1883, was, also, like Duncan, thought to have been born in 1817, and was of the same generation as Allan's great-great grandfather, Duncan. So both men we are honouring today are 4th generation, born in New Zealand. But more than that, they are both descended from Invernesshire men, born within 10 miles of each other. Still, they don't share the same path DNA-wise, with Allan being of Viking stock (I1a) and Lester, Celtic.

Duncan was not a young single man starting out on life, like Hugh, when he arrived, but a married man in his forties, with a wife and large family, and had many years' experience in his trade in London, as a baker and confectioner - just like his father, his elder brother, and his mother's father in Inverness. As well, he had the money to pay for his family group to come here from London, where he had married. Like many other Scots he was making a two-step migration, firstly south from the Highlands to London, and then twenty years later to New Zealand.

Why did Duncan and Elizabeth take this second step and bring their large family from London to New Zealand? Their NZ descendants have not remembered why, yet it is generally felt that the major reason was the ability to buy land, so as to give their growing family a better chance to succeed in life. The ability to buy land was very important to Highlanders, as at that time this was not possible for them in Scotland.

Migration to New Zealand in the 1840s hadn't progressed as fast as predicted. So there began in the 1850s a big push in the British Isles to publicise the benefits of moving to New Zealand and particularly to Auckland. This was driven by a large amount of advertising, and lectures in churches and public halls, stressing the ability to buy land at a very discounted price, to encourage married men with families to migrate. The carrot in Auckland was that, if they paid their own fares, they could apply for a land grant, and on arrival they could obtain forty acres for every person over 18, as well as twenty acres for all children over five. Auckland also offered Special Settlement schemes in areas like Puhoi and Waipu, and a Military Settlers scheme for retired soldiers brought in to protect Auckland during the Land Wars. Statistics show that from 1858 to 1862, as a result of these schemes, over 15,000 new settlers arrived in Auckland - 40% of the migration to the whole of New Zealand. Duncan and Elizabeth were part of it. As Elizabeth's father Thomas Sedman had been a sea captain, they would have been well and truly aware of the hazards of long distance sailing in the 1850s, and how difficult it would be for a pregnant Elizabeth. Louisa, born not long after their arrival, did not survive.

We know, from a document seen in Auckland City Library, that Duncan didn't apply for a grant for land till

## Chisholm Talk AGM (cont)

after he arrived, in Auckland, where he made a formal application on behalf of himself and eight others, from a Union St. address. This claim was heard in the Auckland Courts in February 1863, but we have no verification that it was granted as National Archives have a gap in their records for this period.

By this time, Duncan and Elizabeth, with six boys, the eldest twenty, must have known Auck-land was not the place they wanted long term, for their family, as four months after his land grant claim was heard in the Sheriff's Office, in July 1863, the whole family were off to Nelson, in saloon class on the *Airedale*, a coastal boat, which called in at New Plymouth. Again, the current family don't know why they made this move, but suspect the racial tensions and land wars nearby were largely responsible, or maybe it turned out they were only eligible for land in rather remote areas, which didn't appeal to their sons as a way of earning their livings. Nelson, with gold and coal newly discovered on the West Coast, and a settled, mainly non-Maori community, seemed to offer better possibilities for the sort of life they wanted for their family.

In 1860, two years after his arrival, Duncan had been recognised as "a British Subject of good character," and was signed up for jury service in Auckland, already showing his interest and concern for his new community. As well, even in his Auckland days, he was eligible to vote in the general elections, and from then on he was registered to vote in Nelson in all elections till he died. In Auckland, lists remain of Duncan donating to the upkeep of the voluntary Fire Brigade and signing a petition requesting a prohibition on the import of meat, to enable Auckland folk to once again receive a good supply of meat. In Nelson, he was interested enough in the local elections in 1878 to nominate a candidate for mayor. Certainly not a man disinterested in the welfare of his community

Duncan was to live on for twenty-four years in Nelson, and although we have no personal memorabilia or anecdotes, as we have for Lester's family, we do know from research and old newspaper articles we've read that most of Duncan's values were Scottish and similar to those of Hugh in Fortrose. One wonderful record is in the possession of the Nelson Museum. The Tyree Photographic Collection there has 91 photos of the Chisholm family, and while undoubtedly copies of some of these studio photos would have gone back to the family in the UK, they certainly help his descendants to have a visual link to remember their family background. So does a birthday book, kept by one of Duncan's grandchildren, covering three generations, indicating most of the family kept in touch.

The family finally settled in a beautiful home in Bridge Street, which was valued in the 1882 Freeholders index at £935. The three sons who had married by the time of the 1882 index also had quite expensive homes for newly weds, with two of them valued at over £500 and one at £350.

Duncan was a very successful businessman, with a baker's and confectionery business in Bridge Street, which would be carried on for another twenty years after he died. On his retirement, two of his sons, Burlinson, the businessman, and Thomas, the baker, expanded the business into a firm called Chisholm & Sons. Advertisements in newspapers of the day show us that the bakery had a roaring trade, not only in Nelson, but also through the West Coast towns to the gold and coalfield settlements. Other sons of Duncan spent some time working for the firm, but William Sedman, who became a house-painter and sign-writer, was the only one who remained living in Nelson. Alexander from a young age was a painter of carriages, Duncan jnr. a chemist, and Walter, after working as a draper for many years, finished his career as an accountant. Tom the baker, who bought Burlinson out of the shop in 1906, soon sold the business, and ended his life a farmer, just south of Auckland. It doesn't look as if Allan's talent in music was present in this first New Zealand generation.

Education was encouraged by Duncan and Elizabeth, with younger sons winning prizes in both the public primary school and the Presbyterian Sunday School in Nelson from 1865 on. But although secondary schooling was available to the family close to home at prestigious Nelson College, four sons who could have benefited did not attend it. Not even Duncan, the chemist, had any secondary schooling. But grandsons, great-grandsons and great-great- grandsons have benefited from a Nelson College education, many as boarders.

later being very innovative in his approach to secondary education for all, and was held in high esteem by staff, students, and their parents, of the two secondary schools he led. As well he was very much involved in school cadets, and in the Army, where he was mentioned in despatches twice, in World War I. In World War II, he led the National Reserve of the Otago Regiment as a Lieutenant Colonel before becoming the aide-de-camp to the Governor General.

Burlinson Sedman's grand-daughter Barbara Chisholm, after a private education plus a bachelor's degree from Canterbury University, not only went on to hold down the position of headmistress of the Sydney Church of England Girls' Grammar School for thirty years, but would be awarded an MBE for her services to Education in 1972 by the Australian government, followed by an OBE in 1977 in the same category. "Staff and students remember an energetic and determined woman who was practical and fair and with a sharp sense of humour," said one obituary.

Looking back on records, it seems as if keeping alive this family's cultural background and values was important to Duncan, with his holding a directorship in the Caledonian Society in Nelson all through the 1870s. At least one of his sons won prizes at the Caledonian Games held yearly, but there is no mention of any of them being involved in the music at the games - as a drummer or bagpipe player.

Elizabeth's family background was also recognised as important to these pioneer Chisholms, with, over the last 120 years, twelve of her male descendants carrying her Sedman name. She must have been quite a woman for her family name to be remembered so long. As of now, nothing personal has been told of her traits or stories about her. We have just seen photos, and know of her many children.

Some members of Duncan's extended family have been recognised for their services to medicine. In all I have counted eight in this family, over four generations, who have given service to their country and community in the field of medicine, all descended from two of Duncan and Elizabeth's sons, William Sedman, the house-painter, and Burlinson Sedman, the businessman.

It all started with Percy, one of Burlinson Sedman's sons, and the second grandson of Duncan's to attend Nelson College. At the time he matriculated, after five years attendance, it had become quite a common practice, for parents who could afford it, to send their sons "home" to Scotland for medical training, rather than having them train locally at the new Medical School in Dunedin - a place known to them was better than the new and untried. For most, links to the homeland had been gradually fading, hence many parents of Scottish ancestry felt it was also a plus for their sons to be able to renew links to family and homeland. Percy Chisholm's parents were able to afford to send him - so he went.

For a long time, I couldn't find how Percy had achieved the ability to put Dr. in front of his name, but eventually, through a Chisholm contact at Strathclyde University in Glasgow, I found he had joined a scheme for overseas students at the Royal Hospitals at Edinburgh and Glasgow, where he worked to qualify, and did courses extramurally. After graduating he followed it up with a post-graduate Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians, as well as the equivalent qualification from the Royal College of Surgeons. There won't be many here today who won't know of Percy's subsequent career as the first Superintendent of the Hanmer Military Hospital post-World War I. In 1919 he also became the first of Duncan's extended family to be honoured, by being awarded an MBE for his services to mentally disturbed or shell-shocked WW1 soldiers.

Percy's nephew Geoffrey Duncan, a grandson of Burlinson Sedman, followed a similar path, but for a different reason. Geoffrey's father, Percy's brother Sedman Arthur, ended up in London after WW2, looking after NZ's meat trade, when Geoffrey was still at school, so he finished school in England before going on to St. Andrews to study medicine. His subsequent medical career was outstanding, with numerous awards, fellowships and directorships, and a worldwide reputation, for his innovative work in aspects of transplantations. In one obituary I hold, his name had 10 sets of letters after it. The only non-academic one was a CBE awarded in Britain in 1992, not long before he died at the young age of 62. His elder son, Andrew, has followed a more scientific path, last heard of as being a Professor in Cell Biology in the Division of Biological Sciences at the University of San Diego. Andrew's cousin Bruce Duncan is a radiologist in Tauranga, and Bruce's daughter Stephanie is currently at Auckland Medical School, making generation 4 of this side of Duncan's family in the medical profession. How proud Duncan would be of the services given to their communities by these descendants.

The descendants of Duncan's oldest son, William Sedman, also have had careers in the medical field. His son Dudley Sedman, whom I mentioned earlier, was Principal of Kings High School in Dunedin when his two sons were teenagers. Perhaps it was being in Dunedin that led his two sons, Douglas and Bill, into medicine, or maybe it was knowledge of their father's cousin Percy's work at Hanmer, or maybe just their natural interest. Douglas's son Richard James is also a medical specialist - a radiologist, like his second, or is it third, cousin Bruce Duncan in Tauranga!

But we are, today, honouring Allan Sedman, Douglas and Eileen's son, who was honoured this year for his long commitment and leadership in the field of orchestral music. As mentioned earlier, no previous signs of outstanding musical ability in their family have been mentioned in any Chisholm research I have seen written about these Chisholms from Nelson.

With the death of Jocelyn Chisholm of Eastbourne, a major contact about the family history of the Nelson Chisholms had ended for me. In my effort to research further, however, I made contact with Gary Sedman Chisholm, another member of what is now this large extended family, stretching over six generations. He told me of a girl with the surname Chisholm he had flatted with at Otago University years ago, who was some sort of relative of his - her father was a doctor in Oamaru, and he remembered her as a good violinist in Varsity days. I was able to trace Margaret, knowing she was a daughter of Dr. Bill Chisholm, Allan's uncle, and her comment was, "Both Douglas' s and our family were very involved with music. Violins, violas and pianos were the instruments of choice."

So I realised that these two doctor brothers, Douglas and Bill, must have both come from a family who had enjoyed music! It obviously had become an important part of both their family's lives when they married and had children. Maybe it was a maternal trait. From Allan's mother, Eileen, who I had now written to, I found that both her husband, Douglas, and his brother, Bill, had played the clarinet in their younger days, spurred on by a musical mother, Allan's paternal grandmother, Mary Farra. Douglas as well, had married into a family where music had been important. Eileen's father, James Thomson, had been a prominent Dunedin pianist in his earlier days and as a student had developed an orchestra with his brother and sister. So Allan had a grandmother on his father's side and a grandfather on his mother's side, where there has been a strong family commitment to learning, sharing and giving enjoyment to their children and others with their music. So Allan's interest in music for which he has been honoured seems to have been fostered from the maternal side of his family, going back two generations.

Eileen, Allan's mother, told me that all four of Douglas's and her children had played the piano in their younger days before John (Allan's twin brother) took up the violin at 12 and his twin, Allan, commenced the cello at 13. They both quickly became enthusiastic string players. Their younger two children Phillipa and Richard also played both the piano and the violin for a number of years. While living in Dunedin, the twins were at their grandfather's old school, Kings High, for three years and

with younger sister Phillipa on the piano, the twins on their strings, they played as a trio all around Dunedin. This developed with the boys as teenagers taking a prominent part in all local and countrywide youth orchestras and even being asked to go in to TV Dunedin to make a recording to play in interludes. Unfortunately they were leaving to live in Christchurch the next day, so it didn't happen. In Christchurch, the boys became members of the New Zealand Youth Orchestra soon after, with, in time, John becoming leader and Allan leader of the cello section.

Both the boys finished their school days at Christchurch Boys' High before attending University, and were playing in orchestras New Zealand-wide, before going overseas for further study and experience - John, firstly, to the Sydney Conservatorium and later to London, while Allan in 1969 went to the Royal Academy in London, and ended his English stay by playing for the BBC Symphony Orchestra for four years. John had by this time had returned to New Zealand and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

An opportunity for Allan to also join the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra appeared in 1974, so he, with his English wife Ann, and young son Hugo, returned to Wellington and started his long career with our national orchestra. Many opportunities arose for him in the early years to take on, as well, such things



as private tutoring, later tutoring at Victoria University. And he managed to fit in engagements with the Chamber Music Society.

Perhaps the most stimulating and interesting time was, for him, with his brother John on the violin and Bruce Greenfield on the piano, setting up the Gagliano Trio under the auspices of the Music Federation. This was the beginning of Chamber Music New Zealand's efforts to stimulate the growth of New Zealand's musical life, by helping support young New Zealand musical talent to give concerts New Zealand wide. In their first year, 1976, the Gagliano Trio gave concerts in 18 centres, in places like Gisborne and Motueka - the sorts of places where such events were a rarity. The boys hired rental cars to go from place to place and arranged their own accommodation. These concerts, backed by the Chamber Music Society, flourished over the following ten years. Concerts were given by many talented musicians and were very much appreciated in the smaller centres.

In 1983, after a successful overseas tour to Australia, the climax for the Gagliano Trio came later the same year when they were invited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to make a cultural exchange to China, at a time when travel to China was not freely open to foreigners. The Trio really enjoyed the experience of playing to much larger audiences than back in New Zealand! Sadly it was the last year for the Trio, with Allan's twin, John, dying at the end of 1984 after a long illness.

Allan remained committed to his musical career, holding down every position for a cellist in the NZSO. His commitment to the Chamber Music Society remained, with his playing widely within New Zealand. "He loved every new experience," he commented, and "considered himself very lucky to have been a professional musician in a career that gave him so much pleasure." He particularly enjoyed overseas tours and commented on his joy at going back to the Royal Albert Hall after thirty years to play in the Proms in 2005 and the big European Tour of 2010, with the full houses and the standing ovations.

He knew that in retiring he would miss the music, and in particular the people, but when he did retire in 2012 he looked forward to spending more time with the 3 g's - grandchildren, gardening and golf, as well as being in the audience instead of being a performer, at musical events that occurred nearby.

I'd also guess he will be keeping an eye on the many young cellists he has known coming up through the ranks, and in particular, be interested in one young man, Edward King, who is presently studying and playing in Europe. Edward now is most happy to own an Allan Chisholm cello. "'Tis over 100 years of age", he states fondly, "and I have a strong personal connection with it already." It is helping him gain experience in worldwide competitions.

I'm sure Duncan, the baker born in Inverness, if he could have looked forward, would have been so proud to have descendants succeed in such a wide variety of endeavours, which would have meant so much to him, and to have descendants honoured for their commitments to their communities, not only in his new country, New Zealand, but also in Australia, United Kingdom and the States, in medicine, education and now Allan's Honour for his Service and Leadership in Music.

Doubtless after he had retired, Allan had not expected to be so honoured by the government for, as he said, "having such an enjoyable career ". We here today congratulate him on this honour.



**Allan Chisholm MNZM**

**Awarded by HM The Queen**

**"for meritorious service to the Crown  
and the nation or who have become  
distinguished by their eminence,  
talents, contributions, or other merits"**

**Fronds of the Fern**  
**SHONA ELSIE KEMPTON**

nee CHISHOLM

Born 24 April 1920 passed away Sunday  
6<sup>th</sup> April 2014 at Chateau Hospital Balclutha



Shona was one of the original members of Clan Chisholm Society joining on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 1994. She was the sole survivor and the only girl in a family of nine born to Alexander and Grace Chisholm of Pleasant Point, Timaru. In her latter years, she lived in a flat in the garden of her daughter's property in Kaitangata, taking time frequently to visit a brother in Dunedin. At the end, she was living in a rest home in Balclutha.

Shona attended many CCS NZ AGMs over the years, catching up on family members, and always with a fund of Chisholm stories.

Our condolences go to her family and friends.

Contributed by Fay Chisholm and Audrey Barney. Picture above right: Shona at Gisborne Railway Station in 2009, with WA 165 in background

**Snippets**

Dick Chisholm brought his father's photograph album to the AGM.

Inside was the 1941 Christmas Dinner Menu for the NZ No 3 General at Alexandria in Egypt.

Dick's father Harold was in the NZ Engineers, and he was badly wounded in Operation Crusader, the march on Tobruk in November 1941, hence he was in the No 3 Hospital.

What a coincidence, that this Christmas dinner was shared by 3 Chisholms from NZ

The Matron of the hospital was Nurse Mavis Chisholm. The other Chisholm was my father, Bruce Chisholm, a gunner with the NZ Artillery, wounded in the final battle of the NZ Div outside Tobruk, the defeat at Belhammed on 1 Dec 1941.

The menu itself might look quite ordinary by today's standards, but to the men and women serving in Egypt, this would have been just fantabulous. Some minor consolation for being hospitalised, the dinner would have been far superior to that served to the soldiers still in the field .





### The newest Little Chizzie

Welcome to the world Zadie Jean Chisholm, weighing in at just 2.2kg

Born in Canberra , ACT, on 16 July 2014 to Megan Chisholm.

A new granddaughter for our Sydney member Allan Chisholm

### Mainlanders up North

Brief report from Gary Sedman Chisholm, cousin to Alan in the featured article of this newsletter. Gary and Wendy attended the 2014 Waipu Games . Many will recall Waipu as being the settlement area for Norman McLeod and the Highlanders he led out of Scotland to Nova Scotia in 1817.and then to New Zealand in 1851.

#### Waipu Highland Games - 1st Jan 2014

I attended these games (without kilt) - the 143rd time they have been held in Waipu. The history of them is interesting and worth a read:

<http://www.waipugames.co.nz/about.html>

About 3,000 people, lots of clan tents, 1 pipe band, Highland dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, heavyweight Scottish competitions, tug of war, track and field, fiddling, etc.

My wife Wendy (who plays the pipes) and I did see a few Christchurch faces associated with the pipebands from the South Island.

No Chisholm clan settled in Waipu 150 years ago, so no Chisholm Clan tent.

I note the Horarata Highland games (just out of Christchurch - held in November) are of similar quality - well organized, like the games in Scotland.





Chisholm Genealogies  
International

## On the Chisholm Forum:

[www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl](http://www.chisholmgenealogy.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl)



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The forum is made up of a number of “boards.” Within these boards, there are “threads”, which are the individual topics which are being discussed , or where a member or visitor has asked a specific question. In this issue of the newsletter we take a small peek at a recent thread on the “*In Flanders Fields*” Board.

Chisholms at War

**Roll of Honour WWI - "In Flanders Fields"**  
To commemorate Chisholms who fell in WWI on the battlefields of Flanders.  
Moderator: Alastair

The 100 year commemorations of the great tragedy of World War One will roll by over the next four years. We have already had the commemoration of the war proclamation from the steps of parliament, and on April 25 next year will be the big one for NZ and Australia, 100 years since the landings at Gallipoli.

Australians will soon lament the first Australian to fall in the conflict, he was a Chisholm, although enlisted in a British Regiment. He was killed in the famous retreat from Mons, and is buried in Northern France.

Belgium and Flanders will soon honour the co-founder of our Clan Society, by unveiling a statue 100 years after she and her colleague Elsie established the First Aid post ON the front, not behind the front . More on that in the next newsletter.

Clan Chisholm Society aims to commemorate all of those who fell in this conflict, we honour equally all of those who served, but practicalities mean we must limit ourselves to the fallen.

The Forum Master has set up boards which cover the areas of conflict. Flanders is the first board to have been completed. There is no direct connection to Flanders from NZ Chisholms, though many will be related, and many NZers are buried in Flanders. (Think Paschendaele) ( Note: Two NZ Chisholm burials in Belgium, but outside of Flanders) 44 Chisholms are listed, with biographical detail. Please visit, reflect, and consider offering your services so the boards for the other theatres can be completed, BEFORE Nov 11 2018.



12 of our clansmen are memorialised on the Menin Gate, at Ypres. These are Chisholms with “graves known only to God”. They are remembered by the Flemish people who have conducted the solemn ceremony of the Last Post, every evening at 8pm, since 1918. ( bar the years of occupation 1940-44)





Faces at the AGM



Audrey & Tony Masters

Dick & Ash



Fay and Bev



Fay and Michael Chisholm



Annie O'



Reg and Raylene Lewthwaite

## Faces at the AGM



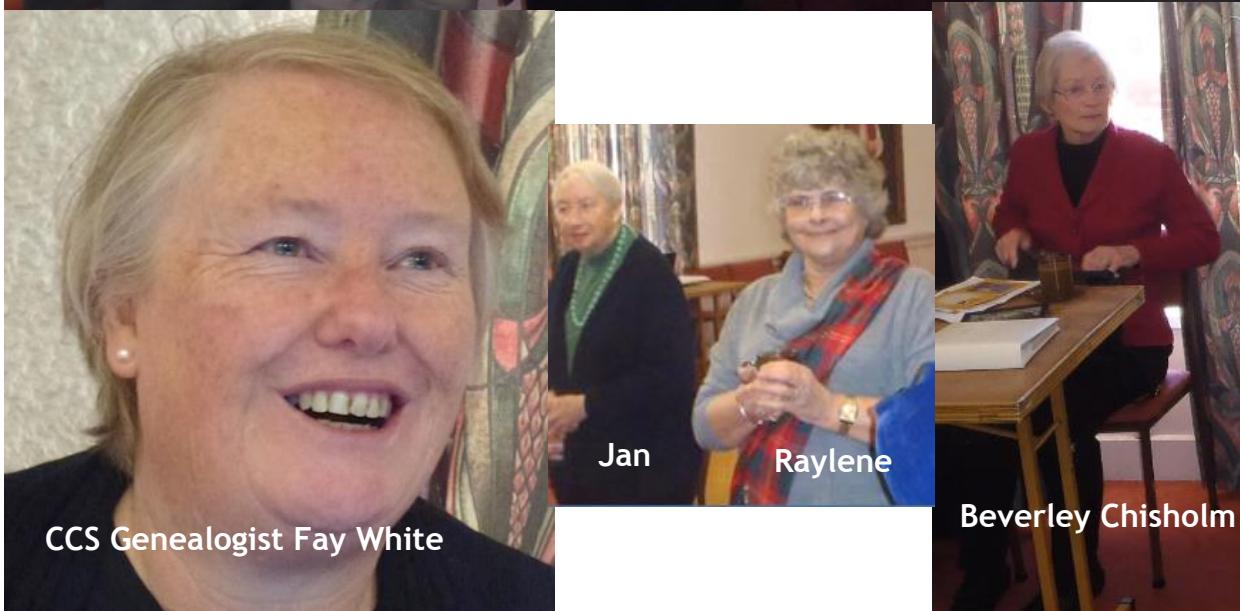
### Faces from the AGM



**Clan Chisholm Society of NZ . Retiring Exec Committee 31 May 2014**

Ashley Chisholm, Barry Chisholm, Anne O'Regan, Robert Chisholm, John Ross

Barry retired from the committee after 10 yrs of wonderful service , Ash Chisholm was elected as Sec /Treasurer, John Ross was re-elected as President, Robert and Anne remain on the committee, and Shane Chisholm of Wellington was elected onto the committee

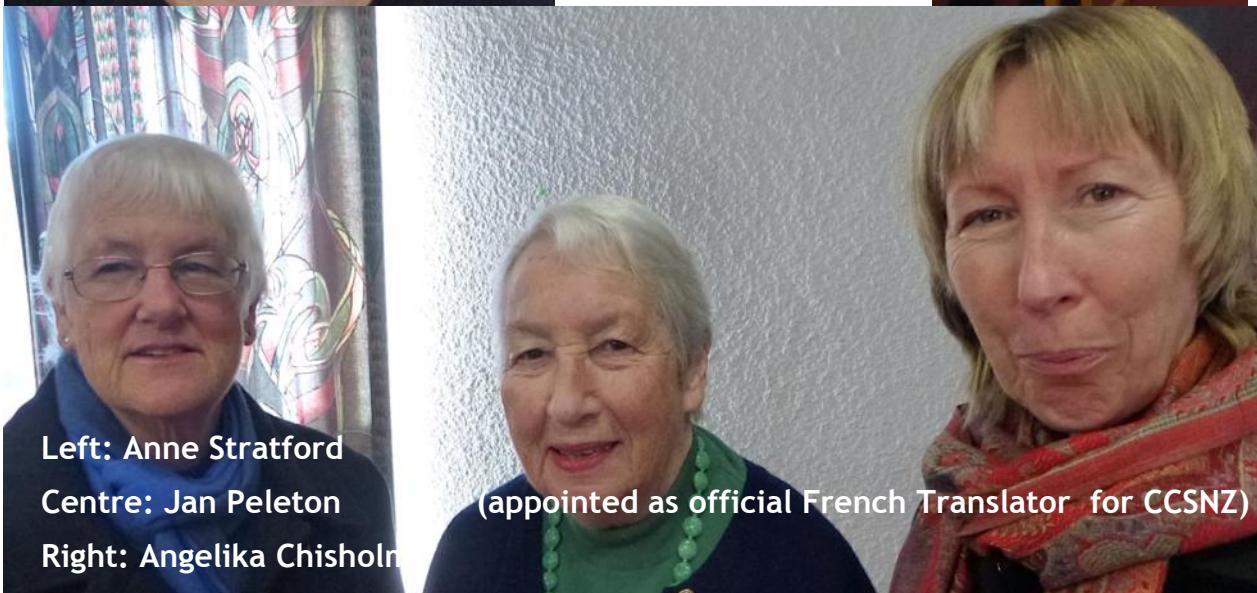


**CCS Genealogist Fay White**

**Jan**

**Raylene**

**Beverley Chisholm**



**Left: Anne Stratford**

**Centre: Jan Peleton**

**Right: Angelika Chisholm**

(appointed as official French Translator for CCSNZ)

## Faces from the AGM



## CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND (INC.)

Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting which was held in Connolly Hall, Thorndon, Wellington, on 31 May 2014, starting at 2 pm and closing at 2.30

### Prior to the start of the meeting:

Morning tea was provided from 10am on

Raylene Lewthwaite gave an illustrated talk on a recent trip to Strathglass

A ceremony of the haggis was held, supported by bagpipe music

Audrey Barney read her booklet on the Chisholms of Fortrose which honoured the family and heritage of Lester Chisholm, and presented the booklet to Lester.

A sumptuous lunch was provided, organized by Anne O'Regan and Nikki O'Regan.

**Present:** John Ross (chair), Barry Chisholm (recorder), Ashley Chisholm, Lester & Jo Chisholm, Heather & Tony Masters, Lynley Holdaway, Raylene & Reg Lewthwaite, Anne Stratford, Anne O'Regan, Nikki O'Regan, Audrey Barney, Brian Chisholm, Fay & Malcolm White, Heather Kinsey, Bev Chisholm, Robert & Angelika Chisholm, Dick Chisholm, Derek & Rosalie Chisholm, and Fay & Michael Chisholm, Len Chisholm

**Apologies:** Alun Chisholm (Auckland), Sandra Worthington (Wellington), Lorna Ryder (Dunedin), Alan S. Chisholm (Rangiora), Viv Reynolds (Wellington), Allan Sedman Chisholm (Raumati), Shane Chisholm (Wellington), Ivan & Marita Chisholm (Gisborne), Alistair S. Chisholm (Melbourne), A. Allan Chisholm (Sydney), Doreen d'Cruz-Ross (Palmerston North), Vaughan Chisholm (Wellington), Douglas Chisholm (New Plymouth), and Robert Chisholm (Eastbourne)

Barry/Fay W CARRIED

Minutes of 2012-13 AGM were summarized.

Fay C/Ashley CARRIED

### Matters arising

Moved: That relevant matters be discussed in General Business      Barry/Anne S CARRIED

**Secretary's report** (appendixed) was presented.      Dick/Fay W CARRIED

**Financial Report** (appendixed) was presented.      Barry/Fay C CARRIED

**President's report** (appendixed) was presented.      John/Barry CARRIED

**International Delegate's report** (appendixed)      Fay C/Bev CARRIED

### Election of officers

With one exception, the outgoing committee agreed to re-election.

Barry had decided to stand down - Ashley was elected as new Secretary-Treasurer.

Shane Chisholm was elected in absentia on to the incoming committee.

### General Business

Vote of thanks to Barry for his past work and presentation of a badge.

Dunedin to be the venue for the 2015 AGM, to be organized by Anne S and Lorna.

DNA research comments by Robert after a question from Derek.

### After the meeting

Robert provided an illustrated update on Mairi Gooden-Chisholm's work in W.W.1

Further research by Audrey, a tribute to Allan Sedman Chisholm, could not be presented today because of shortage of time but will appear in the next newsletter.

Visitors and members were invited to attend an evening dinner at the Blue Water Bar and Grill in Oriental Bay starting at 6.30 pm.



## SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT, May 2014

### MEMBERSHIP

At present there are 56 financial members and another 8 who are non-financial, one or two years overdue with their subs. Once members are three years or more overdue, and have had several reminders, I no longer try to get in touch.

However, some may continue to receive e-newsletters either directly or via family members.

The committee, as did ordinary members at last year's AGM, continue to share concerns at the fairly static state of our membership. Ideas circulated about raising membership numbers were not really implemented during the past year but the problem is common to many groups nowadays. Also, it seems very likely that many Chisholm non-members receive copies of the e-letters - I know my own children do!

Where do members, financial or not, live?

Northland	5	Nelson-Marlborough	2
Auckland area	9	Canterbury	7
East Coast, N.I.	4	Otago	4
Taranaki	1	Southland	5
Manawatu	4	Chatham Is	1
Wellington-Kapiti	18	AUSTRALIA	4

### CORRESPONDENCE

Over the last year most of my inward and outward e-mails concerned subs and membership enquiries. The rest were exchanges involving committee members as we discussed routine organizational matters such as newsletters and the AGM. One regular post recently received stands out:

Greetings and best wishes for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting from the international clan president Juliette Chisholm-Broomfield and the U.K Branch chairman, Ben Chisholm-Broomfield.

### NEWSLETTER

Once again Robert has been primarily responsible for newsletter content with major contributions coming from John and Audrey. He has been solely responsible for production and for e-distribution. This branch owes much to his efforts.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The CCSNZ has recorded a small surplus for the past financial year 1 Feb 2013 to 31 Jan 2014.

**MOVED by the Treasurer:** That the current subscription rates remain the same - \$15 for ordinary members and \$7.50 for life members.

**MOVED by the Treasurer:** That the Financial Report be accepted

### PERSONAL FOOTNOTE

I have been Secretary-Treasurer of CCSNZ for 10 years and this is my final report as I am resigning from this post today. I have always enjoyed my contacts with members at meetings I have attended around the country, and sometimes hosted in Palmerston North. In particular, I owe special thanks to Audrey for uncovering information about my Chisholm ancestors and to John for his efforts in maintaining such a harmonious partnership with me.

Barry Chisholm

**Clan Chisholm Society of New Zealand Inc.**  
**Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 January 2014**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Subscriptions (*1)	\$ 862.50
Sale of items	\$ -
Donations	\$ 10.00
Interest Earned	\$ 24.53
Tax refund	\$ 8.98
 <i>*plus 60 and minus 120</i>	
	UK affiliation Fees \$ 360.15
	Historian's expenses \$ -
	AGM expenses \$ 178.13
	Secretarial expenses \$ 220.62
	Withholding Tax Paid \$ 8.10
	Promotional \$ 20.00
	Honorarium to auditor \$ -
	Misc. charges and sundries \$ -
	<b>SURPLUS</b> \$ 119.01
 <i>Total Income</i>	<i>Total expenditure</i>
<i>\$ 906.01</i>	<i>\$ 906.01</i>

**Balance Sheet as at 31 January 2014**

**Accumulated Fund - Clan Chisholm**

Balance at 31 Jan 2013	\$ 3,091.18
plus surplus	\$ 119.01
Balance at 31 Jan 2014	\$ 3,210.19
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$ 3,210.19</b>

**This is represented by:**

<b>Assets</b>	ANZ a/c 06-0701-0134415-00	\$ 3,330.19
	Total Assets	<b>\$ 3,330.19</b>
 <b>less Liabilities</b>	 (*2) Clan subs in advance	
		 Net Assets <b>\$ 3,210.19</b>

(\*1) includes subs received in advance for 2013 and excludes \$120 for future years

(\*2) includes \$120.00 received in advance (2014: \$105 and 2015: \$15)