

# Presidents Report

## Clan Campbell Society of NZ Auckland Inc.

For year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. Waipu Highland Games.

We once again attended the Waipu Highland Games with a good team manning our tent. We met up with several of our northern members and had a busy day fielding questions and membership renewals. However, at 2,30 pm the threatening black clouds opened, and we all received a good soaking.

I had hoped to find a venue for a Clan Campbell Gathering in the domain grounds but cost and size seems too great for us to use this complex. I will keep trying to find a northern site suitable for a lunch or ceilidh

2. 10<sup>th</sup>. Feb. Paeroa Highland Games. I met up with Max and Kath at the grounds before dawn on a very wet morning waiting for a lull in the rain to erect our tent. As it improved, we got it done and it turned out much better as the day progressed.

3. 6<sup>th</sup>. May. Shona and I attended the Clan Davidson Gathering held in in Nelson last year. We incorporated this event in a two-week road trip around the top half of the South Island. We stayed two nights with Colin and Sarah Campbell who only two days before, had come from Wollongong Australia to settle into their beautiful new home in the Wairau Valley near Blenheim. Colin and Sarah also attended as our guests at the Clan Davidson Dinner at which I had the honour of performing the "Address to the Haggis", While in Nelson we were participants in an online meeting with others in the South Island interested in the reestablishment of a Clan Campbell Soc. in the South. A number of folk are really keen to get this up and running.

4. 23<sup>rd</sup>. June. Clan Campbell Soup and Rolls and Show and Tell held at our long-time venue at The Ranfurly Room, 122 Gillies Ave Auckland. This was a fairly low key event with a simple lunch and people had brought along a number of interesting Items to show and talk about.

**Clan Campbell Soup and Roll Show and tell function at Gillies Ave Meeting room. 23 June 2018**



5. 24<sup>th</sup>. June. "Kirkin O the Tartan" This SCAAD event was once again held at St Andrews Church in Symonds St.at their morning service. A few of our members attended and I did one of the readings. Alan Bray carried our banner.
6. 4<sup>th</sup>.Sept. Clan Cameron annual Dinner. Shona and I attended the Clan Cameron Dinner and I again lead their clan song "The March of the Cameron Men" and "Flower of Scotland" and sang "Caledonia." The Cameron dinner is always a great event with over 100 people attending.
7. 15<sup>th</sup>. Sept. Scottish Clans Assn Annual Dinner.(SCAAD) In 2018 in the absence of our own clan dinner, nine of us decided to take a table at the SCAAD event. I believe a good time was had by all and the smorgasbord meal was enjoyed. I was once again asked to perform, Burns' "Address to the Haggis"

**Scottish Clans Association Dinner. The Clan Campbell table 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**



**Scottish Clan Association Dinner Haggis Ceremony. Malcolm Campbell with the address and Colin Schmidt Whisky Bearer. 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018**



8. 17<sup>th</sup>. Sept. Shona and I got a "last minute" invitation to attend a performance called "Sing Me A Song" performed by a Neil Adam and Trish Hall from Australia. This was a concert of songs and poems with guitar and fiddle and overhead projected images on the life of Robert Louis Stevenson. They were excellent performers. I certainly learned a lot about RLS and his illustrious family.

9. 27<sup>th</sup>. Oct. Clan Campbell gathering and pot luck lunch. Held in the Ranfurly room at 122 Gillies Ave. We enjoyed a light meal together and had an afternoon of items and ceilidh style entertainment.

**Clan Campbell Social Gathering with Pot Luck Lunch 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018**



10. 10<sup>th</sup>.Nov. "Hororata Highland Games." Shona and I and vice president Colin Schmidt attended the massive Highland Games at Hororata near Christchurch. The weather the day before was terrible and freezing and I was convinced that it would be cancelled. The day of the event dawned cool, bright and clear and although the ground was soft at first it soon dried out and it was a marvellous event. We assisted Colin and Sarah Campbell and our southern cousins to man their tent for the day plus ample time to look around. (for a change) After the day at Hororata most of us met up at a popular Chinese restaurant in Christchurch for a good old nosh and blather.

**Clan Campbell South Island tent at the Hororata Highland Games. 10 November 2018**



**Colin Schmidt and Malcolm Campbell at the Hororata Games. 10 October 2018**



## Clan Campbell South Island Dinner held in Christchurch following the Hororata Games



11. 17<sup>th</sup>. Nov. Auckland Highland Games. We once again attended the Auckland Highland Games at the newer venue of Ellerslie Racecourse. With a much nicer day in 2018 than experienced in 2017, and being the 2<sup>nd</sup> time held at Ellersie, the day ran more smoothly and was much more enjoyable. My thanks to those who helped in the tent and especially Max Campbell and Kath Davies for arriving early and transporting and erecting the tent.
12. 24<sup>th</sup>. Nov. Scottish Week. The Scottish Clans Assn. in a new initiative introduced an event called "Scottish Week" in which participating clans and societies set up displays in Remuera Library. This event was planned for the week running up to St Andrews Day on 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. I set up a small Campbell display, including our banner, and collected material from the John Logan Campbell Soc. to put on show. We kicked off on Sat. 24<sup>th</sup>. With a programme of songs, poems, bagpipes and highland dancing. I feel it was successful and helped towards keeping our Scottish heritage acknowledged at a time when newer ethnic groups are getting more attention.
13. Grand Scottish Degustation Dinner. The manager of the Millennium Hotel in Mayoral Drive in Auckland CBD. In collusion with SCAAD organised a special degustation dinner with haggis and 6 or 8 courses of fine Scottish dining with different whisky or wine complementing each course. I was lucky enough to be asked to recite the "Ode" in the Haggis Ceremony and in return Shona and I received a free meal and a room for the night in this grand hotel. This was a lovely last event on my Scottish calendar for 2018. Not bad for what I thought was going to be a quiet year.
14. As, since Tom Whites passing, I am now the only Clan Campbell representative on the SCAAD committee, I attended about 10 SCAAD committee meetings throughout the year. There are currently some new plans and events being organised by this organisation and I would strongly advise our clan to remain a member.

This is the resume and report of my year as President of CCS Auckland Inc.

Shona and I give our kind regard to all our clan folk and "Lang May Your Lum Reek".

Malcolm Campbell

**President of Clan Campbell Society of NZ Auckland Inc.**