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# MACAULAY MATTERS

Bringing Our People Together

## A MACAULAY MATTERS FAREWELL

I've always been fascinated by travel and the way we end up living in the place that we do. For many of us, the desire to research our family tree is partly a curiosity to determine how we ended up where we are geographically. How different would our lives be if our ancestors had taken a different ship to a different destination? Would we enjoy the same foods, do the same activities, have the same job?

In this issue of MacAulay Matters, a few of our fellow clan members who live in Australia and New Zealand tell us a little about themselves and how they ended up in the southern hemisphere. I hope you enjoy their stories and photos as much as I did.

I also wanted to let you know that this will be my last newsletter as Editor. It's been a pleasure to meet some of you virtually and in person, and I really appreciate the submissions over the last two years.

All my best,  
Rachel

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This is your newsletter. We welcome interesting stories and pictures. No limits to your creativity! It's about sharing everything MacAulay.



*DANGER IS SWEET!*



## **ANNIE CROOKS CARTER (NAN)**

### **29 DECEMBER 1926–28 FEBRUARY 2023**

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*Tribute by son Ken Carter*

Nan was born 29 December 1926 in Paisley. Her dad, David Gilchrist, died on 31 Jan 1926, just four weeks after Nan was born, so Nan never knew him, and she was christened as a four-week-old baby at the funeral of her dad.

Nan and her mum (Jeannie MCAULEY McLean / GILCHRIST) stayed with her Gran McLean in Paisley after David's death til Gran McLean died in 1927. In 1927, Nan and her mum moved to house-share an aunt (also Nan), where she stayed til 1947. Nan had three kind spinster aunts living nearby who all worked in Paisley Mills, and all three helped with her upbringing.

Mum remembers clearly the World War II bomb shelter in the garden and frequent night-time visits to that during the Clydebank Blitz. Mum was 12 when that war started and 18 when it ended, so nearly all her teenage years were spent in the war. Interestingly though, she recently told the family that the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 to 2022 was the worst experience of her life due to being almost isolated from others for long spells.

In 1931, Nan went to John Neilson Institution (JNI) School and stayed there in both primary and secondary until age 14 when she took her first of many jobs. She left school 14 years to the day from her dad's date of death.

Nan's first job in 1941 was in a Paisley office for 14 shillings a week (that's close to \$1 Canadian and even less in U.S. dollars). She was an office junior, but it was a "good place to learn," she always said. At age 16, Nan joined the GTC—Girls Training Corps. She joined this at the same time as the late HM Queen Elizabeth II, who was then Princess Elizabeth. Nan was always a great follower and admirer of the late Queen. They were born the same year and had quite a few parallels; married in the same year, too, in 1947, and on their 50th/Golden Wedding anniversary, Nan & Syd received a scroll signed by the Queen and Prince Philip, which was framed and has been proudly displayed on the wall of their house ever since.

The next job was at Dobies Tobacco Factory in Paisley. They had regular weekend dances there, and the factory girls always gave lots of free tickets to the soldiers based in Paisley for training, and a certain Syd Carter was one of those trainee soldiers with a ticket. They met on 25 July 1943, and a brief but strong relationship followed despite Syd being late for their first date. Nan described this as a whirlwind romance of only a few weeks, as Syd was suddenly posted back to England to complete his training and then on to active service in the Far East until the end of WWII, but he didn't get de-mobbed from the Army till March 1946. For a period of over two years, they met only once for a weekend of Syd's leave before he departed the U.K. for his WWII service in Burma. Mum wrote to Syd every single day of those two years, and in that way, their relationship and bond strengthened.



## ANNIE CROOKS CARTER (NAN)

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In 1946 after the war, Syd started job hunting in Paisley, and he stayed with Nan and her mum. Nan & Syd also got engaged that year. Their marriage was in Paisley High Church (now Oakshaw Trinity). Nan & Syd had two sons: John born in 1951 and Kenneth born in 1954. Syd died in 1999, so the last 24 years of Mum's life were as a widow, which she dealt with typically stoically. John also sadly died in 2005, aged just 54, and it was a tribute to Nan's resilience and fortitude how she coped with the death of her elder son, particularly at John's funeral when the pipers played and the wind and rain gusted, and she held herself and many others together on that grim day.

Syd and Nan bought their first house in 1952 in Renfrew, and the Carter family of four stayed in Renfrew until 1965. Then they moved to Barrhead and were joined there by a fifth Carter, namely Syd's dad Harry, who was quite elderly by then and needed some care.

After John and Ken went to school, Mum restarted working part-time in several places, and she enjoyed them all: India Tyres, Social Security, ROF in Bishopton, working at Angus Mathie & Sons Potato Merchants office, and as a Wages Clerkess for NHS. In 1976, both Syd and Nan retired and that triggered many wonderful holidays with regular trips to visit the German wing of the family, where elder son John had settled due to his career in the RAF and NATO. They regularly visited John and his wife Irene, and even more frequently when the grandchildren started to arrive, namely Kenny James in 1978 and Andrew on Christmas Day 1985. There were lots of superb family holidays in Center Parcs and elsewhere. Nan and Syd were also regular visitors to Spain and Tenerife and visited Canada and the U.S. as well as many other European and UK destinations.

Mum was delighted to be visited in the last few months of her life by all three of her grandsons, all of whom live abroad. She had separate weekend visits from Robbie (from Canada), Kenny James (from Germany), and Andrew (also from Germany, along with his wife Jennifer and Nan's two great-granddaughters Penelope (8) and Gracie (6)). Nan was delighted at last to get to meet her two great-granddaughters, and we achieved a family ambition of getting some "four-generation" photos.

In 1978, Syd and Nan were delighted to welcome Ken's wife Linda into the Carter family, and they treated Linda as "the daughter they never had". This led to another milestone in Nan's life with the birth of Ken and Linda's son Robbie in 1988, giving Nan & Syd their third grandson but the first to live nearby in Paisley; Nan became babysitter No. 1.

Another of Nan's pleasures in life was to go to the theatre as much as possible, and the family was lucky to enjoy sharing with her many outings even as recently as last June at the King's Theatre in Glasgow to see "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat". She also achieved two longtime ambitions in one night fairly recently when she got to visit the Hydro in Glasgow AND see André Rieu in concert.

Other interests in Mum's life, especially in earlier years, were: country dancing, health & beauty, yoga, knitting & sewing bees, ROAR Club Paisley, Church Friendly Hour and Guild, and Nightingales Choir.



## ANNIE CROOKS CARTER (NAN)

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In 1992, Syd and Nan moved one last time to 15 Thornly Park Gardens, Paisley, where they met so many wonderful neighbours who then became good friends. When Nan was widowed in 1999, many others there in the same position rapidly became Nan's new group of friends as well as good neighbours. She loved all the socialising with neighbours: sunbathing in gardens and chatting away, afternoon teas within each other's houses, even Tai Chi during COVID-19 lockdowns outside in the gardens.

In 2013, the Carter family was contacted by a distant relative we didn't even know existed—Ruth Cooper, Clan MacAulay's current Ambassador for New Zealand. She is related through the MacAuley connection of Nan's grandmother. Long story short, all Carters are now members of Clan MacAulay. Nan and family attended the Crieff International Clan Gathering in 2013, where she was delighted to meet many distant relatives from all over the world. She was struck by the warmth of the welcome received from Clan Chief Hector and then Secretary Walter and indeed the whole Clan. Although unable to attend any further Gatherings, Mum was always visited by Ruth when she came to Scotland, and Mum was able to provide a lot of old information to Ruth for her Clan family research. Mum was also visited by Marina (Wilson), Cody, and Luke from the U.S. due to the MacAulay connections. Mum was very impressed by both Ruth and Marina and often spoke of their strong characters and resilience; she admired them from a distance as she kept up with all their latest stories and activities. In my (Ken's) opinion, all three of those MacAuley ladies are made of the same strong stuff and all three are to be admired.

Nan enjoyed great health for most of her long and full life and was barely inside a hospital until the last 15 weeks of her life. She received absolutely the best care possible from all hospital staff before passing away peacefully on 28 February 2023 with Ken and Linda at her side. She was very content and repeatedly told us that she always considered herself to have been lucky.

RIP Mum / Nan XX

## 2024 CLAN MACAULAY INTERNATIONAL GATHERING

**Mark your calendars!**  
**7–10 August 2024**

**Inverary Resort**  
**Baddeck, Cape Breton Island**  
**Nova Scotia, Canada**

**Check out new info on the website under Gatherings!**





# THE CHIEF'S CORNER

*Joan McAulay*

A Silver Anniversary for the Honorable Clan MacAulay Association! That's right ... in case you didn't see it on our website or Facebook, on April 25 the CMA turned 25 years young!

In looking forward, we must also look to the roots of our modern era. Iain MacMillan MacAulay M.B.E. had a vision to bring our people together, and he did. It would have been an honour to meet him. But we do know a close second, in our Chief Emeritus Hector, who so ably led the Clan for so many years. Both of these remarkable men provided the guidance and direction needed to have taken us into this century and, hopefully, for decades to come.

We are, as of the date of writing, just a couple of members away from reaching the 300-member threshold. An amazing feat that is entirely due to you, the members, and the hard-working members of your executive team.

Just this year, we have a new website (thank you, Digital Diva Susan). For our 25th anniversary, Bob, Susan, and Jen came up with a great trivia contest, and we are welcoming three new members as a result (a tie ensued!). And thanks to all who envisioned the *Danger is Sweet* membership contest.

And Mary Jane and her team have things moving along at lightning speed in planning the 2024 International Gathering in Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada. It will be an exciting four-day event with lots to keep you engaged and entertained. Check out the website for details! And keep checking back as more details are announced.

I'm also excited to welcome our newest Commissioner. Please join me in welcoming Jim McCauley, Commissioner for Arizona, ably assisted by his fantastic wife Clare and their wonderful family ... Amanda (daughter), Josh (son), Veronica (daughter-in-law), and our fabulous Irish Queen wee Maeve!

As is the nature of every volunteer organization (and all of us are volunteers!), people's priorities and commitments change. And although I was deeply saddened that this is Rachel's last foray as editor of *MacAulay Matters*, I also understand completely.

Rachel's shoes will be hard to fill, but this is an opportunity for one of you, our fine members, to step forward. So ask yourself this ... do you enjoy writing/editing, connecting with people, and have a bit of a techy side to you? And no, this doesn't have to be a solo project. If you want to take a tag team approach, we'd be totally cool with that. Please reach out to me and we can discuss this opportunity.

Slàinte mhath!



# Meet the Executive

## *Jennifer (McCaulley) Cornelius*

**Why did you join the executive?** To find purpose in learning about my surname heritage and help the amazing members of Clan MacAulay! The other executives work so hard and are passionate about what they offer to the Association...I just had to join the team!

**Birthplace?** Dodgeville, Wisconsin

**Where do you currently live?** McFarland, Wisconsin

**What's your current job or profession?** I am a business manager for an LLC.

**Favourite pasttime?** Traveling, hiking, cooking (not baking, lol) and spending time with family and friends.

**Who's someone you admire and why?** My mother-in-law Diane. She is compassionate, daring, loyal, resilient, smart, and independent—a true trailblazer.

**Most unique talent?** Making tasty meals with very little resources...Bring on a campfire!

**Favourite beverage?** A tasty Wisconsin brandy Old-Fashioned

**Favourite music?** I am a country music fan.

**Favourite place to travel and why?** The Bavarian Alps. I enjoy the grandeur of the mountains, the awesome culture, the food, nature, and skiing. The festivals are wonderful as well.

**Your personal motto?** "If you do nothing....you get nothing."

**What's the name of the oldest MacAulay ancestor you've traced?** Edward McCaulley (son of McCaulleys, we believe immigrated from Dublin, Ireland), born circa 1840 near London, ON, Canada.

**Have you taken a DNA test and if so, which one(s)?** I have not, but my father and mother have. I just got the Big-Y DNA test for my father to join the MacAulay project and track our genealogy to our roots! Our family is so excited to work with Family DNA, Lucas, and Kathy to trace our lineage through the clan!!



# Meet the Member

## ***Robert Macauley***

My name is Robert Macauley. I became a Clan Member at a request from my father, Edward George Macauley, and, after attending a couple of Australian Gatherings, found that I really enjoyed the fellowship.

I was born in the small rural town of Temora in the southwest slopes of NSW, where I still reside. I have been married to my wife Kate for 50 years, and we have three sons and seven grandchildren.

I trained as an apprentice diesel mechanic, and after completing my apprenticeship, I decided to start my own business spreading fertiliser on local farms. I managed that business for 45 years before handing it over to my youngest son, Lincoln. I also owned a 1,250-acre farm, which was recently sold, and we retired into town.

My favourite pastime is beekeeping on my small 250-acre property.

I was a private pilot and flew all over Australia. I have great admiration for our female pioneer pilots, most notably Nancy Bird Walton.

I think my most unique talent is the ability to solve problems.

My favourite music is country music, especially an Aussie icon, Slim Dusty, and music from the 1960s.

I have travelled extensively, and I loved Africa but I really like travelling through the U.S. I travelled Route 66 as well as quite a few other areas of the States. I also loved Texas and the Alamo, and Alaska.

My personal motto is "Do your best and never give up."

The oldest ancestor traced back is Arthur Macauley from county Antrim in Northern Ireland. I have participated in the Clan Macaulay DNA test.

# An Australian Macauley

*Submitted by Geoff Derrick, Ambassador, Australia*

What do you get when you have a solicitor disgruntled with life in Ireland, a looming potato crisis and an organisation that only sponsors migrants with farming knowledge (bounty migrants) to Australia? You get John Macauley (1809–1889), a solicitor born in Drumquin, Co. Tyrone, Ireland, who gave up law in Ireland and signed up as a farm servant, and his wife Eleanor, who could be a perfectly suitable dairy maid in a new life, finding themselves as sponsored immigrants on the ship *Brothers*, which arrived in Sydney, Australia, on 11 March 1841.

Those sponsored farming immigrants to NSW were eventually given the opportunity to lease land from the Crown for three years, which could then be transferred to freehold at one pound (A\$2) per acre. John and Eleanor were amongst the earliest settlers in the Argyle district near Goulburn in NSW. The original land grant was called “Milbang” and is located just north of the village of Collector.

John was well-regarded in the district for his steadfast friendship, defence of the honourable and champion of the underdog. Tales were related of John being sympathetically disposed towards some of the illustrious bushrangers who roamed the Goulburn district in those days. He claimed they were not outlaws but merely victims of social injustice. However, a later incident would put pay to this belief.

They had six strapping sons—William (1846–1930), Robert (1847–1929), James (1848–1925), John (1851–1931), Thomas (1853–1910) and Edward (1859–1940)—and two daughters—Elizabeth (1844–1888) and Margaret (1856–1941). All sons were over 6 feet tall, non-smokers, non-drinkers and cricket lovers. A reference in the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper of the day to the six sons at a cricket match in Sydney noted the six white-haired brothers were present every day of the five-day match.

The sons either stayed on land grants near Collector or moved elsewhere in the southwest of NSW—to the Young, Wagga Wagga and Temora districts, for example, where they settled down as farmers.

John’s law ability came in very useful during a dispute with one of William’s neighbours about land boundaries and who really owned the sheep on that land. This was a landmark court case well reported in the colony’s major newspapers, as it exposed the problems of closer land grants being given by the government on land where grazing rights were originally granted to squatters.

One brush with fame in the early years after coming out from Ireland was with John’s son William, who encountered the notorious Hall/Gilbert gang of bushrangers outside Collector in January 1864, when they set up a roadblock on the Goulburn road to rob passers-by. The gang had committed some murders and was also responsible for the great Forbes gold robbery, so after his horse was shot under him when he approached them, there was little reason to offer resistance to the three heavily armed bushrangers.

The descendants of John Macauley who are members of Clan MacAulay:

- Robert Macauley, of Temora, NSW, with Kate, descended through Edward.
- Richard Macauley, of Temora, NSW, with Karen, descended through William.
- Geoffrey Derrick, of Camden, NSW, with Lyn, descended through William.

Temora, known as “The Friendly Town”, is a medium-sized town of about 5,000 inhabitants located in the wheat-growing area of the Riverina region of NSW, 420 kilometres (262 miles) southwest of the state capital, Sydney. Previously a gold rush site in the 1880s, it is now an agricultural centre with an impressive aviation museum and the largest rural museum in NSW.

Camden, located 60 kilometres southwest of Sydney, is the birthplace of Australia’s early wealth from wool, being the original land grant of John MacArthur (another Scot) who introduced the Merino sheep to Australia. On the outskirts of Sydney, Camden retains a country town feeling.







# From South Africa ... to New Zealand

*Submitted by Barton McCawley*

My name is Barton McCawley, and I live in Invercargill, Southland, New Zealand, with my wife Belinda, and two children, Jonathan (11) and Sarah (7). We arrived in New Zealand's southernmost city at the end of 2019, emigrating from our birth home of Durban, South Africa, just in time to be locked down during COVID-19.

I am a rigger by trade but am currently driving a milk tanker for Fonterra, which is the largest dairy producer in the southern hemisphere. My wife Belinda is a photographer by trade, and she is currently finishing up her apprenticeship as a monumental mason. She has had the pleasure of working on and restoring many of Southland's war memorials and headstones, most recently working on the restoration of Invercargill's Cenotaph.

My wife and I have very strong links to the UK, especially Scotland, as both our families emigrated to South Africa in the early part of the 1900s. We were both very fortunate to have been brought up in homes that celebrated that heritage. Having grandparents from all corners of the UK, Scotland, Ireland, England and Wales ensured that we celebrated all aspects of their combined heritage—including Sunday tripe and onions... which I still terrorise my kids with... We both still have family all over the UK, and we were fortunate enough to travel through the UK on an 11-month extended working holiday in 2008.

I attended New Forest High School, which had a pipe band that I joined in 1995, and later 1 Med Battalion Pipe Band playing the side drum and later the bagpipes with a great deal of encouragement from my paternal grandfather, Fredick Goerge Ian McCawley (Rikki) who emigrated to South Africa at the end of WW2 and served as a tail gunner in the RAF.

Invercargill City, well when I say "city," it is somewhat of an exaggeration, as it only just meets the requirement for being classed as a city, with a population of only approximately 55,000 people.

It also isn't just New Zealand's southernmost city, but the world's southernmost city. As a result of our southern position, we have the most spectacular phenomenon: the Southern Lights or Aurora Australis.





# From South Africa ... to New Zealand

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Invercargill has a diverse population, of the most honest, friendly, and welcoming people. Southern hospitality is the best in New Zealand (in my biased opinion). It isn't uncommon to be invited round for tea, a meal or a drink at some random stranger's home. The city is predominantly made up of people with very close links to Scotland, so it's not uncommon to still hear a strong unmistakable Scottish or Irish accent in and about town.

The influence can be seen everywhere you look. From the surnames and haggis at the local butchery to the random Hieland coos in paddocks everywhere. The gorse, thistle and heather that drive the farmers to drink. Even the street names of Scottish rivers and imported historical people. And, of course, there is the unrelenting Scottish weather... It could honestly be mistaken for being in the Scottish Highlands at times...

We are also home to the Invercargill Highland Pipe Band, and our very own Scottish Hall. Everything from Burns Night and St. Patrick's Day (everyone is Irish on this day, I think, the world over) to St. Andrew's Day is celebrated and well-supported. Invercargill is also home to quite a few MacAulays—MacAulay Motors being one of the most well-known—and who have made their home here since 1935, and we even have a road named McAuley Place. That said, Southland's national food still remains a good mince and cheese pie.

Another interesting note is that Southland is also home to the Glencoe Monument, which was erected by Clan Donald settlers and is located in Southland's own Glencoe.





James Christie & Dolly going  
to town in their buggy.

# From Tapestry Designer in Paisley to Farmer in New Zealand

*Submitted by Ruth Cooper, Ambassador, New Zealand*

Our McCalla/McAulay/Macaulay can be traced back to the Paisley area of Glasgow from a John McCalla born in 1753 marrying Margaret Hunter. One of their sons, John, born in 1780, married Janet Gibson, and their son James, born in 1826, was my great-grandfather.

James Macaulay became the first Instructor of weaving at the Glasgow Technical College of Weaving 1878–1883. He and Agnes Cunningham had five sons and two daughters (one of each died). In 1881, the eldest son John, 29, was a mechanical draughtsman; Jessie, 26, an elementary teacher; James Jr., 21, a salesman tapestry manufacturer; and Andrew, 19, assistant instructor GTC. In 1878, son Robert Cunningham Macaulay sailed from London to Port Chalmers on the Wanganui, according to his diary of the voyage. He worked first on a farm at Waikari (near the now-famous wine-growing area of Waipara), then in the Temuka area of the South Canterbury, and was joined by James in 1882, Andrew, and later Jessie, her husband David Dick, and two of their children (Diary of David Dick from Greenock to Port Chalmers 1887). The eldest son, John Macaulay, stayed in Glasgow and was a fine painter and worked at the railway's Hyde Park Works as a technical draughtsman. Robert's enthusiasm for New Zealand must have influenced the others to come to New Zealand.

The early days of farming in New Zealand were hard, with snowstorms taking sheep and the task of breaking in the land. At age 40, my grandfather James married Marion Bisset, who was lucky enough to win a farm by ballot in the Albury area when the government broke up some of the Crown lands into smaller lots in 1902.

It was part of the Rutherford estate, and they called it Craigilea. My mother, Monie Macaulay, was born in 1907 and grew up there along with three brothers and two sisters. They walked to school or rode a horse, and the horse and buggy were the means of transport before cars could be afforded. Her father James eventually bought land in Timaru and built a fine brick home in 1935, where I grew up. My mother cared for our family possessions, and I became interested in family history when I found letters from Scotland to my grandfather from 1883 through the war years to 1929.



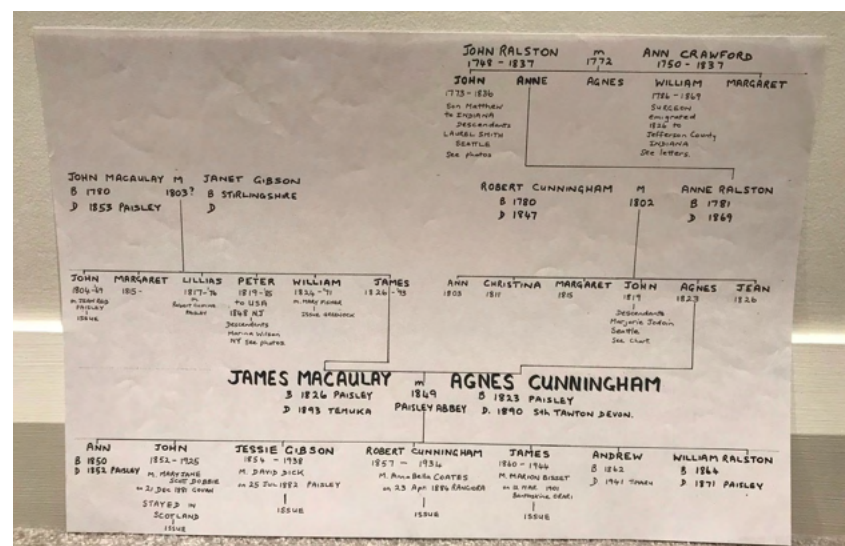
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Timaru is still a very easy city to live in on the East Coast of South Island, 100 kilometres from the university city Dunedin further South, and 100 kilometres from Christchurch, another university city. Mountains to ski and lakes to have holiday batches on are an hour away. My father bought a holiday place inland at Lake Tekapo, where our families have continued to meet from around the world. This is where many of the early Scottish families settled, with some of the clearest air in the world and a dry heat. The crested grebe bird builds nests along the stream outlets of the small lakes where only rowboats or kayaks are allowed.

When our Macaulays came to New Zealand, they continued their Scottish traditions, with piping and sheepdog trialing. Robert was a judge for 20 years, working on various Boards, and a descendant, Yshbel, was the national president of the Country Women's Institute. I am a member of our Canterbury Scottish Heritage Council in Christchurch, which is growing in numbers, with representatives of different clans. Several of our Macaulays returned to Scotland to fight in WWII, which gave the families a chance to reunite with their Scottish roots. I have enjoyed meeting a 100-year relative in Helensburgh and visiting beautiful homes built by our early relatives who stayed in Scotland. We have had some visit us here, too. There is a strong bond, thanks to our early settlers to New Zealand and the records they kept.

Other Macaulay/McAuley families came into New Zealand near Tauranga and Napier and have written their stories and held family reunions.







# 125th Mackenzie A&P Highland Show

*Submitted by Ruth Cooper, Ambassador, New Zealand*

The 125th Mackenzie A&P Highland Show was held on 10 April in Fairlie Domain, South Canterbury, New Zealand. It featured an RAS Royal event Sheep Section awarding a Supreme Champion Medal provided by RAS.

Our Macaulay/Mackenzie gazebo was part of a full show, with exhibits of produce, machinery, wool and alpaca fleece, spinning, 19 different live sheep breeds, shearing competitions, dog trials, goats, a poultry pigeon and cage bird section, needlework arts and craft, cooking, Highland dancing, piping, and drumming. The equestrian events are very strong, and as president of the Craighead Old Girls Association, I had the pleasure of presenting along with the school principal three horse rugs to winners of the Hunter Jumping Ponies and Open Pony Hunter events. The grand parade led by the pipe band included Clydesdales and wagons and traction engines. It was a great family day for everyone.





# Meet The Hebridean Baker

*Submitted by Joan McAulay*

*While in Scotland last August, Doug and I visited the Isle of Harris Distillery, and I spotted The Hebridean Baker cookbook. Fortunately, my hint worked, and I received it for Christmas. John and Beth MacAulay Court had the opportunity to see him in person in Toronto, and we thought it might be fun to interview him, especially as he has a MacAulay connection. JM*

## **Welcome to Clan MacAulay Coinneach. Tell us about yourself!**

I'm Coinneach MacLeod, the Hebridean Baker, I was born and raised on the Isle of Lewis, the most northerly of the Outer Hebrides of Scotland. My two cookbooks, *Recipes & Wee Stories from the Scottish Islands* and *My Scottish Island Kitchen* have made me Scotland's best-selling cookbook author for the past two years.

My goal is to motivate my followers to bake, forage, learn Gaelic, enjoy a dram or two of whisky and dream of visiting Scotland. Along with my partner Peter and Westie pup Seòras, I hope to bring the best of the Scottish islands to a worldwide audience.

## **You have an admitted passion for Lewis and Harris. How has this influenced your love of food? And the sourcing of ingredients?**

The islands produce some of the best ingredients in Scotland and I am very proud to support many of our wonderful producers. From lobsters to lamb, seaweed to gin – there is so much for folk to try on the islands. There is no doubt Stornoway Black Pudding is the best in the world, and a visit to Charles MacLeod Butchers is a must. And while their whisky is maturing, the Isle of Harris Distillery are producing gin flavoured with sugar kelp which is very special.

## **How did the idea for The Hebridean Baker come about?**

I've always been a passionate homebaker, but my Aunt Bellag who at 94 (and still bakes every day!) inspired me to share the traditional recipes and stories of the islands. I began creating social media content, hoping that fellow islanders would enjoy it, never anticipating it would resonate across the world. Now over 23 million folk have watched my recipes online and my cookbooks are for sale everywhere from Canada and USA to Germany and New Zealand.

## **What is a favourite spot on the Isle of Lewis for you?**

There are so many special places on the island, from Mangersta Beach to Arnol Blackhouse, but nothing beats a hike through our beautiful heather topped hills, which, on a sunny day, will give you views across the Minch to the Isle of Skye. My favourite is the Cromore Walk, a beautiful five miles that'll see you looking up for sea eagles, at the shoreline for a family of otters, and taking photos of yourself on rugged hilltops with stunning scenery.

<https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/outer-hebrides/cuairt-cromor.shtml>

## **What is your favourite recipe to make on a windswept afternoon? And beverage?**

The most classic of Hebridean recipes is a Duff, or Cloutie Dumpling as it's called in English – I always use my Aunt Bellag's recipe for this hearty fruit cake which adds a spoonful of marmalade into the batter (her now not-so-secret ingredient since I put it in my cookbook!). Serve it sliced with a cuppa on day one, with a layer of vanilla custard on day two, and fried with black pudding, bacon, and eggs on day three, yum! I love a good dram of whisky, my favourite being from the island of Jura—I share a number of cocktail recipes in the book, one with marmalade, clementine juice, fruit tea, and whisky is definitely my go-to!





# Meet The Hebridean Baker

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**When you're not making your own, what's your go-to treat on the Island?**

I also love a trip to Uig, and for a unique and wonderful dining experience I will visit Uig Sands—a beautiful restaurant with stunning views, the food and the vistas will compete to take your breath away.

<https://www.uigsands.co.uk/>

**The Gaelic language is beautiful (but challenging). Are you excited by its resurgence?**

I am so proud to be a Gaelic speaker and though we are a minority language, the resurgence in the language makes me very proud. Gaelic schools and the wonderful BBC Alba (Scotland's Gaelic TV channel), have been at the forefront of the development of the language. And for those interested, the fantastic Speak Gaelic tv show (available on youtube <https://www.youtube.com/@SpeakGaelic>) will guide you. It is also a beautiful language to sing in and if you listen to Julie Fowlis, Karen Matheson, or Kim Carnie you will be inspired to learn more.

**For someone afraid to dive into baking, what advice would you give them?**

I share recipes that are easy to make and near fool-proof! But if you are at the start of your baking journey, start with scones. They need a hot oven and very little working of the dough, they come in wonderful flavours (my favourites in my books include my Courgette/Zucchini Scones and my Bakewell Scones).

**You're recently been touring in North America.**

I want to say a huge thank you to all who came out to my book events, to sell out Washington DC, Boston, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Fort Collins, Chicago, and Toronto was remarkable. It was so special to meet fellow islanders, and the only disappointment for those attending was that I wasn't able to bring Seòras my West Highland Terrier with me!

**We understand your second recipe book is out and another one is coming out this fall. What is the focus of these recipes?**

My second book Hebridean Baker, My Scottish Island Kitchen shares more traditional Highland recipes, classics with a twist, and bakes with Scottish flavours. I also have a chapter on Nordic recipes, the Isle of Lewis is closer to the south coast of Iceland than the south coast of England! And I have loved trying out the recipes of our northern neighbours. Yes, I am excited that Hebridean Baker at Home will be released in the UK in October—can't wait to share more soon!

**Any chance there's some MacAulay blood in your lineage?**

I got my family tree made recently at the wonderful Seallam Visitors Centre in Northton, Harris. And yes, my Great Great Grandparents on my father's side were MacAulays!

**Other thoughts?**

I will be returning to the U.S. for the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in July, hope to see many MacAulays then!



# The Hebridean Baker

## Hot Toddy Bundt Cake

*Coinneach kindly shared this recipe with Clan MacAulay!*

Nothing beats a soothing mug of hot toddy on a winter's evening – and that inspired me to take those wonderful flavours of honey, lemon, and whisky and combine them into this beautiful Hot Toddy Bundt Cake. A slice of this will definitely ward off those winter blues!

Serves eight slices.

### Ingredients

For the bundt:

- 225g (8oz) butter
- 225g (8oz) caster sugar (aka berry sugar)
- 4 eggs
- 225g (8oz) self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 2 tablespoon honey
- 1 lemon, zested

Icing

- 200g (7oz) icing sugar
- 3 teaspoons lemon juice
- 3 teaspoons whisky
- (1 teaspoon of cold water at a time if needed to create a runnier consistency)

Method:

1. Pre-heat your oven to 160°C fan (350°F). Lightly butter your bundt tin (I use a 20cm/8" silicone bundt tin).
2. Cream together the butter and sugar with a handheld mixer until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs, one by one, until well combined.
3. Sift in the flour and baking powder, and stir together carefully on a low speed until just combined.
4. Add the honey and lemon zest, and mix well.
5. Place the batter into the prepared tin and bake for 35-40 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the cake comes out clean.
6. Allow to cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then carefully release the cake onto a wire rack. Leave to cool completely.
7. To make the icing, sieve the icing sugar into a bowl and begin to mix in the lemon juice and whisky to give a thick but pourable icing. If it isn't runny enough to pour on, mix in a teaspoon of water.
8. Pour the icing over the cake, scatter over the lemon zest, and serve – an accompanying mug of hot toddy is optional!



# The Hebridean Baker Event

*Submitted by Beth MacAulay Court*

The raw March wind blowing off Lake Ontario on the western outskirts of Toronto did not deter the crowd gathering at a branch of The Royal Canadian Legion one recent Saturday night. We had come to see best-selling author and TikTok sensation, Coinneach MacLeod, aka the Hebridean Baker, on the only scheduled Canadian stop (to date) for his book tour across North America.

A delightful video of “THB” demonstrating some of his recipes and visiting various places on Lewis and Harris kept the crowd entertained while he autographed his books, before beginning the evening’s entertainment billed as a book launch and ceilidh. The Gaelic Society of Toronto hosted the event and generously gave every attendee a wee dram, which also helped to warm us up.

Time flew by as THB and his partner Padruig regaled us with non-stop stories of their inspiration, family and friends, the Outer Hebrides, and of course, food and drink. They also performed a medley of Gaelic songs, quizzed the audience on our knowledge of Hebridean facts, and took questions, generously providing us with even more insight into these talented gentlemen’s lives.

I will always treasure my personally inscribed copy of THB’s second book, “My Scottish Island Kitchen”, with its charming, uncomplicated recipes, inspiring photographs, and “the stories behind the recipes”.

‘Baker’ does not really capture this man’s many talents and charms. Yes, he is an inventive baker, chef, singer, and collector of recipes, but he is also a wonderful raconteur and ambassador for so much more—love of family, the Scots-Gaelic language, and the culture of the Outer Hebrides.

I am greatly looking forward to Coinneach’s third book, due in the autumn of 2023!





Congratulations to the winners of our 25th anniversary trivia contest!

There was a three-way tie with the winning contestants answering 7 of the 10 Silver Anniversary Trivia questions correctly.

John Macaulay Court  
Susie F Jackson  
Matthew W Ralph

Each winner will be sent home with a one-year adult membership (which may be gifted), a lapel pin, and a certificate suitable for framing.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

A very special welcome to our newest members!

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Family Heritage for the Holidays and Beyond! "Heed the Call" - generate new or upgraded memberships to Clan MacAulay and automatically be entered in the ***Danger is Sweet* Membership Contest** for 2022 - 2023. The holidays are fast approaching, give the gift of family heritage, or upgrade your current membership, and earn points towards the ***Danger is Sweet* Membership Contest!**

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**Contest Timing:**

- Begins - December 1, 2022
- Ends - October 31, 2023
- Prize awarded on or near November 15, 2023 (must be member in good standing in order to win)

**Scoring:**

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  - ❖ New Annual Adult or Family Membership = 1 point
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## A GENEALOGY RESEARCH STRATEGY: DOCUMENT ALL YOUR ANCESTOR'S RELATIVES

*Kathy McCauley, Genealogy Coordinator*

Many people document their direct lineages, creating a straight line back to their earliest known ancestor. While this strategy is worthwhile, there's another way to create opportunities for a more comprehensive view of your family's history: take the time to document all the relatives you can locate. Whether or not you include "in-laws" is a matter of personal preference. My choice is to document individuals who "marry into" the family. I usually leave off following their lineages unless I have a strong clue indicating that our earlier lines might have crossed.

A "descendancy tree" includes your ancestor's relatives: sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and all of their descendants. This strategy has several benefits to family research:

Visualize migration patterns. Families often moved together, which provided mutual support. Determining when and where your ancestors and their families lived provides insight into their means of living and their personal priorities.

Locate "missing" ancestors. Having a hard time finding an ancestor in a certain census year? Because families moved together, searching for other family members in the same year can sometimes help locate a missing ancestor. They might be living in the same household with (or be a neighbor of) another relative.

Help other researchers document their own families. You might have documented a family member whom another researcher has been trying to find. Making connections with other researchers often leads to new discoveries for both parties.

Identify how autosomal DNA matches are related to you. It's not always a simple process but having a more thorough family tree can sometimes make quick work of determining what line a DNA match is on... even with only scant clues.

Find possible yDNA donors to test your paternal lineage. Integrating more descendants' lines into your tree can help trace your paternal line to a living male cousin who might be willing to help discover your paternal lineage by agreeing to a yDNA test.

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*Treasurer Verity McAuley*

Would making a gift to the Clan Heritage Fund be something that fits with your sense of your family's place in the history and heritage of Scotland, Ireland and its wider diaspora?

The Clan is dedicated to offering support to projects that directly relate to MacAulay heritage and history and maintains a dedicated fund for this purpose. The Zachary MacAulay Memorial and restoration of the Conan Pictish Stone are examples of the projects Clan MacAulay has supported. The fund also supports DNA projects that are dedicated to furthering our knowledge of our MacAulay origins in Antrim and the Western Isles.

Your support could be in the form of a financial donation or perhaps a small legacy gift. Join us in the journey to discover and preserve our MacAulay heritage for today's Clan and our future generations.

To discuss making a gift, please email our Treasurer at [clantreasurer@clanmacaulay.org.uk](mailto:clantreasurer@clanmacaulay.org.uk), who looks forward to hearing from you.

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