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OUR AIM: “To collaborate with other Scottish and Celtic Groups to maintain, promote and advance the Scots culture and Heritage in Australia.

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO ONGOING REPAIRS TO THE COMMUNITY HALL AFTER THE FLOODING WE WILL BE USING THE PICNIC AREA AT THE FRONT OF THE SEXTONS OFFICE AT TOOWONG CEMETERY FOR THE OCTOBER AND PROBABLY NOVEMBER ONE AS WELL. FOR ROAD SAFETY REASONS ENTRY SHOULD BE FROM THE RICHER ST. ENTRANCE.
Southsiders should take the Mt Coot-Tha exit of the roundabout at the Eastern end of the Southwestern Freeway and thence right into Richer St and right into Toowong cemetery.
Northsiders take The road at Bardon and follow past Stuartholme Convent turning right into Richer St and left into the Toowong cemetery.

Note: The November meeting will also be our AGM. Details in Diary Dates on back page.

River Tay, Perth

Garden, Geilston House, Argyll

Left to right:
Malcolm J. Ferguson KGOT FSA Scot who received a D.Urr (Duine Urramach) which is Scots/Gaelic for "Honoured Person", awarded for his long-term commitment to the Scottish Community.

Andrew (?) collected the honour of D.Ua (Duine Uasal) "Gentleman" on behalf of Jack Mathewson for his contribution to the Welsh Community.

Sharon (?) collected the honour of D.Ua (Duine Uasal) "Gentlewoman" on behalf Betty Mathewson for her contribution to the Welsh Community.

Kathleen O'Malley, of D.Ua (Duine Uasal) "Gentlewoman" for her contribution to the Irish Community.

Ian Campbell received his D.Ua (Duine Uasal) "Gentleman" for his contribution to the Scottish Community through the Aussie Scots and Tartan Day.

Frank Ryenne received his D.Ua (Duine Uasal) "Gentleman" for his contribution to the Irish Community.

Wendy Phillpots collected the certificate D.Ua (Duine Uasal) "Gentleman" posthumously to Trevor Shimmin of the MANX Society, who passed away earlier in the year.

The recipients are nominated secretly by their respective Celtic Communities, and if considered warranted, are approved and presented at the Celtic Council of Qld, annual Pan Celtic Dinner in April each year.
Scottish Banknotes

The United Kingdom is one of the few countries in the world where the issue of banknotes is not restricted to the Government and/or its Central Bank. In Scotland, there is a continuous tradition of producing banknotes since 1695. In recent years, some of the Scottish banks have produced some colourful banknotes to commemorate special occasions, including the Queen Mother’s 100th birthday on 4 August 2000 (which included references to her Scottish roots in the design) and the 50th anniversary of the accession of Queen Elizabeth II in 2002. The days of bank managers playing golf with important customers may be in the past, but the connection between banks and golf have been perpetuated with commemorative banknotes for the 250th Anniversary of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and another paying homage to that golfing great Jack Nicklaus. On a more serious historic note there has also been a banknote marking the 700th anniversary of the crowning of King Robert the Bruce, issued on 25 March 2006, followed up in 2006 by a banknote linked to the Commonwealth Games held that year in Melbourne, Australia.

Commemorative Bank Note for 700th Anniversary of Crowning of King Robert the Bruce

When this bank note was first issued (on 25 March 2006) the normal Clydesdale Bank £20 note bore the head of King Robert the Bruce anyway. So it just needed the addition of the words “700th Anniversary, 1306-2006" and a shield. Oddly, the serial numbers begin with RB1707, presumably referring to Robert Bruce and the Union of the Parliaments in 1707.

Commemorative Bank Note for 700th Anniversary of Crowning of King Robert the Bruce

The reverse of this commemorative note bears the words “700th anniversary of the enthronement of Robert the Bruce as King of Scots, which took place at Scone Palace on 25 March 1306. In addition to representation of Bruce on a war horse in front of Stirling Castle and a seal, there is a representation of the “Monymusk Reliquary”, a small 8th century wooden box covered in bronze and silver plates said to contain a bone relic of St Columba. It was kept available to bless the royal army before battle - and was used to good effect in this way before the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.

Some of the best places in the world to visit

Firth of Lorne, Argyll
Kailzie Gardens, Peebles

Loch Lomond
Loch Morlich and Cairngorms
**Historic Ormiston House**
277 – 287 Wellington Street, Ormiston 4160

**3 Calendar for 2011**
will be open for inspection and Devonshire Teas on Sundays - 12 noon to 4pm
from 6th March to 13th November 2011 including the following ‘Special Event Days’ when it will open from 10.30am to 4.00pm

“Music Beneath the Stars” will be held on Saturday 2nd October 2011
Recognised as the birthplace of the Australian sugar Industry, Historic Ormiston House with its spacious grounds overlooking Moreton Bay is regarded as one of the finest examples of colonial architecture in Queensland.
You are invited to organize a picnic, enjoy a Devonshire Tea and inspect the House which is a treasure trove of early Australian history
For information, weekday Club, Coach or School tour bookings:
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December 1809, both Macquarrie and Johnston had already sailed for England to defend themselves. Macquarie immediately set

daughter of a Maclaine chieftain who owned a castle on the Isle of Mull. He left the island at the age of 14. If he did attend

chain of islands off the West Coast of Scotland. Few details are known of either his father or his birthplace. His mother was the

Royal High School of Edinburgh, "as tradition has it", it was only for a very brief period because at the same age, he volun-

By the time Macquarie arrived in Sydney in December 1809, both Macarthur and Johnston had already sailed for England to defend themselves. Macquarie immediately set about cancelling the various initiatives taken by the rebel government — for example, all "pardons, leases and land grants" made by the rebels were revoked.

Macquarie ruled the colony as an enlightened despot, breaking the power of the Army officers such as John Macarthur, who had been the colony's de facto ruler since Bligh's overthrow. He was "the last British proconsul sent to run New South Wales as a military autocracy".

Macquarie returned to Scotland, and died in London in 1824. His reputation continued to grow after his death, especially among the emancipists and their descendants, who were the majority of the Australian population until the gold rushes. Today he is regarded by many as the real founder of Australia as a country, rather than as a prison camp.

The nationalist school of Australian historians have treated him as a proto-nationalist hero. His grave in Mull is maintained by the National Trust of Australia and is inscribed "The Father of Australia". Macquarie formally adopted the name Australia for the continent, the name earlier proposed by the first circumnavigator of Australia, Matthew Flinders. As well as the many geographical features named after him in his lifetime, he is commemorated by Macquarie University in Sydney.

Macquarie was buried on the Isle of Mull in a remote mausoleum with his wife and son.

Major-General Sir Thomas Makdougall Brisbane, 1st Baronet GCH, GCB, FRS, FRSE (23 July 1773 – 27 January 1860) was a British soldier, colonial Governor and astronomer. Brisbane was born at Brisbane House in Noddsdale, near Largs in Ayrshire, Scotland, the son of Sir Thomas Brisbane and Dame Eleanor Brisbane. He was educated in astronomy and mathematics at the University of Edinburgh. He joined the British Army the 38th (1st Staffordshire) Regiment of Foot in 1789 and had a distinguished career in Flanders, the West Indies, Spain and North America. He served under the Duke of Wellington, and in 1813 he was promoted to Major-General. He saw much action during the Peninsular War, including leading a brigade in the 3rd Division that broke through at Battle of Vitoria. He continued as a brigade leader in the War of 1812, where in 1814 he led a brigade at the Battle of Plattsburgh, which Brisbane claimed they could have won if they had been allowed to launch a full infantry attack. During the battle, he used the Charles C. Platt Home- stead as his headquarters. For his services in the Peninsula, Brisbane received the Army Gold Cross with one clasp for the battles of Vitoria, the Pyrenees, Nivelle, Orthez, and Toulouse; and the silver war medal with one clasp for the Nive. In November 1819 he married Anna Maria Makdougall.

In 1821, on the recommendation of Wellington, Brisbane was appointed Governor of New South Wales, a post he held until 1825. While Governor he tackled the many problems of a rapidly growing and expanding colony. He worked to improve the land grants system and to reform the currency. He set up the first agricultural training college in New South Wales and was the first patron of the New South Wales Agricultural Society. He conducted experiments in growing tobacco, cotton, coffee and New Zealand flax in the colony. In 1823 Brisbane sent Lieutenant John Oxley to find a new site for convicts who were repeat offenders. Oxley discovered a large river flowing into Moreton Bay. A year later, the first convicts arrived at Moreton Bay. Brisbane visited the settlement in 1826. Oxley suggested that both the river and the settlement be named after Brisbane. The convict settlement was declared a town in 1834 and opened to free settlement in 1839.

Brisbane left Sydney in December 1825 and returned to Scotland. In 1826 he added the name of Makdougall before Brisbane, and settled down to the life of a country gentleman and took interest in science, his estate, and his regiment. He was elected president of the Royal Society of Edinburgh (1832) in succession to Sir Walter Scott, and in 1836 he was created a baronet. In the same year he was offered the command of the troops stationed in Canada and two years later the chief command in India, but declined both. He continued his astronomical researches, and did valuable work.

Brisbane died much respected and honoured on 27 January 1860 in Largs. His four children predeceased him. He is buried in the Brisbane Aisle Vault, which is in the small kirkyard next to Skelmorlie Aisle, Largs Old Kirk.
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Threat Levels by Nationality

THE ENGLISH are feeling the pinch in relation to recent terrorist threats and have therefore raised their security level from "Miffed" to "Peeved." Soon, though, security levels may be raised yet again to "Irritated" or even "A Bit Cross." The English have not been "A Bit Cross" since the blitz in 1940 when tea supplies nearly ran out. Terrorists have been re-categorized from "Tiresome" to "A Bloody Nuisance." The last time the British issued a "Bloody Nuisance" warning level was in 1588, when threatened by the Spanish Armada.

THE SCOTS have raised their threat level from "Pissed Off" to "Let's get the Bastards." They don't have any other levels. This is the reason they have been used on the front line of the British army for the last 300 years.

THE FRENCH government announced yesterday that it has raised its terror alert level from "Run" to "Hide." The only two higher levels in France are "Collaborate" and "Surrender." The rise was precipitated by a recent fire that destroyed France's white flag factory, effectively paralyzing the country's military capability.

ITALY has increased the alert level from "Shout Loudly and Excitedly" to "Elaborate Military Posturing." Two more levels remain: "Ineffective Combat Operations" and "Change Sides."

THE GERMANS have increased their alert state from "Disdainful Arrogance" to "Dress in Uniform and Sing Marching Songs." They also have two higher levels: "Invade a Neighbour" and "Lose."

BELGIANS, on the other hand, are all on holiday as usual; the only threat they are worried about is NATO pulling out of Brussels.

THE SPANISH are all excited to see their new submarines ready to deploy. These beautifully designed subs have glass bottoms so the new Spanish navy can get a really good look at the old Spanish navy.

AUSTRALIA, meanwhile, has raised its security level from "No worries" to "She'll be alright, Mate." Three more escalation levels remain: "Crikey!", "I think we'll need to cancel the barbie this weekend," and "The barbie is cancelled."

FINALLY, CANADA is at "That's not nice and please stop" threat level, and has passed a bill in the House of Commons to never raise the level any higher so not to offend the terrorists.
DIARY DATES 2011

Sunday 16th Oct. 2011 Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Cemetery Picnic area near main office Toowong. 12 mid-day Bring your own lunch Meeting starts 1 pm. Finishing time must be 2.30 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Sunday 20 Nov. 2011 Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. AGM Toowong Cemetery Picnic area near main office Toowong 11.30 mid-day Bring your own lunch Meeting starts 12 noon and AGM at 1 PM. Finishing time must be 2.30 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Sunday 4th Dec. Joint Xmas party Friends of Toowong Cemetery and the Australian Scottish Community will join together for a Xmas party in the grounds of Toowong Cemetery. Food, tea and coffee will be provided but alcohol is not allowed on site. An easy Scottish walking tour of prominent Scots buried in Toowong will begin at 10.00AM for those interested.

Sunday 15th Jan. 2012 Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Cemetery Picnic area near main office Toowong 12.00 mid-day Bring your own lunch Meeting starts 1.00 PM and Finishing time must be 2.30 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

Sunday 19th Feb. 2012 Australian Scottish Community (Qld) Inc. Toowong Cemetery Picnic area near main office Toowong 12.00 mid-day Bring your own lunch Meeting starts 1.00 PM and Finishing time must be 2.30 pm. Apologies to the Secretary

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We will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month between 12:30 and 2:30pm at Brisbane Square Library, 266 George Street, Brisbane.
Thereafter, we will use Meeting Room 1.9 (first floor) of the same location.
The dates are:
Oct 16
Nov 20
Dec 18
Contact: Diane Lingard (07) 3269 1761/0407 781 or email: dm.lingard@iinet.net.au
The classes are designed for people with no exposure to the Gaelic who would like to be able to use some Gaelic phrases and make a little conversation in the language.

This is an initiative of the Scottish Gaelic Association of Australia

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TARTAN DAY 2012
SATURDAY 7th JULY 2012 TARTAN DAY
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A totally free day with lots of Scottish stalls, pipebands, Kathleen Proctor-Moore and the wonderful Scotty dog troupe.

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