

Murray Clan Society of NSW

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Greetings to all members and friends of the Murray Clan Society.

Annual Gathering – 24th September 2011

Our annual dinner / dance this year will be held at the Wingham Bowling Club, as the Services Club was not available. The Bowling Club is in Combined Street. If you are coming from Taree, turn left immediately after you cross the bridge.

The Committee has decided, after some consultation, to change the nature of the evening just for this year. Since our last Newsletter, we have lost one of our very enthusiastic members, Fred Murray of Gloucester. Fred was very much involved in the Country Music scene in the Gloucester area, and frequently entertained us with a bracket of songs at our dinners. We have negotiated with some of Fred's colleagues in the Gloucester Country Music Club to provide the entertainment at our function. We will still, of course, have our usual haggis ceremony, and a piper will be present as well.

The function will commence at 6.00pm, with the meal itself starting at 6.30. The cost will be \$30. If you could pay when booking it would be appreciated. Children's meals may be purchased at the Club Bistro. The caterers will need definite numbers by 10th September. We look forward to seeing as many of you as can make it. It should be a good night.

Members of the public will be admitted after 8.00pm for the cost of \$5.

Historical Tour

Last year, members expressed interest in the possibility of a tour of historic Murray properties as part of the annual gathering and the Committee has spent some time discussing this. It would be impossible to cover all points of interest in one trip, but we have put together a tour that we think would have wide appeal. The tour will begin at the Historical Museum at Wingham at 10.00am, and will include visits to sites linked to the families of Veitch, George, Thomas, John and Agnes, and will traverse some really beautiful country. If the tour is successful, different sites can be included next year.

If twelve people participate, the cost will be \$6, including lunch. If you would like to participate in this activity, would you please notify us when you respond regarding the dinner.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the Sunday following the Dinner at 11.00am on the river bank at Wingham Brush. If you have any items you would like placed on the agenda, would you please let me know.

Clans on the Coast – Nelson Bay

The Clans on the Coast Celtic Festival will be held on Saturday 17th September at the Tomaree Sports Complex at Nelson Bay. The entertainment includes marching pipe bands and singing and dancing.

The cost of admission is \$10 (Adults), \$5 (Pensioners) and \$2 (School children). A family ticket is \$15. The Committee has decided to offer a bus trip to this event for anyone interested from the Manning area. The departure times are:

Log opposite the Wingham Museum:	7.30am
Taree clock tower:	7.45am
Nabiac Hotel:	8.10am
Tomaree (return trip)	4.00pm

The bus will cost \$20 (based on twelve people participating).

If you are interested, would you please let me know by 3rd September either by email, phone or letter, as we will need to confirm the bus.

Lavinia Murray Bridge

The old wooden Lavinia Murray Bridge at Bunyah has been demolished and replaced by a much superior concrete version. Descendants of Lavinia Murray have arranged a dedication of the new bridge at 10.00am on Monday 15th August. All members are invited and are asked to bring a plate.

Amendments to Constitution

You will recall that in response to a decision at the last Annual General Meeting, the Constitution was amended at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 20th November, 2010. The amended clauses are as follows:

13) The Financial Year shall be the period 1st July to 30th June.

14) The Annual General Meeting shall be held within ninety (90) days after the end of the financial year.

20) Notice of motion to amend the Constitution of the Murray Clan Society of NSW shall be submitted in writing by the proposer and counter-signed by the seconder, to reach the Hon Secretary not later than six (6) weeks before an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

21) The Hon Secretary of the Society shall include such motions in the Notice calling the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

Although the Clan has appointed Patrons, Life Members and Honorary Members throughout its history, there is no mention of these in the current Constitution. To correct this oversight, the following proposed amendment will be put to the AGM on 25th September:

That we insert as Clause 12, with re-numbering of subsequent clauses:

Honorary Members, Life Members and Patrons

- a. Members of the community who, in the opinion of the Committee, have rendered significant service or support to the Society may be appointed as Honorary Members.*
- b. Members of the Clan Society who, in the opinion of the Committee, have demonstrated commitment and dedication to the Society over a long period may be appointed as Life Members.*
- c. Members of the Clan Society who, in the opinion of the Committee, have rendered eminent service to the Society may be appointed as Patrons of the Society. Patrons are appointed for life.*

For your interest, the Patrons and Life Members appointed since the Clan began have been:

Patrons: James Denholm Murray 1981 – 1985
 Oliver Clinton (“Angus”) Murray 1985 - 1992
 Evie Martin 1985 – 1990
 Paul Murray 1989 – 1995
 Fred Murray 1991 – 2008
 Alex Murray 2008 –

Life Members: Kath Murray 1991 – 2011
 Alice Gleeson 1991 –
 Fred Murray 1997 – 2008
 Joan Murray 1997 – 2007
 Joyce Kidd 1997 – 1998

Thank you all once again for your support. I realise that this Newsletter is a bit lighter than recent issues, but I expect to have some more weighty articles as well as photos in the next issue. I hope to see many of you on the weekend of the 24th-25th September.

Warm regards,

Ross Murray

President