



**CLAN CHISHOLM SOCIETY INC.
AUSTRALIAN BRANCH**

**NEWSLETTER
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In this issue we:
Share some stories from Clan history
Detail our Programme for the AGM

Dear Members,

Best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2017. I hope Christmas was an excellent celebration for you and your family.

We start our clan year with plans for our five day gathering in Goulburn from 22nd to 26th March. You will find details of the programme that Sue and Tony Morrison have arranged for us later in the newsletter. I have had responses from many of you, but we still have room for more to join us. There will be rooms still available at Post House Motel. It is going to be a really interesting few days and Sue and Tony have come up with a varied and fun programme.

I will put a response slip at the end of this newsletter as I need to hear from all who are coming to have final numbers for booking theatre, dinners, visits etc.; plus we need numbers for the bus so Tony knows which size we need to fit you all. We plan to use the bus for our trip around Goulburn, the AGM day and our Canberra day. So please let me know, either by email or post, by the end of February.

You will have received my email about the strange addition to the Cairn. So far there has been no indication about who put it there. We have removed it and hope we might find out where it came from. We really expect that if someone wants to add to the cairn they would get in touch with us first. We would always like to know about it.

As many of you know, the old organ in St James church, Kippilaw has been out of action for some time. Chis Maxwell undertook to research the origin of the organ and assess ways of either repairing it or replacing it. You will find his report and story on the organ below.

You may have already received your invoice from Penny for this year's subscription. Fees are due at the start of the year and remain the same again in 2017, \$45 for family, \$35 for single and \$12 child.

I look forward to a good year ahead for the Clan. The Minutes of the last international meeting will be emailed. We anticipate a new style in the Clan Journal thanks to the efforts of Martin Chisholm the new editor.

Regards



Carolyn Chown, Secretary

The following announcement came on Australia Day. We are proud to congratulate Chis Maxwell on his Award of AM in the Australia Day Honours list:

'MEMBER (AM) IN THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA, Australia Day 2017

Emeritus Professor William Chisholm MAXWELL,

For significant service to veterinary science in the field of animal reproductive biology through academic and advisory roles.'

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\$35 single, \$45 double, \$12 child.**

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THE HARMONIUM AT KIPPILAW CHURCH, GOULBURN NSW



St James Church Kippilaw has served as a place of worship for the Anglican community of Mummel, seven miles west from Goulburn, and of the local Chisholm family, for more than 150 years. It was built from local stone on part of an original land grant to Elizabeth Margaret Kinghorne. She obtained the land in 1829 on her marriage to James Chisholm Junior of Gledswood. James and Elizabeth Chisholm came to live at the Georgian

residence they built in 1836, naming it Kippilaw.¹ They donated part of their land, known as 'church hill', and provided most of the funds to eventually build the little church.

James Chisholm laid the foundation stone for St James on Thursday 15 December 1859; and it was "opened for divine worship" on Thursday 15 November 1860.² James' second son, William Alexander Chisholm of Merrilla, became its first warden and Sunday school teacher. Regular services were held in this building until circa 1960.

During the 1860s, the Oxford Movement in Britain had encouraged Anglo-Catholic parishes to include more ceremony and music in their services. However, Goulburn diocese, along with the rest of the Colony of New South Wales, was then strictly evangelical, that is, "low church" as opposed to Anglo-Catholic or "high church". There was a certain puritanical streak in evangelicalism, shunning any overemphasis on symbolism, ornate ceremony or elaborate music during services. Goulburn's first Bishop, Mesac Thomas, appointed by Bishop Barker in 1863, encouraged the preaching of God's word from the biblical text and the absence of music from the Office during services.³ William, however, loved his music, and he and his first wife, Jane (née Kinghorne) would often hold musical evenings at their home and enjoyed community singing.

It was in this context that William Chisholm first heard the sounds of the harmonium, a small self-contained reed organ powered by bellows, pumped with the feet that was suitable for the home or small church. One Wednesday afternoon in 1865, during a visit to Goulburn, he called at the Welby's house. Mrs Welby was the organist at St Saviour's church in Goulburn, where a larger pipe instrument had been installed by 1860.⁴ William not only liked the sound of the harmonium, as played by Mrs Welby that afternoon in her home, but thought it would be appropriate for the accompaniment of singing at St James Kippilaw.

The earliest known church organs in New South Wales were installed in the 1820s (at St James, Sydney, for example) but most dated from around 1860.⁵ There were various reasons for this, not the least being the practical limitations of shipping such large and expensive pieces of equipment from Britain by sea. Perhaps the main motivation for William's interest in an organ was the desire for a reverential approach to worship in a church where, up until then, the services and psalms had been read, rather than sung.

For whatever reasons, after first hearing the music and singing at the Welby's house in 1865, William was determined to raise the funds for the purchase of a harmonium for the church at Kippilaw.⁶ By 1869, he had convinced the Parish Council and was collecting subscriptions for the purchase of an instrument.

On 26 July 1869, William began unpacking a large box that had arrived from England at the Kippilaw Church. He thoroughly enjoyed assembling the contents of that box, declaring he was "much pleased with it".⁷ The following Saturday he was at the church with his daughters "to practice Harmonium and singing".⁸ On Sunday, the new harmonium was in operation, and the service became enriched with the singing of hymns and psalms. We do not know its origins or manufacturer, but the same instrument remained in use at St James Kippilaw until the 1920s. It was then 50 years old and probably in need of repair or replacement.

Meanwhile, the Parish Council of All Saints' Church Eastgrove, in Goulburn, established around 1881, was also looking for instrumental accompaniment for their hymn singing.⁹ In 1883 they imported, through Nicholson and Company in Sydney, a harmonium manufactured by the

Clough and Warren Organ Company of Detroit Michigan.¹⁰ In 1922, All Saints' underwent a substantial renovation, including the installation of a new organ, and their harmonium, apparently still in good working order, was transferred to St James Kippilaw.¹¹

This old instrument, quite a rare model but not William's original, remained in the church until 2016 when it was in serious disrepair. A working harmonium now sits in its place, generously donated by the Rudd family. The old Clough and Warren has been repaired and donated by St Saviour's Cathedral to the Goulburn and District Historical Society, where it will be on display at St Claire, in Sloane Street Goulburn, from around April 2017.

It is hoped that future custodians of the little church of St James at Kippilaw will appreciate the significance of its new harmonium, both in terms of the history of the Chisholm family, and in the wider context of changing worship practice in nineteenth century Australia.

Chis Maxwell
January 2017

¹ Kippilaw was named after the Ker family estate of Kippilaw, near Bowden in the Scottish Borders, where Elizabeth's father Alexander Kinghorne was Factor, and she was born in 1808.

² Empire, Tuesday 20 December 1859, p. 4; <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/64094695>.
Opening of the Church of England, Kippilaw: Goulburn Herald, Saturday 17 November 1860, p. 2; <http://trove.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/article/102586427>.

³ Frame, T.R. *A Church for a Nation: A History of the Anglican Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn*, Sydney: Hale and Ironmonger, 2000, p. 83.

⁴ Wyatt, Ransome T., *The History of Goulburn, N.S.W.* 2nd edition, Sydney: Lansdowne Press, 1972, p. 399.

⁵ Organ Music Society of Sydney, Organs of Sydney:
<http://www.sydneyorgan.com/sydneyorgans.html>.

⁶ Diary of William Alexander Chisholm, Wednesday 6 Sept 1865, author's collection.

⁷ Diary of William Alexander Chisholm, 1869, author's collection.

⁸ Diary of William Alexander Chisholm, 26-31 July 1869, author's collection.

⁹ Church and Parish Registers, Anglican Church Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn, NLA;
<http://catalogue.sag.org.au/attachments/42941/Reel%200175.pdf>.

¹⁰ The serial number (48031) indicates a date of manufacture of 1883: Gellerman, Robert F., *Gellerman's International Reed Organ Atlas*, Madison: Vestal press, 2nd Edition, 1998, pp. 44, 85. This date also confirmed by Darrell Pitchford, organ expert from Sydney.

¹¹ Goulburn Evening Penny Post, Sat 16 Sep 1922, p. 2;
<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/article/99205829>. Information supplied by Canberra and Goulburn Anglican Diocesan Archivist, Dianna Boddy.

A BLAST FROM THE PAST



I found this photo amongst some papers when I was having a cleanout. It is the occasion of the dedication of the Cairn in 2002. Close inspection will show you some old friends.

A LOOK AT MARY BOWMAN'S PLACE IN OUR CHISHOLM HISTORY

Mary Bowman, as many of you may already know was the second wife of James Chisholm who came to Australia with the 3rd Fleet in 1791 as part of the NSW Corps and rose to become a prominent land holder before his untimely death in 1837. A long and detailed study of James can be read in Chis Maxwell and Alex Pugh's book "The Merchant of Sydney", published in 2015.

It is interesting to learn a little more about Mary Bowman herself. She was married to James for almost twenty years before he died in 1837; gave birth to seven children and, as his widow for almost 40 years, continued bringing up his children and running their family business with great success. She died in 1876.

There have been many words written about Mary. I have used her descendant Mysie Alsop's story presented to the Lane Cove Historical Society in 1973 and the account of Mary's life in 'The Merchant of Sydney', by Chis Maxwell and Alex Pugh. As well I have found some interesting details in the Mitchell Library archives and on Wikipedia.

After James' first wife, Mary (nee Brown) died in 1817 James married Mary Bowman in Richmond in 1818. She was 22 years old and had come to the colony when she was two years old with her parents John and Honor Bowman. She was born in England in 1796. The family came on the "Barwell" as free settlers under the sponsorship of the British government. On arrival they were to receive a grant of 100 acres in NSW and 50 acres in Norfolk Island; they were to be victualled and clothed for a year from Government stores; and receive two convicts. John Bowman chose land on the Hawkesbury River flats in Richmond and called his holding 'Archerfield'.

It was here that Mary grew up. When she was nine years old the Battle of Trafalgar was won and when the news reached New South Wales there was much celebration. Mary and her mother, Honor made a flag to herald the occasion, which they displayed from a makeshift flag pole at their property. The remains of the flag are held in the Mitchell Library archives. To quote the note from the Library:

"This flag was flown by John Bowman on his farm Archerfield, Richmond NSW, after receiving news of the victory of the Battle of Trafalgar reached NSW in April, 1806. The flag was the first recorded use of the kangaroo and emu as supporters of a shield, and may be the origin of their use on the Commonwealth Coat of Arms. An account of the battle and victory, on 21 October 1805, was published in The Sydney Gazette on 13 April 1806. A day of thanksgiving was ordered by Governor King for the following Sunday at which 'all persons not prevented by sickness or the necessary care of their dwellings are expected to attend.' According to the Bowman family the flag was made either by Mary Bowman, from her mother Honor's wedding dress, or by Honor Bowman, John's wife. Mary, born 1797, was nine at the time.

Mitchell Library references: Origin of Australian arms/WA Gullick, Sydney: (Govt Printer), 1914; Flag of stars/Frank Cayley. Adelaide: Rigby, 1966 Margot Riley "The Bowman families' Trafalgar flage: symbol of patriotism or Australian Nelsoniana" Australiana, August 2005. P.32-35".

It is thought that the painting of the images on the silk was too professional a result for either Honor or Mary to do. However, as Wikipedia says, it is highly likely that the addition of a kangaroo and an emu beside the centre shield was the inspiration for the later design of the Commonwealth Coat of Arms. So, the young Mary and her mother can perhaps be credited with the imagination that inspired the portrayal

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our native animals on a flag and what transpired after that is part of history!



This is the stylised image from Wikipedia.



This is the image of the flag as it is preserved in the Mitchell Library and can be viewed on their files.

After this brush with fame Mary grew up on the farm in Richmond. She would have learnt practical skills at home and was able to expand on these at her marriage. She was 22 years old when she married James in 1818 and, according to Mysie's notes, she quickly moved into taking over the management of the accounts for James' many enterprises. She continued to help run the business in his lifetime and after his death.

They started marriage in the George Street premises and moved to Calder House in Newtown sometime in the 1820s when it was built. It would have been an easier place to bring up children as in those days it was a farm on the outskirts of the colony; certainly not the inner city living that it is now. James became close to Mary's family and it is recorded he helped her father during a difficult financial period.

After James died Mary took over, refusing to just live on her part of James' legacy. She bought property; houses and farms which she rented out; invested in stock, which she helped finance for her son John in the Ovens Valley area, near Millewa, Victoria. She had investments that didn't work too well, but was able to trade her way out of trouble. She helped her grandchildren when her eldest daughter died at the age of 23, leaving four little boys and a daughter. In 1855 she took her youngest son Edwin to England to complete his education and study Medicine. Edwin was only a baby when James died, but luckily James had added a codicil to his will to secure the new baby's inheritance.

Before she left she sold all her furniture and fittings from the Calder House at auction, and rented out the old home. Edwin entered London University to study Medicine, later becoming a well-known doctor in Sydney. Mary spent five years in England, returning to Australia in 1860 where she rented a home in Margaret Street in the city. She built a large house in Macquarie Street at No. 131, one of the lovely old three storied homes with iron lace balconies that used to be such a feature of that old street. It was here she died in 1876 and is buried under the Taylor family vault, along with James and his first wife, Mary, in St Stephen's cemetery in Newtown. I believe her son Edwin set up as a General Practitioner at 131 Macquarie Street for some years after her death. He had returned to Australia when he learned of his mother's illness and remained in Australia after that.



131 Macquarie St., Sydney

Carolyn Chown
Sydney, 2017

AGM 2017 IN GOULBURN NSW

We meet from Wednesday 22nd March to Sunday 26th March.

The date for the AGM will be Friday 24th March, 2017 at the Chisholm Hall, Breadalbane.

Tony and Sue Morrison have put together an excellent programme; we will be busy from Wednesday evening through to Sunday morning. You will see details below, and, you will find a return slip at the end of the newsletter. Please let me know which functions and the numbers who will be attending. Tony needs to know numbers for booking the theatre and the bus; dinner numbers; Merilla visit numbers etc. by the end of February.

We recommend the Posthouse Motor Inn which has rooms set aside for Chisholms. Please secure your booking on 1800 020521. We plan on having dinner there on the Thursday evening.

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 22 March,

Arrive Goulburn, check in to accommodation

6pm Dinner: Meet at Ban Thai Restaurant, Bourke St.

7.30pm - Lieder Taffel's Production of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' at the Old Goulburn Club. Tickets \$20 concession.

THURSDAY 23 March,

RED BUS DAY – A TOUR OF GOULBURN'S CHISHOLM HISTORY

Depart from Posthouse Motel at 10am. The day will include visits to place of interest such as St Clair History Museum, Carrawarra, South Hill and Merilla, with a stop-off for lunch at Sue and Tony's home.

At Merilla Chis Maxwell will give us a story of the family.

6.30pm Drinks at the Bar at the Posthouse Motel, followed by Dinner at 7pm.

FRIDAY 24 March
AGM Day at Breadalbane.

Depart Posthouse at 9.30am. AGM meeting will be held in the Hall at Chisholm Park, commencing at 10am. Please remember to bring your AGM papers with you. I will email them before 22nd.

BBQ Lunch at the Park; World Championship Boole competition; followed by trip to Gunning for afternoon tea at the Merino Café.

6.30pm: Goulburn Brewery; tour of the old Brewery and dinner.

SATURDAY 25TH March
CANBERRA DAY

Bus departs 9am from Posthouse Motel for Canberra via Winderadeen. Visit National Museum of Australia, Café lunch at War Memorial
Tour War Memorial in pm. Talk by Emma Campbell.
5pm Last Post and wreath laying ceremony.

DINNER: Lerida Winery on the way home.

SUNDAY 26TH March

Check out.

War Memorial Tower on the hill opens at 10am. We will meet there and explore the very interesting museum.

Lunch at the Paragon before we leave for home.

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AGM 2017 Functions attendance: Please return this slip to Carolyn Chown, 129 Somerville Rd., Hornsby Heights, 2077 or chown.holmby@bigpond.com by 29 February, 2017.

Name/address/number of attendees.....

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Email:.....

Wednesday 22nd: We will attend dinner and theatre

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Thursday 23rd: We will join the Red Bus Tour for the day

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We will attend dinner at the Posthouse Motel

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Friday 24th: We will attend the AGM day

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We will attend the Brewery tour and dinner

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Saturday 25th: We will join the bus for Canberra Day

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Sunday 26th: We will attend the Tower Museum

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