



# CLAN DONALD

New Zealand

*"Nì h-cibhneas gan Chlainn Domhnaill"  
(It is no joy without Clan Donald)*



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### THE 38TH AUCKLAND HIGHLAND GAMES

Saturday the 23rd of November saw the start of the Highland Games season with the Auckland Highland Games at the Three Kings Domain in Auckland. It was a beautiful sunny day and the crowds came early.

The programme included Highland Dancing, solo piping and the first pipe band contest of the season. There was also a Junior Highland Games where youngsters were encouraged to try the hammer throw, toss the caber and a tug of war.



The Clan Donald Team ready to welcome members and friends to the Pavilion. From the left, Lynnette McDonald, Pat McIsaac, Doug McIsaac and Heather Higgins. Seated Mary McIsaac.

The World Gathering of Clan MacLeod was also being held in Auckland during the week, and there was a large attendance of MacLeods at the Games, including two of the Chiefs from Australia. Chief John MacLeod of Raasay and Chief Donald MacLeod of The Lewes.

The MacLeod Pipe Band from Bendigo Australia was also in attendance and led the procession of the Scottish Clans for the Opening Ceremony. Their Pipe Major also piped the MacLeod Chiefs to the opening with a special tune composed for the occasion.

There was also a Haggis Ceremony with Tom Shiels giving the Ode to the Haggis, and the public were able to have a wee taste.



The Clan Donald Colour Party waiting for the start of the Scottish Clans Procession. From the left, Lawrie Fear, Genealogist Heather Higgins, Blair Gardiner, President Bruce McGechan and Secretary & Banner Bearer Tom McDonald.

During the day there was also Scottish Country Dancing, a West Highland Terrier Display and the staging of Historic Battles. And as the day was one of the hottest on record the Thirsty Whale Beer tent did a great job quenching the thirst of the very hot patrons.



The Clan Donald Colour Party leaving after the Opening Ceremony. From the left Lawrie Fear, Bruce McGechan, Blair Gardiner, Heather Higgins and Tom McDonald.



Heather Higgins and new member Janice

During the day the Clan Donald Pavilion drew many members and friends calling in for a chat and some refreshment including a dram or two. Interest was also shown by several prospective new members. Two signed up during the day with several taking away application forms.



The Dean family from Aberdeen Scotland, and now living in Auckland meet the President Bruce McGechan left, and the Secretary Tom McDonald right. The Dean family are Simon, Cameron, Lachlan and Jennifer.

The highlight at the end of the day was the massed pipe bands and the mass Highland Fling by the Highland Dancers followed by the Lone Piper leading the bands into Amazing Grace. This was followed by the Farewell by the Highland Games President and the Lowering of the Standards and Auld Lang Syne.

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