



CLAN DONALD

New Zealand

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



MACDONALD. MACDONALD OF SLEAT. MACDONALD OF CLANRANALD. MACDONELL OF GLENGARRY. THE EARL OF ANTRIM.

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ALAN MACDONALD, NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR CLAN DONALD NEW ZEALAND



I live in Christchurch and have done since finishing work in 2004 as a senior executive within the banking industry. I had over 30 years experience in banking and finance in New Zealand and overseas.

I now work part time as a Finance Manager for a small company in Christchurch and am actively involved in the Laura Fergusson Trust as Board Chairman of both Laura Fergusson Trust Canterbury and the national Laura Fergusson Trust Board.

On the sporting side, I am a keen lawn bowler and am currently Treasurer of my local bowling club.

I enjoy time with my family - two married daughters and grandchildren, plus my immediate family.

I have always been proud and interested in my Scottish heritage. Being a avid reader and having a keen interest in history assisted. I have made several trips to Scotland and was fortunate enough to enjoy a year working in Glasgow as part of my banking career.

When I was growing up our Scottish links were often talked about. In particular that we were the descendants of the MacDonalds of Glencoe. Furthermore we were the rightful claimants to the Chieftainship of the MacDonalds of Glencoe.

I recall listening to stories told by my grandfather and father of the massacre and life in Glencoe. They also had great pride in the achievements of our ancestors in New Zealand. My great great great grandfather and family arrived in New Zealand in 1840. Like so many Scots, they arrived with very little but created successful lives in their new country.

At school I was always proud of my Scottish roots and no doubt dreamed of becoming the Chieftain of the mighty MacDonald of Glencoe Clan.

Since living in Christchurch I have become a member of Clan Donald Canterbury. My parents were foundation members and are still actively involved. I recently served three years as President and last year was President of the Clan Donald New Zealand Association.

Through my membership of Clan Donald Canterbury and the involvement with the New Zealand association, I have meet many wonderful people and this is something I very much look forward to during my time as High Commissioner.



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