

SCOT POURRI

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Lord Bruce attends Kincardine Scottish Festival and Highland Games



Charles, Lord Bruce, was the Grand Chieftain at the 20th annual Kincardine Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Ontario, Canada on 5-7 July 2019.

During the opening ceremony on the 5th, Lord Bruce stated "One hundred and 70 years ago, my family first came here. My great, great-grandfather was governor general and implemented the Durham report, introducing responsible government to the country. He also introduced the maple leaf as the symbol of Canada and started the postal service."

The Clan of Honor was Bruce. Representing Family of Bruce International, Inc. USA: Kathy Bruce, President Don Bruce, William Bruce and Phyllis Bruce. Polly Bruce Tilford National Secretary to Family of Bruce Inc. USA

The 2019 Clan MacRae Gathering Tour of Scotland



This past May, Clan MacRae of Scotland held a 5-day international Clan MacRae Gathering and invited all the Scattered Children of Kintail to come back to their ancestral homeland. So, 44 brave souls answered the call and travelled over the sea to participate in what became the trip of a lifetime for them! Add a few days of touring both before and after the Gathering and you have 13 awesome days in Bonnie Scotland!

The Scottish MacRaes planned this Gathering for May 2019 to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the de-struction of Eilean Donan Castle by the English on May 10, 1719. The 5-day Gathering also included a hike up Arthur's Seat, a visit to the Sheriffmuir Battlefield, Receptions in Edinburgh and Dunblane, a Banquet and Ceilidh in Dornie and a Sunday worship service at Clachan Duich, the ancient MacRae church and burial ground plus much more. Clan MacRae Society of North America

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Education Down Under

I found Mrs June Laws letter (Scotpourri, July 2019) most refreshing. Not only did Scotland develop a fine education system but it was also exported to the far corners of the earth.

South Australia was one of those places to be benefit with many schools established across the province (yes it was a province rather than a colony!) and then a small but fine tertiary system. The University of Adelaide was established as the third in Australia, almost totally with Scots funding, staff and endowments that continue through to today.

These Scots had become exceedingly wealthy but in typical Scottish fashion they were immense benefactors, demonstrating humility in a typical Scottish fashion. Their memories are perpetuated by the

University in a variety of ways including heritage events, statues, projects, artefacts, memorabilia, building names and scholarships. Several Scots descendants remain active in making sure that their beneficence remains well remembered and expanded.

A newer university, Flinders, has also seen a sound Scottish influence, mainly through an historian of immense international repute, earning his 'stripes' through thorough research to correct many of the myths around Scottish immigration. Over more recent years Eric Richards has had two international symposia held in his honour in Adelaide, well attended by eminent Scots. He died in September 2018 but his legacy marches on.

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