

After a disappointing couple of years for our convenors with cancelled or postponed events, 2022 has seen the CHS in Oceania return to active duty in one of our best years yet!

Our calendar started in March with the rebranded Melbourne (formerly Ringwood) Highland Games convened by Jeff Henderson and Jen Marr. Our Chief and Lady were in attendance as guests of honour, and presented participating Highland dancers with generous vouchers supporting their art on behalf of the Clan. This support was made possible by an extremely generous gift from one of our Oceania members Noela Henderson, who has been recognised with a Claude A Henderson Fellowship for her exceptional generosity in support of the Clan Henderson Society's aims.

Tom and Georgia Henderson also travelled to support the Clan tent at Melbourne and then followed up in late April convening our tent at the major Australian Celtic Festival at Glen Innes in New South Wales for our second year. They followed this up in May at the Ipswich Gathering in their home state of Queensland, with Chief Alistair and Lady Audrey again in attendance, and with Jeff returning the favour in travelling up and fulfilling bodyguard duties.

Jeff and Jen next collaborated to convene a clan tent at the inaugural Williamstown Highland Celtic Gathering back in Victoria.

Looking forward for the rest of the year, we have the Glenbarr Highland Gathering in October, in South Australia. I will be taking on convenor duties in my historic hometown and we're looking at another great event and a wider Clan tour of the Adelaide Hills with many of our active members coming down South to support us.

We've had a wonderful year of active engagement by our committed and passionate members and convenors and we've seen significant growth and interest with our online Facebook group also. I'm particularly proud to see the hard work and commitment of our convenors recognised with Orders of the Chief for Tom and Georgia Henderson and Jen Marr, and an Order with Distinction for Jeff Henderson.

We're looking forward to finishing the year strong, and seeing how we can further our efforts in 2023!

Sorry Sue that's a long one but I'm very proud of what the Oceania members have been able to achieve this year!

Yours, aye.

Adam Henderson,
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