

President, Clan Henderson Society

Annual Report

October 15, 2025

There have been several strategic initiatives this past year, some that have been completed and some that will continue into next year.

Scholarships and Increased contact with Australia.

This past year a strategic decision was made that the Scholarship Committee would reach out and seek applicants from Australia. Committee Chairman Audrey Trawick and Australian Regional Commissioner Jeff Henderson worked together resulting in 5 scholarships being awarded to Australian applicants. In total the Scholarship Committee awarded 15 scholarships in 2025. This program represents an important outreach for Clan Henderson Society.

Endowment Fund

The Scholarship Endowment fund was established a few years ago. The goal of the fund was to invest money that has been donated to support the CHS Scholarship Program with the interest eventually being used to be used for future scholarships. The Endowment has grown to \$64,060. With continued donations and reinvestment of earned interest the Endowment could begin funding the scholarship program within 4 to 5 years.

Lifetime membership

A few years ago, a member survey was completed and one of the learnings managing the annual membership fee was cumbersome. To address this and to make paying your annual membership fee easier, two features have been added. Last year an autorenewal feature was included as an option where your annual membership fee would automatically be charged from your credit card. This year, the option of a Lifetime membership has been developed and is not available. For a one-time fee of \$500 you can be a member for life. The money will be deposited in an investment account and the interest from the account will fund your membership. In addition, the Lifetime membership establishes a legacy as the interest from the account will continue funding the Society into the future.

Henderson Stone

Access to the Henderson Stone has been difficult because of damage to the gate and walking path leading to this historic landmark. The Executive Committee has been exploring ways to ensure that access is preserved for future generations. The initial goal is to develop a plan to secure a legal contract ongoing access to the Henderson Stone. Then a complete plan will be developed including legal fees and construction costs and presented to the Board for final approval. Additionally, it will be necessary to include funding for maintenance of the site in the Annual Budget.

Respectively submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. S. Russell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and "S".

Louis Russell