

## **Mavis: Presidents Report for 2013 A.G.M.**

Good morning fellow Celts, I heartily welcome you all to the A.G.M. of 2013.

I am sending this report out early, so as you may read it comfortably, and observe all we have achieved, in such a short period of time.

I am very pleased and excited to present my report to you all, which covers the past Twelve Months activities that have happened, within the Celtic Council of Australia, Queensland Branch.

It has been a very rewarding experience for myself, and the executive committee, to be able to achieve many of our planned goals for this year. A lot has been achieved in one year.

I am thankful for the ongoing support given to me, in my role as President, to bring to fruition our ambitions for the future of the Q'ld Branch of the Celtic Council of Australia. We are all working amicably together, as a team, to achieve our goals.

Without the support and help, of our very capable, loyal, and hardworking executive committee, and committee members, this would have not happened.

A lot of hard work, time, and effort, has gone into everything we attempted in this year.

I am thrilled to present the list below, of all the Items and Events, that have been achieved in this past wonderful year.

- Increased membership.
- Approaches to have our Celtic Heritage listed within The Multi-Cultural Societies, as an 'Ethnic Group'.
- Newsletter mailed out constantly (Many thanks to Grace Roberts)
- We also participated in the St Patricks Day March in the City of Brisbane and I carried our flag to promote our organisation with other combined Celts. The contingent was a total of 30 persons. (And all of this was organised within a time frame of 2 weeks).
- Approached Mr Ian Kaye, M.P. for the Seat of Greenslopes, regarding funding for our Branch. Ian showed great interest in our organization, and has now also become a member himself. He is very confident in being able to assist us with funding. And this matter is currently proceeding
- Made contact with 2 other Councillors in regards to obtain funding, to help out with running our various functions and other costs experienced by our Queensland Branch.

- We now have our own Honorary Solicitor who has joined us. (And we give him a very warm welcome.)
- Arranged, and had made, a Brand New Celtic Council Banner, Complete with our own Queensland Logo. It has a Silver Background with Red Trimmings. Many thanks to Vice President Bob Ward, for all of his support in this matter.
- Also have purchased our other 2 flags (Asturian and Galician). Again many thanks to Bob Ward.
- Organised and had made, 'Name Badges' for All Executive Committee now, all Committee Members have their own name badges to wear. [Proudly]
- We are in the early stages of having a booklet written, which may be titled "What is a Celt."
- Our Queensland Celtic Council Branch, donating 2 trophies towards Logan City Highland Gathering.
- We had a very successful and enjoyable Awards Presentation Night in April. This evening Well Organised and Well Received by guests.
- And finally, our Treasurer, Grahame Jardine-Vidgen, and myself, attended and represented our Queensland Branch at The Standing Stones Celtic Festival in Glen Innes, where I was very proud again to take part in the main parade carrying our Flag which was received with great acclamation by the many spectators along the parade route.

Also because of my position as President of C.C.A., Queensland Branch, I was Honoured and Invested as a 'Guardian of The Stones'. Something I will always remember and treasure.

As I said earlier in my Report, it has been a wonderful year, and we must be Proud and Pleased with all the progress that The Queensland Branch has accomplished over this last 12 months. It shows that we have the right attitude and views, as well as the courage to press forward with progressing our aims, for all of The Celtic Nations.

In closing, I trust that you all have had a rewarding year with me as your President, and I look forward to a bigger, better and a brighter future for next year. Looking forward to seeing you at our A.G.M.

Many Celtic Thoughts

President

Mavis K. Williams.