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Places named Hope

Loch Hope & Ben Hope

Loch Hope lies to the east of Loch Eriboll in northern Sutherland and is linked to Loch Eriboll by the River Hope. The loch is known for its sea trout fishing. To the east of Loch Hope stands Ben Hope. It is Scotland's most northerly Munro (a Scottish mountain of over 3000ft) standing at a height of 927m (3041ft). The mountain is triangular wedge shape and is mostly rocky terrain but plenty of Alpine flowers grow on its slopes in the right season. The name comes from the Gaelic for 'hill of the bay'.

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<https://www.ambaile.org.uk/asset/28876/1/EN28876-loch-hope-and-ben-hope/>

The Clan Hope Of Craighall Society Newsletter welcomes submissions. Clan Hope members may submit biographies for the *Members' Corner*. We also accept submissions of any material relating to Scottish history/humor, Hope genealogy, Hope history, genealogy methods and tricks, or any additional information that may be of interest or useful to our readers. We look forward to your contributions.

Clan Hope of Craighall Society – 2023 Activity in Australia

After two years of hiatus caused by COVID lockdowns and state border closures in Australia it was pleasing to see 2022 start out with a full schedule of Scottish and Celtic Events.

In a normal year we expect at least one event per month to occur in our home state of New South Wales while there are also events happening in our other five states and two territories. Given Australia is roughly the same size as the USA or mainland Europe we mostly cover the event in our home state, which is 312,528 sq miles or roughly 44,000 sq miles larger than Texas.

We hold our events from mid Autumn through winter to late spring in Australia as the summer months are quite hot and also coincide with Christmas and New Year holiday periods. Of course, except for our alpine regions, we don't get snow in winter here either.

Our year normally begins with the largest Scottish gathering held in Australia, at Bundanoon in our Southern Highlands, on the first weekend in April each year.

We always plan to arrive a few days early for each event as we use our caravan as accommodation and like to set up the Clan Hope stall/tent on site the day before the actual event. So this year as we drove down to Bundanoon, about a two hour drive from our home in Sydney, we received a call from the event organisers informing us that, for a third year running, the Bundanoon Highland Gathering was being cancelled. Although the cause this year wasn't COVID it was the rain we had had in the month of March causing the local council to close the grounds as they were sodden. The organisers later decided to reschedule the event in August.

Our next planned event was the Australian Celtic Festival in the Northern New England Highlands town of Glen Innes at the beginning of May. A two day festival that is held among the Australian Standing Stones. Luckily the weather held and we were able to attend this event leading the clan parade in the opening ceremony

Humor na h-Alba

A Scotsman is sitting in a bar in Cuba and is minding his business when a man with a large black beard walks in. The man goes to the bar and orders a shot of whisky. The bartender serves him, the man drinks the whisky then starts walking out the door.

The bartender says, "Hey aren't you going to pay for that?"

The man says, "Excuse me, Castro's Army."

The bartender says, "Alright then" and the man leaves.

A few minutes later another man with a large black beard walks in. The man goes to the bar and orders a shot of whisky. The bartender serves him, the man drinks the whisky then starts walking out the door.

The bartender says, "Hey aren't you going to pay for that?"

The man says, "Excuse me, Castro's Army."

The bartender says, "Alright then" and the man leaves.

The Scotsman gets an idea and walks up to the bar and orders a shot of whisky. He drinks the whisky then starts walking out the door.

The bartender says, "Hey aren't you going to pay for that?"

The Scotsman says, "Excuse me, Castro's Army."

The bartender says, "Hey where is your big black beard?"

The Scotsman thinks quickly. He lifts his Kilt and says, "Secret Service!"

Biadh na h-Alba

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Lahanodolmades

in Glen Innes main street and having our stall at the festival grounds amongst the standing stones.



We were lucky to be able to follow this event with the Berry Celtic Festival on the mid south coast near the end of May and, though the rains had returned and ground was wet, we had a great day and met with some Hope family we hadn't encountered previously.



Sadly the weather prevented Bonnie Wingham Gathering happening at the beginning of June as the grounds were too wet for the Wingham Council to allow the central park in Wingham to be used.

Our next events were our annual Scottish Week in Sydney organised by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council (SAHC) which is held in the last week of June leading up to the Aberdeen Highland Games on the first weekend in July.

The first event of Sydney Scottish Week was a Burns Supper. Yes I know that Robbie Burns birthday is 25th January but, according to SAHC, a Burns Supper can be held at any time of the year and late January is never a good time in Australia as the 26th January is our national Australia Day holiday during the last week of the summer school holidays and people are usually off somewhere enjoying a break.

Ourania and I were asked to give the Address to the Lassies and Response to the Laddies. Somewhat daunting as this was our first actual Burns Supper. But we seemed to come away with lots of laughter and approval at our attempts, which was what we had aimed for, so a great night was had by the assembled Scottish diaspora and, of course, Ourania's performance outshone mine as I expected.



The following day we attended the annual SAHC inspection at the Scottish Cairn in Sydney.



Then the following week we drove up the Aberdeen in the Upper Hunter Valley to attend the Aberdeen Highland Games.



The weather gods smiled on us again for this event but we could see the wet weather was returning which didn't auger well for the rescheduled Bundanoon Highland Games and Bonnie Wingham events which had been moved into August. As it turned out both events were cancelled again due to sodden grounds and will be scheduled during their normal times in 2023.

Our third consecutive La Niña weather cycle has meant we are experiencing extremes in wet weather on the east coast of Australia and have exceeded all previous rainfall totals kept since the mid 1800s. Floods are occurring and then reoccurring making it difficult to plan events so, with the Clans on the Coast event that normally takes place in September already cancelled, the only other event on the calendar prior to St Andrews Day was the Canberra Highland Gathering in early October. Unfortunately due to the wet weather completely saturating the grounds it was also called off by local council authorities.

We look forward better weather and being able to attend more events in 2023 but we are also planning a two week trip to Scotland in mid July, when normally there aren't events on here in Australia.

Sláinte Mhath

Stephen Hope – President of Clan Hope of Craighall Society
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Clan Hope of Craghall Society, Canada

Hello.

Here in Canada, the plans for the active summer period, when all our scottish and highland events occur, were affected by illness. Plans were to attend several events in Alberta with a Clan tent. However, during that period family hospitalizations redirected energy and time elsewhere.

Clan Hope Canada still is building up the Clan tent materials and is continuing to make connections with local Scottish and Highland groups and persons.

Membership has really slowed down in Canada this year. Hope is that once the Clan tent will inspire and attract membership to the Clan and raise awareness.

To a 2023 filled with more Hope.

Tapadh leibh a charaidean agus airson do shláinte.

Scott Hale
Commissioner for Canada
Clan Hope of Craighall Society

Clan Hope of Craighall Society, Activities: Western States, USA

November 2022: Will represent Clan Hope on the planning committee for the January 2023 Burn's Night dinner.
 December 2022: Will represent Clan Hope at the annual St Andrews Christmas Banquet.
 Summary: All activities in 2022 have been severely hampered by the lingering effects of COVID. Of worse news is the fact that all of the local organizations have been decimated by the deaths related to COVID. This past year we lost two of our eight local members and our two new potential members were transferred away and our two in AZ did not renew due to advanced age. 2023 MUST be a year of recruitment for us.

Previous 2022 Activities

January 2022: Phoenix, AZ Highland games. Tent fees book and paid for---Event cancelled due to COVID. In the name of Clan Hope we have one person giving monthly representation to the St Andrews Society and also serving on at least one committee.
 February 2022: No events scheduled. Represented Clan Hope at the monthly meeting of St Andrews. Society Participated in planning sessions of the LV Celtic Society regarding LV Highland Games in April 2022.
 March 2022: Represented Clan Hope on the Scholarship Committee of the St A. Society
 April 2022: Hosted a joint tent with Clan Stewart at the LV Highland games.
 May 2022: Hosted an information table/marching banner at the Spring activity of LV Highland Dancers.
 June 2022: No activity.
 July 2022: No activity.
 August 2022: Met with vestry of St Georges Church and requested a service of the Kirkin of the Tartan to be held on the Sunday closest to St. Andrews day. We did this several years ago with great success.
 September 2022: Presented a \$100. donation in the name of Clan Hope to the LV Highland Dancers Assn. (Money donated by local Clan Hope Members).
 October 2022: Reserved tent space at the Moab, UT Highland Games to be held in November...Cancelled due to COVID.

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Notable Hopes

John Hope

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Professor **John Hope FRSE FRS PRCPE** (10 May 1725 – 10 November 1786) was a Scottish physician and botanist. Although he did enormous work on plant classification and [plant physiology](#), due to an absence of publications, he is now best known as an early supporter of [Carl Linnaeus](#)'s system of classification.

In 1783 he was a joint founder of the [Royal Society of Edinburgh](#).

In 1784 Hope was elected as president of the [Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh](#) (1784-6).

Born in Edinburgh on 10 May 1725, John Hope was the son of surgeon Robert Hope and Marion Glas, and a grandson of Archibald Hope, Lord Rankeillor, a Senator of the College of Justice who was in turn the son of [Sir John Hope, 2nd Baronet](#). He was the great-grandson of [Sir Thomas Hope, 1st Baronet](#).

He was educated at [Dalkeith Grammar School](#), then studied medicine at the [University of Edinburgh](#). He took leave to study botany under [Bernard de Jussieu](#) at the [University of Paris](#), but returned to his studies in Scotland, graduating MD from the [University of Glasgow](#) in 1750.^[1]

For the next decade he practiced medicine, indulging in botany in his spare time. With the death of [Charles Alston](#) in 1760, he succeeded him as the 4th [Regius Keeper of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh](#) and [King's Botanist](#) and as Professor of Botany and Materia Medica at the University of Edinburgh. However Hope saw



his responsibility for [materia medica](#) as a threat to his work in botany, and therefore arranged for the chair to be split: Hope became Professor of Medicine and Botany, and a separate chair of Materia Medica are created.^[2]

In 1763, Hope succeeding in combining the gardens and collections at [Trinity Hospital](#) and [Holyrood](#) to a new, combined site on the road to Leith. He also succeeded in obtaining a permanent endowment for the garden, thus establishing arguably the first ever "Royal Botanic Garden". Though he published only a few papers, and is therefore little remembered as a botanist, he made many early physiological experiments. These informed his teaching, but were not published, and were only discovered in his unpublished manuscripts many years after his death.^[2] He was elected a [Fellow of the Royal Society](#) in February 1767.^[3] He was appointed Physician in Ordinary to the [Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh](#) in 1768.

In later life he lived at High School Yards on the southern edge of the [Old Town](#).^[4]

He died in Edinburgh on 10 November 1786, and was interred at [Greyfriars Kirkyard](#).^[1]

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope_\(botanist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Hope_(botanist))

Lahanodolmades

Lahanodolmades (or Lahanodolmathes) avgolemono is cabbage leaves stuffed with ground meat and rice in an egg-lemon sauce. A rustic dish with tons of flavor that seems complicated, but it is straightforward in reality. They taste even better the next day, and are great for lunch, dinner, and anytime in between.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 lb ground sweet Italian sausage
- ½ bunch of fresh dill chopped
- ½ bunch of fresh parsley chopped
- 2 onions diced
- 3 scallions sliced
- 1 cup white rice
- 1 whole cabbage
- ½ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 pinch ground cumin
- sea salt
- freshly ground pepper



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil.
2. Remove the entire core of the cabbage with a knife. Immerse the head of cabbage in the boiling water for a few minutes. Peel off each leaf with tongs as soon as it's flexible. Set the leaves aside on a colander.
3. In a large bowl, combine all the ground meat, one onion diced, the rice, sliced scallions, chopped dill and parsley, a pinch of cumin and sea salt, and freshly ground pepper.
4. Remove the hard rib if any from the leaves with a knife. Place a spoonful of the stuffing mixture in the middle of each cabbage leaf, and wrap into rolls.
5. Add a tablespoon of olive oil in a large pot over medium high heat. Saute the second diced onion for a few minutes. (this onion can also just be sliced.)
6. As soon as the onion has softened, place a handfull of fresh parsley son top. You can add some leftover cabbage leaves on top

(optional).

7. Transfer the cabbage rolls to the pot in layers next to one another, and cover with a plate to not unwrap while cooking.
8. Pour enough water to cover the cabbage rolls, and add $\frac{1}{3}$ cup olive oil.
9. Cover and simmer in low for 60 minutes.
10. Remove from heat, uncover and let food sit for 10 minutes to cool the broth.

Prepare the egg-lemon sauce

1. Whisk 2 eggs really well for about 2 minutes. Add the juice of 4 lemons and keep whisking. Drizzle a ladleful of the food broth while whisking.
2. Pour sauce over stuffed cabbage rolls. Shake the pot to make sure sauce is distributed all over. Serve.

<https://thegreekfoodie.com/greek-stuffed-cabbage-rolls-lahanodolmades-avgolemono/>

Loch Hope & Ben Hope

Photos courtesy of Malcolm Buchanan the President of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council.



Membership Notice:

All annual clan memberships will be due for renewal on 1st January 2023 for the 2023 calendar year. Membership renewals can be made through the renewal form on the clan's website www.clanhope.org. Reminders will be emailed from our Membership Secretary in December of this year.



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