

Donald Henry McLEAN & Eleanor Frances McLEAN, nee WATSON

Biography as published in 1995

Donald Henry McLean, b. 18/6/1933 at Murrayville, S.A.

Parents : Johanna Frances McLEAN (nee O'Donnell) & James Ernest Hopetoun McLEAN

G-Parents : Mary McLean (nee Stacey) & John McLean

G-Grandparents : Christine McLean (nee McPhee & Donald McLean

Married: in the Murrayville Catholic Church, Eleanor Frances Watson, b. 17/10/1943 at Murrayville.

Residence: 39 Poole Street, Murrayville, Vic. 3512.

Donald attended Goongee State and Murrayville Consolidated Schools. He left school in 1949 and worked as a grocers assistant for 5 years then became a PMG linesman for 13 years and finally worked for the Vic. Lands Dept for 26 years. This gave a total of 44 years in the work force. He took a voluntary departure package from the Lands Dept in 1993.

Donald played in 6 football premierships with Murrayville in 20 seasons and 2 cricket premierships with Murrayville in 30 seasons. He was president of the Cricket Club for 4 terms, vice president for 16 terms and was made a life member. He played in 5 consecutive tennis premierships for Murrayville South in 6 seasons.

Donald performed National Service in the Army at Puckapunyal in 1952 as an eighteen year old.

He retired from football at age 37 and cricket at age 50. He was also president of the Murrayville Scouts for 2 years.

Eleanor has played tennis for about 40 years winning more premierships and tournaments than she can remember. She became the first lady life member of the Murrayville Lawn Tennis Club which has been in existence since 1965-66, and also served for many years on the committee.

Eleanor also played netball for many years and is very active with the Murrayville School Parents Club. Eleanor was educated at Murrayville Consolidated School.

Five children:

1. Brett Donald McLean, b. 8/5/1966 at Murrayville. (not married) Residence: Ballarat, Vic. Brett was educated at Murrayville Consolidated and Murrayville High Schools. then 1 semester of teacher training at Ballarat College of Advanced Education. He worked with the Grain Elevators Board for 6 years then decided to do more studies entering the Ballarat School of Mines to do an Associate Diploma course in Electrical Engineering and has completed his 3rd year. He is also doing an Associate Diploma course in Computing. Brett is now attending the University of Ballarat doing a Bachelor of Applied Science course majoring in Computer Science and Electrical Instrumentation. Brett played cricket, football, basketball, darts and tennis. He plays the latter 12 months of the year these days and has won many premierships and tournaments. He has had 3 overseas trips including Europe, Honalulu and Nepal.
2. Scott Anthony McLean, b. 4/9/1967 at Murrayville. Married: at Panitya, Vic., Donna Marie Schultz, b. at Pinnaroo. Residence: Underbool, Vic. Scott was educated at Murrayville Consolidated School, Murrayville High School and Sunraysia TAFE, Mildura. He graduated with a diploma in Public Land Management and has just been appointed to the staff at Underbool, Vic. with the Dept of Conservation and Natural

Resources, He has been with the Dept for 9 years and has now been appointed area manager. Scott played cricket, tennis, basketball, darts and football until he damaged a knee. He played in many premierships and won numerous trophies. Donna was educated at Pinnaroo Area School and is now a bank clerk with the State Bank in Pinnaroo, S.A She has had success in tennis, netball and basketball.

3. Tania Louise McLean, b. 27/12/1969. at Murrayville. Not married. Residence: Mildura, Vic. Educated at Murrayville Consolidated and Murrayville High Schools, Tania graduated from Ballarat University College in 1991 with a Diploma of Education in Primary Teaching. She is her 4th year teaching in Mildura and while teaching she graduated with her Bachelor of Education at the University of Ballarat (formerly Ballarat University College) in 1994. Tania has played netball (still does), basketball, table tennis and tennis which she plays all year round. She went sky diving in New Zealand last Christmas holidays piggy back style with an instructor.
4. Paul James McLean, b. 20/4/1975, at Pinnaroo. Residence: Adelaide, S.A. Educated at Murrayville Consolidated School and Murrayville Secondary College (formerly High School), Paul is at present attending Underdale University doing a Bachelor of Teaching and when he completes his training he will receive his Bachelor of Education. Paul has played basketball, tennis, cricket and football and has won many premierships and trophies in these sports. He won the Colts Best and Fairest in the Lameroo and District Football League in 1991. He plays for Murrayville Seniors and also played for West Adelaide Under 19s (up till 1994 season).
5. Marcus Ronald McLean, b. 4/11/1979 at Murrayville. Residence: with parents at Murrayville, Vic. Educated at Murrayville Consolidated School, Marcus is presently doing year 10 at Murrayville Community College (formerly Secondary College). He plays Junior and Senior tennis, Colts cricket, Colts and Reserves football and Junior basketball and has won a number of premierships, tournaments and trophies in these sports. He is also a very keen motor cyclist.

- SOURCE : This biography is an extract from "The History of Donald & Christina McLean and Their Descendants" which was published in 1995 – page 300 to 302.
- COLONIALISTS : Christina and Donald McLean and their ten children migrated from Argyllshire to South Australia in 1837. This was in the earliest years of the colony. The McLeans initially settled near Adelaide where they grew the first wheat crop in SA. Then in about 1840 they pioneered the Strathalbyn area. There are now well over 20,000 descendants spread across Australia and elsewhere.
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