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for

Professor Gregory Kenneth Egan

Professor Greg Egan is an Australian and lives in Melbourne. His ancestor was a Martin Egan who lived just 5km from Redwood Castle in North Tipperary - the main Egan castle in Ireland.

The Egan Clan is a worldwide organisation of families and individuals who are descended from its ancient origins in Ireland. Over the years the name has been anglicised from MacAodhagáin into various forms such as MacEgan, Egan, Eagan, Eagen, Agin, Agins, Keegan and MacKeegan.

Professor Egan has been President of the Clan Egan (Clann MacAodhagáin) Association, Australian & New Zealand Chapter since 1999. He has used his expertise as Professor of Computer Engineering at Monash University in Australia to organise the records of the Clan, first in Australia and then worldwide. His wife Sue supports the effort by filling the vital roles of Registrar and Clan DNA worldwide coordinator. The Clan Egan DNA project is one of the largest Irish DNA family projects and has over 200 participants.

Under his leadership the numbers of Clan members has risen to well over 200 and many of these have attended Clan Rallies all over the world. These rallies which take place every two years serve to educate all attendees about their Irish heritage and build up contacts with kinsfolk from all parts of the world.

At present Professor Egan is working hard to convert the extensive Clan records collected by MacAodhagáin over a forty year period and other records collected by him into computer readable form so that they will not be lost – as has happened to many other Irish records. This work now forms part of the major treasure trove of research into the history of Egans in Ireland and abroad over the centuries.

The Chairman of Adjudication Council of the Board of Clans of Ireland, Dr Michael JS Egan, is delighted to award Professor Greg Egan with its highest honour – the Clans of Ireland Order of Merit.