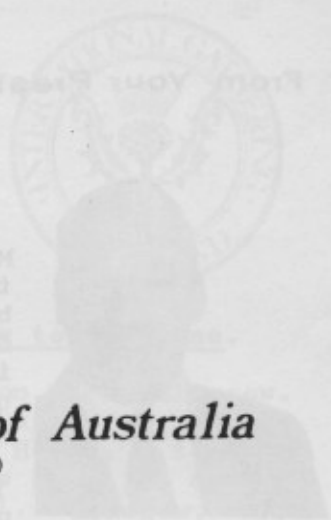


INTERNATIONAL GATHERING SCOTLAND

From your President:



The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3rd May 1974)

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From Your President



I'm late again with this Newsbulletin. My apologies. In fact there will only be two newsbulletins this year as it will now be impossible to produce a third one before Christmas. However, I trust the extra pages in the two copies this year and the better quality production will offset the missing copy somewhat.

This bulletin unfortunately, carries obituaries for two more of the Clan's senior members in Australia - Hector Kitchener McPhie Esq., (Q74-002) of Toowoomba and John Peter McPhee (Q74-036) of Brisbane. Although not close friends, these two men were associated in business through A.M.L. & F. Co. Ltd., for a number of years immediately following the end of World War II. Both were of great help to me in the early days of forming our Clan Society and gave me unswerving support from the outset. They will both be sadly missed.

The ad hoc derbhfine of Clan Macfie was formally called into session on 2nd October 1984 to consider the possible selection of a candidate for submission to the Lord Lyon King of Arms for appointment as Clan Commander of Clan Macfie. Three Australians are members of the derbhfine - Clan Commissioner Sandy McPhee of Sydney, Charles Macphee of Melbourne and myself. Additionally, Sandy is acting as derbhfine chairman, while I am handling the secretarial services.

The Sydney Gathering of the Clans in late November/early December each year is now well established as Australia's premier Scottish Festival. It concludes each time with a March of the Clans on the last Sunday. This march is a rousing spectacle which thousands watch - but better still, it is one in which we can all participate. What about joining N.S.W. Vice-President Bill Tyrrell and marching this year on Sunday, 2nd December?

It's been a busy and interesting year for me - with some sorrows. Helen and I are looking forward to a bright 1985 and extend our thanks to all supporters of our Clan Society over the past year and best wishes to everyone for an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alex McPhie'.

Alex McPhie MLA
President

30th October 1984

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING SCOTLAND



1985

CLAN MACFIE PROGRAMME 25th May to 8th June.

- Sat May 25 - Opening Ceremony, Bellahouston Park, Glasgow.
Sun May 26 - Ecumenical Service, Glasgow Cathedral, 11 am.
Mon May 27 - Clan Macfie Reception, Lorne Hotel, 1 to 3 pm.
Tue May 28) Clan Macfie Parliament, Lorne Hotel, 9 am to
Wed May 29) 3 pm. Lunch in Hotel. Glasgow.
Thur May 30 - Edinburgh Day, Clan Dinner at University.
Fri May 31 - Civic Reception for Overseas Visitors and
Highland Gala Ball. Glasgow.
- Sat Jun 1) Clan Tour of Highlands by coach. Dunkeld, Blair
to) Castle, Inverness (RON Sat), Loch Ness, Skye,
Mon Jun 3) Mallaig, Fort William (RON Sun), Glencoe, Inveraray
Castle, Oban. Ferry to Colonsay 7.30 pm.
- Tue Jun 4) Clan visit to Colonsay and Oronsay.
to) Depart 7 pm Friday for Oban. (RON Oban).
Fri Jun 7)
- Sat Jun 8 - Drive to Glasgow Airport.

****NOTE**** The 1985 Clan Macfie Parliament dates given in
Newsbulletin No 39 (May 84) are incorrect. The
above dates are correct.

(RON - Rest Overnight)

 *Hamish Cathie*
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10 Rutland Square
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Telex 727136

Travel Scotland will again be the official travel agent for Clan members visiting Scotland in 1985 for the International Gathering of the Clans.

Hamish Cathie has reserved 30 twin/double rooms and 10 single rooms at the Lorne Hotel, Sauchiehall Street in the centre of Glasgow, with private facilities and on a bed and breakfast basis for UK£132 per person (two) or UK£174 single for the seven nights.

The Clan tour commencing 1st June and finishing 8th June costs UK£300 per person (two) or UK£314 single for coach, ferry, bed and breakfast en route and full board on Colonsay.

The total is thus UK£432 per person (two) or UK£488 single and all arrangements should be made direct with Hamish at the above address.

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SCOTTISH WEEK 1985

Opening Day:
Saturday 23rd November

Closing Day:
Sunday 1st December

SECRETARIAT:

3, 'Rosemont',
410 Edgecliff Road,
WOOLLAHRA, N.S.W. 2025

6th September 1984

My dear Fellow Scot,

You may or may not have heard of Sydney Scottish Week. In case you have not the Scottish Australian Heritage Council has decided to write to every Scottish organization in Australia to tell you about it.

Three years ago a meeting was held in Sydney. Many leaders of many Scottish groups attended - David Scotland of the P.B.A., Dorothy Kerr, Muriel Sumpton and a host of others. That meeting unanimously resolved to form the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, and to organise Sydney Scottish Week each year up to 1988 and then to hold in 1988 an International Gathering as the main Scottish contribution to the celebration of Australia's Bi - centenary.

Since then three Scottish Weeks have been held. The Council has grown rapidly in size and each year we have been able to organise a "bigger and better" Scottish Week. Last year for example saw 56 separate functions held for the (9 day) week. This year's will be still larger with Scottish days in Newcastle, Manly, Canberra and Sutherlandshire.

The Week is held so as to include St. Andrew's Day - so it is always at the end of November. Also statistics show that Sydney's lowest rainfall is in November!

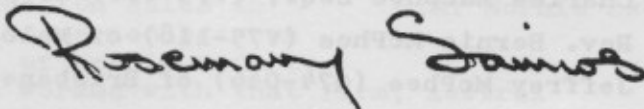
Over the three Scottish Weeks we have had not only a host of activities but also a host of visitors. They have come from far afield - individuals, families, groups. They have come from Newcastle, Wollongong and Goulburn by the busload, from Queensland's Goldcoast and the Territory's Alice Springs in car convoy, from Melbourne and the Western Districts by car and from Adelaide and Perth by TAA. Others have flown from New Zealand and Canada.

Why do they come - and come again - to Sydney for Scottish Week? You may well ask, why hold a Scottish Week anyway?

Scottish Week was intended to be not only a celebration of Scottish Culture, but a high profile one that alerts the wider Australian community to our existence, our culture and our contribution to Australia's growth.

To Scots around Australia we hold out our hand in friendship, we invite you to join us in Sydney for Scottish Week.

With kind regards I am
Yours sincerely,



Secretary:
Mrs. R. Nicolson Samios

SCOTTISH WEEK 1984

Official Opening by Lord Mayor:

Saturday 24th November
419-7159

Grand Scottish Ball:

Friday 30th November
419-7159

Clans Gathering, March & Closing Concert:

Sunday 2nd December
211-0742

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1984 SCOTTISH WEEK VISITORS IN SYDNEY

The following Scottish Chiefs, Clan Commanders and Chieftains will be attending Sydney's 1984 Scottish Week celebrations:

The Earl of Errol, Chief of Hays and Lord High Constable of Scotland.
The Countess of Sutherland, 32nd Chief of Clan Sutherland.
Sir Iain Gunn of Banniskirk, Commander of Clan Gunn.
The Earl of Dunmore
Lord Forres.
Ian Nicolson of Scorrybraec.
Peter Lamont of that Ilk.
William MacLennan.
Torquil MacLeod of Raasay

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1985 CELEBRATIONS

The 1985 Sydney Scottish Week Celebrations will be in the form of a Southern Hemisphere Gathering of the Clans. Major dates to remember are:

Saturday 23 Nov 85 - Official Opening
Friday 29 Nov 85 - Grand Scottish Ball
Sunday 1 Dec 85 - Clans Gathering, March and
Opera House Concert

NEW MEMBERS

The following new members have joined the Clan Society since the last Newsbulletin was printed:

- Q84-541 Mrs Inez Rosser Killarney, Q. 4373
V84-542 Mrs Margaret Card 30 Citriodora Walk, Vermont South.
Vic. 3133
Z84-543 Hamish Cathie Edinburgh, Scotland.

In addition, membership has been reactivated for:

- Charles Macphee Esq., (V74-010) of Ferntree Gully, Vic.
Rev. Bernie McPhee (V75-118) of Melbourne, Vic.
Jeffrey McPhee (Q74-046) of Brisbane, Q.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Congratulations and best wishes for a most enjoyable birthday to Mrs. Muriel Brown (N75-135) of Yamba, N.S.W., who will be 85 on 30th November, to Mrs. Inez Ashdown (Z80-490) of Hawaii who will be 85 on 20th December and to Victoria Vice-President Bruce McPhee (V75-096) of Forest Hill, Vic. who will be 60 during November.

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COLONSAY CHURCH

The Rev. Ron Crawford, Minister of Colonsay Parish Church has recently launched an appeal for restoration work in the Church on Colonsay. Should anyone wish to help, donations can be sent to our Society Secretary or direct to:

Colonsay and Oronsay Parish Church Appeal,
c/- Bank of Scotland,
Station Road,
OBAN, ARGYLL. SCOTLAND.

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PULLEN RIVER BOAT REUNION

The Pullen River Boat Get-Together organised by Bonnie Bush (N74-007) of San Souci and Betty Hastings (N75-102) of Grafton, amongst others, on 1st September was a great success. Over 500 attended with a number of McPhee relatives or descendants amongst them. The gathering honoured the work of William Toft Pullen and family whose boats contributed so much to the development of the Clarence River District in the northern New South Wales coast.

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Hector Kitchener McPhie of Toowoomba, Q.
Born 6th January 1900, died 15th September 1984.

Hector McPhie was the second son of Alex McPhie and Binnie Carpendale of Toowoomba. After completing schooling at The King's School, Parramatta, he served in the A.I.F. before entering the well known family Stock & Station Agency business of McPhie & Company in Queensland.

An acknowledged expert in livestock and property values, Hector McPhie participated in many of the big private and auction sales in South Western Queensland in the period between the wars. Following the sale of McPhie & Co to A.M.L. & F.Co.Ltd. in 1948, he worked with that firm, Austral Motors and Primac (Mactaggarts) at various times. He owned 'Gumbardo Station' at Adavale (with his brother, Victor), 'Westbrook Homestead', Toowoomba, and 'Mayfield', Jandowae, at one time or another. He was best known as a rural valuer in his latter years.

A keen sportsman in his younger days, he was a former secretary of the Queensland Polo Association and served as a committeeman with the Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland from 1945 until his death, being Vice-President in 1959 and 1960.

Hector McPhie (Q74-002) was a foundation member of our Society and following the Grant of Arms to his older brother, Victor, he became the second Australian member of Clan Macfie to be honoured in such a manner.

A devoted family man and natural gentleman, he is survived by his wife, Florence Nellie (Shanasy), daughters Heather Guinness of Toowoomba and Glen Mactaggart of Brisbane, son A.C.(Sandy) McPhie M.L.A. for Toowoomba North and nine grand children.

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John Peter McPhie of St. Lucia, Brisbane.
Born in Brisbane in 1906, he passed away in September 1984. A foundation member of our Society John (Q74-036) was Q'ld Vice-President in 1974-75.

On leaving school, John McPhie commenced work with Dalgety & Company, transferred to A.M.L. & F. Co. Ltd. the following year and remained with that firm until his retirement in 1966. During this time he developed a widely recognised knowledge and expertise in connection with the financial aspects of the Pastoral Industry and rose to senior management. He has been a tireless worker for charities for many years.

John McPhie was one of the pioneer residents of the St Lucia area, building there in 1934 and took an active role in the leadership of many community organisations in the area. At various times he was President of the Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, The Art Gallery Society and the Orchid Society of Queensland. He was the Secretary/Treasurer of the Society of St Andrew of Scotland (Qld) for 7 years, a member of its Board of Governors since 1978 and became Chairman in 1983.

A gentle and kindly man, John is survived by his wife, Dorothy and three sons.



H.K. McPhie Esq.



Mr. J.P. McPHEE

Oh, those bonny, bonny tours of the Highlands

By JOSHUA MILLS

SCOTLAND's Highlands shimmer with a physical beauty as varied as their weather.

But amid the mountains, lochs, rivers and coastline are echoes of a violent history: Bonnie Prince Charlie's rebellion against the English, the massacre at Glencoe, the Highland clearances, and more.

A new visitors' centre opened in July at Culloden Moor, where, on April 16, 1746, the English army routed the Scots supporting Prince Charles. The centre has an auditorium where a 15-minute film on the rebellion is shown continuously. Next door is Leanach Cottage, which stood at the time of the battle, restored and fitted with exhibits of 18th-century life. The centre (telephone Inverness 790607) is open each day from 9.30am to 8pm. Admission is about \$1.30 for adults, 65 cents for children.

Getting there

THE Highlands begin about 500 miles north of London — a very long drive. Visitors starting in England can fly from London to Glasgow (excursion fares start at about \$69 round trip on British Midland Airways) and then rent a car or continue by train. (The only scheduled service from the United States to Scotland is on Northwest Orient, which flies from New York and Boston to Prestwick Airport, about an hour south of Glasgow.)

The Highlands are about an hour-and-a-half drive from Glasgow on the A82 road, which runs along the banks of Loch Lomond. Car rental companies in Glasgow, including branches of the major American companies, offer weekly rates of about \$90 for a subcompact with standard transmission and \$190 for a mid-size car with automatic transmission.

Getting around

THE best way to see the Highlands is to wander about by car, detouring at will along mountain roads, or stopping at the edge of a loch to picnic. The Highlands remain largely wild and unpopulated; falcons circling overhead and deer grazing only yards from the highway are common sights.

Major roads are good, but many smaller roads are "single track": all traffic shares one lane, with turnouts every few hundred feet to allow two cars to slip by each other. Out of necessity, perhaps, Highlanders drivers are among the most courteous in Europe.

Animals on the road — most frequently the thousands of sheep that range the Highlands — are less courteous. In every instance, they have the right of way; patience and a sense of humor will make trips more pleasant. For these reasons, it is often impossible to hurry. Expect to average not more than 48kph on the smaller roads.

Visitors should bear in mind that Sunday closing is often strictly observed; most trains and ferries do not operate and many gas stations are closed. Every visitor should bring rain gear and always carry it, regardless of how sunny the day may appear — rapid and unexpected weather changes are common.

Where to go

THE Highlands are vast, covering about a sixth of Britain, and their precise boundaries are never entirely clear, varying according to administrative, historical and geographical lines. Tomintoul, for example, which calls itself the highest town in the Highlands, is officially outside the border, on the eastern side. For touring purposes, the

Highlands can be divided into four parts: the Spey Valley on the east; the Great Glen, which runs from Inverness south to Fort William; the West Highlands, and the far north, the sparsely populated district of Sutherland and Caithness.

Visiting the latter requires either an extended stay or a willingness to skip the rest, but it is quite possible to visit the three other regions in less than a week: a circular tour can run up the Spey Valley, past Culloden Moor to Inverness and Loch Ness, then west to the coast — with perhaps a dash to the islands of Skye or Mull — and then down the coast to Glasgow. Such a trip can be done in three long days of steady driving, but will be more relaxing for those who can spare at least five nights.

Visitors will find a range of outdoor activities throughout the Highlands: pony trekking, bird watching, hill walking and fishing are traditional sports, and wind surfing and hang gliding are growing in popularity. Local tourist offices can provide detailed information.

Tourists stopping in the Spey Valley should consider a base in Kingussie, or a bit farther north at Dulnain Bridge. Kingussie is home to the Highland Folk Museum, with an exhibit hall, a mill and a crofter's "black house" — a thatched-roof, chimneyless cottage. It is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 6pm and Sunday from 2pm to 6pm; admission is about \$1.30, half that for children.

Visitors to the museum can purchase the "Highland Clearances Trial" pamphlet, which lists memorials and deserted villages that recall the thousands of Highlanders who were evicted from their homes by landlords who found sheep more profitable than tenants, large areas of the Highlands and islands were depopulated by the clearances.

Where to stay . . . and eat

A few miles north, in Kincaig, is the Highland Game Park (Kincaig 270), open every day from 10am to 6.30pm which includes a drive-through section with red and roe deer, European bison, Przewalski's wild horses and highland cattle. Visitors can walk around enclosures of wolves, bears, puma, wild boars and water-fowl.

Nearby is the Strathspey steam railway (Aviemore 83692), a 17-minute, six-mile-long trip along the River Spey from Aviemore to Boat of Garten on restored turn-of-the-century trains. A round-trip ticket is about \$3.42 first class and \$2.34 third class. Family passes are \$5.85.

The Spey Valley is also handy to whisky country; some of the most interesting distillery tours are just outside the Highlands boundary. The small Tamdhu distillery (Carron 221) near Knockando has an excellent tour, offered on weekdays from 10am to 6pm. A few miles away is the Cardow distillery, which makes Cardhu whisky. The much larger Glenfiddich distillery (Dufftown 20373) is open weekdays from 10am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4.30pm and Saturdays from 10am to 12.30pm.

The Great Glen, with Inverness and Loch Ness, is the best-known area of the Highlands, and tends to be jammed in the summer. Visitors who can do without Loch Ness monster souvenirs should pass it by, taking the B862 road around the south shore of Loch Ness to Fort Augustus, then heading north, west or south, where more beautiful and far less crowded countryside can be found.

At the foot of the Great Glen is Fort William, a bustling resort town beneath Ben Nevis, Britain's tallest mountain. The West Highland Museum on High Street (phone 2169) has a reconstructed croft kitchen and a "secret" portrait of Bonnie

IN THE Spey Valley, comfortable rooms and superb food can be found at the Osprey Hotel (Kingussie PH21 1EN, telephone 519), where bed and breakfast is around \$20 a person.

A few miles north at the Muckrach Lodge hotel (Dulnain Bridge PH26 2IX, telephone 257) offers bed and breakfast for around \$21 a person.

In the Inverness-Great Glen area, the Culloden House Hotel (Culloden IV1 2NZ, Inverness 790461) — Bonnie Prince Charlie slept there the night before the battle — offers luxurious room and board.

A room for two with breakfast is about \$100, with dinner \$150.

The Kingsmill Hotel (Culeabock Road, Inverness IV2 3LP, 237166) has bed and breakfast for \$50 for two; special weekend packages start at \$36 a person for two nights, including dinner.

At the south end of the Great Glen is Inverloch Castle (Fort William PH33 6SN, telephone 2177), one of Scotland's finest hotels and best restaurants. Set in landscaped gardens, the castle has 14 double rooms, with breakfast \$130 for two. Dinner for two is about \$66, plus wine.

In the West Highlands, for a base in the mountains there is the King's House Hotel (Glencoe PA39 4NR, Kingshouse 259), a country inn with modest rooms and magnificent views. A room for two, with breakfast and dinner starts at \$60.

For a base on the coast, there is Arisaig House (Arisaig PH39 4NR, telephone 622), a Victorian mansion overlooking the water with 20 acres of grounds. It is quite elegant, and a room for two range from \$105 to \$158, including dinner. Children under 10 are not welcome.

Throughout the Highlands are bed-and-breakfast accommodations in highlanders' homes. They usually cost from about \$8 to \$12 a night, per person. Listings can be obtained from the British Tourist Authority or from local tourist offices.

THE Wood'n Spoon in Kingussie, a self-service restaurant, has excellent trout (\$6) and venison burgers (\$2.20), as well as salads and pastries. It is open from 11 am to 9:30 pm, with hot food from noon to 2:30 pm and from 6 pm until closing.

McTavish's Kitchen, on the harbor in Oban and at 100 High Street in Fort William, offers traditional dishes such as tweed kettle (chunks of salmon poached in white wine) for \$7 and venison in a whisky-and-fruit sauce for \$8. There's a cabaret each night at 8:30, with a piper, a highland dancer and local folk singers. Admission is about \$2.

Prince Charlie that can be clearly viewed only when reflected in the curved surface of a polished cylinder. The museum is open Monday to Saturday from 9.30am to 9pm; admission is 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for children. Outside town, a well-marked trail leads to the summit of Ben Nevis — a three-hour hike for brisk walkers.

Sixteen kilometres south of Fort William is Glencoe, where, in 1692, English soldiers quartered in the Glen were ordered to turn on their hosts, members of the MacDonald clan, and kill them. A visitors' centre recounts the massacre of the 38 MacDonnalds. It is open every day from 10am to 5.30pm.

The west Highlands coast is cut by lochs that shelter several ports. Oban, the southernmost, is a particularly lovely town of about 7000 people. Its broad harbor has fishing boats and ferries at the south end and an esplanade lined with hotels and guest houses on the north.

Kyle of Lochalsh, north of Oban, is less than a mile from the Isle of Skye across a narrow strait guarded by the ruins of Castle Moll. The roads to Kyle provide dazzling views of mountain valleys, forests and moorland.

(Prices should be checked - this is an old article!)

Punch



"So it's agreed. We support your claim to the throne if you appear on our shortbread tins."

McPhee Family Trees

Another two McPhee families have printed records of their family trees and family details. They are:

- (1) The Family of Angus and Christina McPhee. A souvenir of 110 years of their settlement at Bell, Q'ld.
(Mrs Dorothy McPhee (Q77-327) "Colonsay", Crawshay Street, Bell Qld., 4408)
- (2) The Descendants of John McPhee of Strontian, Loch Sunart, Argylshire and their settlement of the Clarence River area of N.S.W. in the mid-eighteen hundreds.
(Mrs Jean Gellweiler (N76-213), "Elgin", 8 Union Street, Maclean N.S.W., 2463.)

These have been added to our steadily increasing record of Clan Macfie families in Australia. Further information on any families - irrespective of whether it is complete or not - is always welcome by our Historians Mrs Norah McPhee and Mrs Margaret Phee.

Mrs Norah McPhee, 47 Bellemey Street, Pennant Hills, NSW, 2120.
or P.O. Box 350, Pennant Hills. (Phone 84-2257)

Mrs Margaret Phee, 205 Hudson Parade, Clareville, NSW, 2107.
(Phone 918-3524)

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HAVE YOU PAID
YOUR 1984 MEMBERSHIP
SUBSCRIPTION
YET ?

Some members have apparently overlooked their 1984 membership subscriptions of \$5 per member or \$10 per family domiciled at the one address.

Accounts are attached and prompt payment is requested please.

Letters are also enclosed for a very small number of members who have still not paid their 1983 subscriptions.

Membership rights have been withdrawn for these members until such time as their subscriptions are brought completely up to date.

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RATIFICATION OF CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

There were no objections to the Constitution amendment to provide for an Immediate Past President which was passed at the Fifth Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society on 28th January 1984.

The amendment is thus considered to have been ratified by the membership as a whole in accordance with paragraph 15 of our Constitution and is now incorporated into it.

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Adelaide member Brian McPhee (S74-005) has raised the question as to just how many Sandy McPhies there are -

Sandy has no job but she's \$2000 richer

By BRIAN GILL

Sandy McPhie, of North Plympton, is 20 and out of work.

But yesterday a ray of sunshine came through the wintry clouds for her.

She won *The Advertiser* Classic Cars Contest. Her prize is a cheque for \$2000.

She is the second winner in the contest, involving about 60 car dealers, which will continue for another two weeks.

To enter the contest go to the site of a participating dealer — the list appears regularly in *The Advertiser* — and inspect any vehicle.

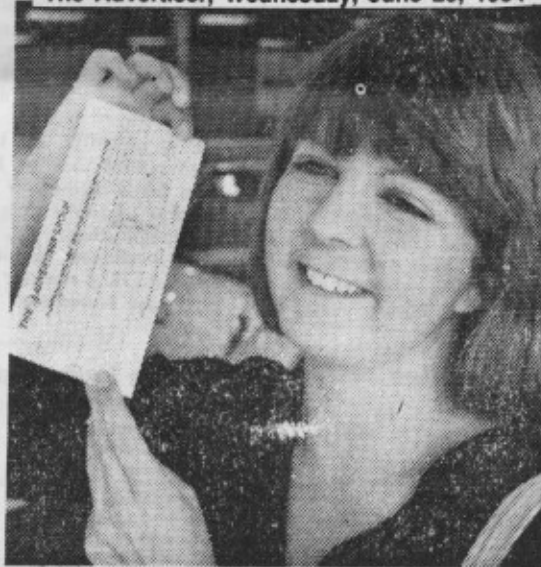
Then complete an entry form obtainable from the dealer, giving details of the car inspected. One entry will be drawn on the next two Mondays.

I asked Sandy what she plans to do with her prize.

"It's going straight into the bank," she said. "Then, if I can find a job, I'll have a flying start to buy myself a used car."

Sandy has studied architecture at university and is hoping for a job in this field.

The Advertiser, Wednesday, June 20, 1984



Sandy McPhie with her winner's cheque.

and will no doubt tell us that the Sandy above is better looking than our President Sandy! (alias Alex).

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Father Anscar McPhee is our valued Western Australian member W75-129.

**Black
madonna
for New
Norcia**

AN ABORIGINAL madonna will preside over a memorial to the parents of New Norcia's monks.

To casual visitors the shrine, a small Mexican chapel, will be a place of worship or a cool spot out of the sun.

Either way, Father Anscar McPhee will be happy.

"My mother left me a bequest but I cannot own property, so we used the money to help build the shrine," the gentle Benedictine said this week.

"People living in the shire contributed labour."

Father Anscar found his inspiration for the little seven-sided building during a visit to America earlier this year.

One of the windows will carry a small Aztec motif and in the opposite corner will be the McPhee family crest.

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Perth, Archbishop Goody will give the shrine his benediction when it opens for the first time during the annual New Norcia pilgrimage on Sunday.

The windows of the shrine will make the best use of new and old. Instead of the traditional stained glass their designer, Mrs Bridgid Donovan, is using acrylic and polyester.



Scottish fare to mark New Year

IT WOULD probably be true to say that no one enjoys New Year more than the Scots.

Contrary to popular belief, they do eat more than just oatmeal north of the border.

Scottish shortbread, for instance, is famous all over the world — and rightly so.

The highland dwellers have mastered the technique of preparation, so it is always perfectly crisp and buttery and quite irresistible.

It's worth taking the trouble to learn the knack as there are few more popular biscuits.

The secret is in the kneading which should take about 15 minutes by which time the dough is very smooth.

Cream the butter very well

Scottish Black Bun

Pastry.

3 cups pl. flour.

Pinch salt.

185g. butter.

1 egg yolk.

About 4 tbsps. water.

Sift flour and salt together and rub butter through. Mix egg yolk and water together and add, mixing to make a firm dough. A little extra water may be necessary but pastry must be very firm. Roll into ball, wrap in plastic film and chill while preparing filling. Filling — 500g. raisins, 500g. currants, 125g. almond slivers, 60g. mixed peel, 1 tsp. ground ginger, 1 tsp. cinnamon, 1 tsp. mixed spice, pinch black pepper, ½ cup whisky, ½ cup honey, ½ cup milk, 2 eggs, 1½ cups pl. flour.

Chop raisins and peel finely and combine in large bowl with all other ingredients. Mix well with wooden spoon until well combined. Roll out ⅓ of pastry thinly and line loaf tin allowing some overlap. Carefully spoon in filling pressing down well and smoothing top to level. Trim off pastry allowing 1 cm. above rim of tin all round.

Roll out remaining pastry and cut a rectangle to fit top of tin allowing extra 2.5 cm. all round. Carefully place on top of filling and trim off extra pastry allowing 1 cm. all round. Pinch edges of top and side of pastry together. Brush top with 1 egg yolk mixed with 1 tbsp. water.

Bake at 170°C until golden brown — about 3 hours. Allow to cool in tin until completely cold. This Scottish Black Bun can be cut and eaten cold or served warm with custard.

before adding the sugar gradually and continue beating until the mixture is very light and fluffy.

Then the flour is worked in gradually before the long kneading.

For my shortbread I use 250g butter, ½ cup castor sugar and 500g. pl. flour.

This quantity will give 2x20cm. rounds of shortbread.

Press the dough out into two flan rings placed on a baking sheet or into two sandwich tins.

Prick well with a fork and make a decorative border around the edge.

Bake at 170°C for 15 minutes. Then reduce heat to 150°C and bake for a further 40 minutes.

Allow to cool before storing in an airtight container.

If shortbread should go soft, place in 170°C oven for 15 minutes to restore freshness.

Ballyre Fudge Pudding

220g. butter.

250g. brown sugar.

500g. pl. flour.

1 tsp. salt.

6 tsp. baking powder.

60g. lard or dripping.

60g. sugar.

½ cup cold water.

1 egg.

185g. mixture of sultanas, chopped dates and chopped raisins.

2 tsp. cinnamon.

Beat 185g. butter with 185g. brown sugar until creamy. Spread mixture over base and sides of 30 cm. x 23 cm. ovenproof dish. Set aside. Sieve flour, salt and baking powder together. Rub through lard and mix through sugar. Mix egg and water together and add gradually to flour and lard mixture. Mix to stiff dough. Roll out in oblong shape on floured board to ½ cm. thickness. Soften (don't melt) remaining 30g. butter and spread over dough. Sprinkle over the fruit, cinnamon and all but 1 dsp. remaining brown sugar.

Roll up as for Swiss roll, moistening edges and pinching them well together. Cut into slices about 3 cm. thick and place in dish on top of butter and sugar mixture. Place two end pieces cut side upper-most. Chill for 10 minutes then bake at 220°C for 20 to 25 minutes until well risen and golden brown. Turn upside down on to large shallow serving dish immediately it comes out of oven. Sprinkle with remaining brown sugar and serve hot or cold with a butterscotch or caramel sauce.

Other well known old fashioned Scottish delights are Aberdeen sausage and Scotch eggs.

The Aberdeen sausage is a combination of minced beef, bacon, sauces, herbs and seasonings which is rolled in a floured cloth and boiled.

When cooked, the cloth is removed and the hot sausage rolled in dry breadcrumbs and allowed to cool before being served cut into slices.

Scotch eggs are hard boiled eggs coated in a mince mixture, dipped in egg and breadcrumbs and deep fried until golden brown.

They make excellent picnic fare as they pack so well.

All the recipes in today's line up are Scottish specialties you may like to try.

The Black Bun which is the traditional New Year, or Hogmanay, cake of this country.

Haggis

"The great chieftain of the puddin' race" as Robbie Burns described it is usually looked upon more as a Scottish joke than a toothsome morsel by most people. As a sheep's paunch is one of the necessary ingredients, it is a gruesome sight at certain times of its cooking. However, for the stout of heart who remain undeterred by such things, here is the recipe for this most famous of all Scottish dishes.

1 Sheep's paunch, including heart, liver and lights.

1 large cup oatmeal.

250g. minced suet.

2 finely chopped onions.

2 handfuls or more to taste salt, freshly ground black pepper.

Clean and soak paunch overnight. Next morning, turn inside out. Put the inside "pluck" in cold water, bring to boil and simmer for 1½ hrs. Sever and remove pipes and gristle. Grate half the liver — (give the rest to a neighbourhood dog you hate). Mince lights and heart and add with liver to oatmeal, suet and onions. Add salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste and moisten with liquid from pluck. Fill the paunch, right side out this time and sew up. Simmer in cauldron of boiling water for three hours. Prick when swelling commences. To serve in the traditional manner, hang around the Caledonian Club until you find a Scotsman who owns a kilt, can play the bagpipes and who also is free on New Year's Eve. At the stroke of midnight, have him pipe you into the dining room with the steaming haggis held shoulder high. Serve with tatties and neeps (mashed potatoes and turnips) and plenty of Scotch whisky to wash down.

Bannocks

125g. plain flour.
1 tsp bicarb. of soda.
1 tsp. cream of tartar.
Pinch salt.
Pinch cinnamon.
125g. oatmeal.
1 tsp. syrup.
2 eggs.
Milk to mix.

Sift flour, bicarb. cream of tartar, salt and cinamon into bowl. Mix in oatmeal. Make well in centre and add one egg. Using a metal spoon mix together and add enough milk to make mixture the consistency of thick cream. Drop in large spoonfuls on hot greased griddle or fry pan. When top bubbles, turn and cook other side. Wrap in clean linen cloth to cool.



Queensland Vice-President
Nevell McPhee (Q74-084) of Toowoomba.



The Canny Scot

The minister, calling for a good response to a special collection appeal, told the congregation that some of the parishioners were putting buttons in the plate instead of money. He ended the plea: "If ye're still determined tae put buttons on the plate, please bring your own buttons. Dinna clip them aff the cushions!"

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The Clan Cameron Clan of Aust. (S.A. Branch)

Clan Cameron has now started in South Australia, and all whom bear the name Cameron, are entitled to become members of the Clan. As also are the descendants of Camerons, who have married, and have families outside the name, as long as they come from Cameron Foundations. Also any members of the Services who were in the Cameron Regiment or Cameron Services, are entitled to become members of the Clan Cameron.

To assist is a list of People and Groups who are entitled to be members of The Clan Cameron, as they are Septs or Dependencies:

Cameron	Gilbertson	Magsorley	Maglear	Macnlrie	Chambers
Gilbert	Mgsorley	Mglear	Macrail	Chalmers	Macleary
Magalonie	Maccleary	Macwarlick	Clark	Mgalonie	Macelery
Maclerie	Paul	Clerk	Martin	Magkeil	Macgallonie
Sorley	Clarkson	Mgmartin	Mgkeil	Macidowie	Taylor
Clarke	Melear	Mggonie	Mackail	Cleary	Macphail
Magkell	Maconie	Gibbon	Mgphail	Maggleary	Macourlie

If further information is required write to the Secretary, Mr. George W. Hill, 8 Curnew St., Bright S.A. 5084.

With the ad hoc derbhfine of Clan Macfie now in formal session, the following comments from an interview with the Lord Lyon King of Arms in July 1982, are of interest and in regard to our Clan, certainly no less pertinent to-day than they were then.



The Lord Lyon, King of Arms

Malcolm Innes of Edingight is Lord Lyon, King of Arms of Scotland. In an interview given to the Sunday Post, July 11, 1982, he was asked if his job serves any useful purpose in this modern age. His answer was as follows:

"It must do because we're busier than ever. Two hundred people a year make petitions to have a coat of arms granted to them. They come from all over the world, from all walks of life. One of its great beauties is that it's available to anyone who is 'virtuous and well deserving' as an Act of the Scottish Parliament of 1672 puts it. That's literally everyone from a dustman to a duke.

Many people from abroad who want a Scots coat of arms have to trace back their ancestry in Scotland to someone who could be granted one, have arms made out of their ancestor, then have them legally transferred through the Lyon Court to themselves."

The Lord Lyon explained that one of his major jobs is to decide who is the rightful Clan Chief. He said:

"My most recent case was to the Macfies, who lost their clan chief many years ago and have just had a Commander of the Clan appointed through my office.

There's been a big surge in interest in the clans, particularly in the Commonwealth and America. All sorts of clan societies and organizations have been formed. Through them, many of the clans who've been without a chief for generations are finding either the true chief or the clan commander."

In the case of Clan Macfie the Lord Lyon had agreed that the successor of Malcolm (1623) could not be found.

The Lord Lyon was approached by representatives of the five Clan Societies and he advised that this matter should be examined by the Albany Herald, Sir Iain Moncreiffe.

Reports by the Clan Societies and by Sir Iain favouring the proposal that Earle Douglas MacPhee should be appointed the Commander were examined by the Lord Lyon.

To make sure that this decision was correct, the Lord Lyon required that at least seven armigerous persons, from all Societies should file petitions to him, supporting the recommendation of the Clan Societies and Sir Iain Moncreiffe.

This whole process must be repeated each time a commander dies or resigns.

Those of us who have seen the care with which the Lord Lyon reviews each petition are assured that the choice of a leader whether he be nominated as a Chief or as a Commander has been carefully vetted by his office.

(From Sylvia McPhee, Canada.)



GENERAL NOTES

- * Clansman Mark McPhee was 12th man for Western Australia in a recent cricket match against Tasmania, while Peter McPhee is in the Queensland training squad.
- * Winner of the 1984 Scottish Australian Heritage Council raffle for a trip to India was a Miss M. Jolly, a young nurse from Narrabeen, N.S.W.
- * With regret, the death of Mr. William Christie snr. of Christies in George Street North, Sydney, is recorded. Christie's have supplied kilts and things Scottish to several generations of Australians and of course, will continue to do so.
- * There were 170 entries in the Scottish Australian Heritage Council's "Australian" tartan competition. The winning design was based on the tartan of Lachlan Macquarie and will be announced (and displayed) at the S.A.H.C. Tartan Gala Night at Sydney Town Hall on Thursday 29th November.
- * The Macfie Clan Society of North America is still alive and well. In fact, interim president Scott McPhee of Hallandale, Florida, replied rather indignantly to the doubts expressed in our last Newsbulletin about the society's continued operation. The Society is a member of The Council of Scottish Clan Associations, Inc., in U.S.A. and is well represented at most Scottish Gatherings there. Their newsletter, Clan Macfie Newsbeat comes to hand regularly.
- * John Phee (N74-042) of Clareville N.S.W. spent his two months long service leave in July and August refurbishing his "new" boat - a 23 foot diesel powered put-put (according to wife, Margaret). With a couple of bunks and useful galley, John and Margaret (N74-075) should be able to make good use of the boat with retirement coming up for John.
- * The Society of Australian Genealogists claims to be the largest genealogical society in the world with some 10,000 members spread through all States of Australia. Membership is increasing too, at a rate as high as 400 members a month at times.
- * The Ringwood (Vic) Highland Carnival for 1985 is to be held on Sunday, 31st March. It is now the largest Highland gathering in Victoria and the organisers have issued a general invitation to all members of Clans and Clan Societies to attend.
- * Clan Member John McPhee who is the Curator of Decorative Arts at the Australian National Gallery in Canberra, was in Toowoomba recently for a Ceramics Exhibition.
- * Clan Macfie (Scotland) is at last consolidating and building membership. Their August 1984 Newsletter reported 51 financial members. President is Rev. James Duffy Esq., 120 Cockburn Crescent, Balerno, Edinburgh EH 14 7 HU. A full committee has been appointed and plans are well in hand for "Macfie" functions during next years Gathering of the Clans. James' wife Sheila is the Clan Society Secretary.
- * Recent visitors to Toowoomba in contact with President Sandy and Secretary Helen McPhie were Elizabeth Wilson (Q82-510) Of Beaudesert, Q. and Jean Gellweiler (N76-213) and husband Lauire of Maclean, NSW.
- * Congratulations of Scot McPhie (Q76-164) of Toowoomba on winning the Sixth Form Biology Prize in his final year at school.

.1984 SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK PROGRAMME.

(Full details are included in the Scottish Australian Annual - ALBANNAICH ASTRAILIA - "Scots of Australia". Obtainable at \$1.50, or \$2.50 posted, from Mr. B. Ross, P.O. Box 83, Pennant Hills, NSW, 2120, or at Commonweal Restaurant, 114 Castlereagh St.. Scottish Week HQ is in OTC House, Martin Place. Ph. 235-3737).

SAT	24 Nov.	A.M.	Arrival of Chiefs in Sydney
		11.30 am	Official Opening by Sydney Lord Mayor at Sydney Town Hall
		1.00 pm	Scottish Games St.Leonard's Park,Nth Sydney
		8.00 pm	Visitors' Night, Drummoyne. Ph 713-9610
SUN	25 Nov.	A.M.	Kirkin' the Tartan at Scots Kirk Arrival of more Chiefs in Sydney
MON	26 Nov.	A.M.	Manly Scottish Day, Ph. 977-7655
		7.30 pm	Manly Ceilidh, Ph 638-2625
TUE	27 Nov.	A.M.	Newcastle Scottish Day, Ph. 049 43-1241
		12.30 pm	Luncheon for The Lord High Constable of Scotland in Canberra
		7.30 pm	Western Ceilidh, Ph. 638-2625
WED	28 Nov.	A.M.	Chiefs received by H.E. the Governor
		12 noon	Scottish Race Day and luncheon at AJC Randwick, Ph 95-5683
		6.00 pm	Scottish Dancing Classes, Ph 85-4268
		7.30 pm	City Ceilidh, Ph 638-2625
THUR	29 Nov.	A.M.	Manly Golf Day and luncheon at Manly Golf Club, Ph 969-9359
		12 noon	Lord Mayor's Civic Reception for the Countess of Sutherland
		7.30 pm	Australian Tartan Gala at Town Hall, Ph 389-9544
FRI	30 Nov.	A.M.	Sutherlandshire Council luncheon for the Countess of Sutherland, Ph 871-6942
		12.30 pm	Luncheon for Scottish Chiefs hosted by the President of the State Legislative Council
		8.00 pm	Grand Scottish Ball at the Roundhouse Ph 419-7159
SAT	1 Dec.	AM / PM	Various Clan Functions - details in the Scottish Annual
SUN	2 Dec.	A.M.	Clans Gather in the Domain for a Picnic at 10.30 am. Pipe Bands Display
		1.00 pm	Clans March from the Domain to the Opera House
		2.00 pm	Free Open Air Scottish Concert at the Opera House
		5.00 pm	Farewell Scottish High Tea at the Commonweal Centre Restaurant in Castlereagh Street, Ph 267-3013

DAILY

Martin Place activities at Lunchtime, Ph 727-8386
Macquarie Street Walks, Ph 660-7157
Scottish Week Movies - HCF Theatrette, George Street;
Sessions at 11.15 am and 1.15 pm daily
26th to 30th November inclusive. Ph 39-9411.

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