

# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3rd May 1974)

## Newsbulletin



Ancestral Home of  
The Clan Macfie

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## From your President



We've started the new year well with our first Newsbulletin out on time and every prospect of the two other copies for 1985 being on time also.

It was a disappointment that only the two Newsbulletins were issued last year, but commitments in other areas made the workload just too high to keep the Newsbulletin programme on schedule. The commitments are still there, plus an additional one as I am acting as Secretary for the Clan Macfie ad hoc derbhfine which is currently considering the selection of a candidate for appointment as Clan Commander - but the programme appears a little more organised this year!

Certainly, last year's shortcomings in this regard were in no way connected with any waning of interest or apathy on the part of Clan Society leaders - they're all as keen as ever and very much alive and well. What about contacting them for a Clan function in your area?

This Newsbulletin contains a copy of our 1984 Balance Sheet. It shows a larger surplus than usual due to only two Newsbulletins being produced and also due to some generous outside assistance with some of our expenses.

Too, there is an article which I commend to you for serious consideration, seeking support for proposals from the Clan Macfie Societies' International Treasurer, De Vane Middleton in U.S.A., to establish a permanent financial base for the Clan.

Helen and I will be making our long overdue first trip to Scotland in May/June of this year to attend the Clan Macfie Parliament in Glasgow, other functions associated with the 1985 International Gathering of the Clans, and to make a trip through the Highlands to Colonsay. The next Newsbulletin will be mailed on our return.

Best wishes,

Alex McPhie, M.L.A.,  
President.

25th February, 1985

Clan Society Secretary:

(Telephone: 076 32 3469)

Mrs Helen McPhie,  
8 Panorama Crescent,  
Toowoomba Q 4350.

CLAN BBQ - BRISBANE

Clan Society President Alex (Sandy) McPhie and wife Helen will host a Clan Barbeque in Brisbane On:

Tuesday 26th March 1985

at 6 p.m.

Venue:

Level 7

Queensland Parliamentary Annex

Alice Street

Brisbane

The invitation is open to Clan Society members and their immediate family and will include a tour of Queensland Parliament for those who are interested, later in the evening.

As Parliament will be sitting on that evening, punctual arrival at the Parliamentary Annex is requested.

Acceptances to Secretary Helen on 076 32 3469 by Saturday, 23rd March please.

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De VANE MIDDLETON'S CALL FOR CLAN FUNDS

De Vane Middleton of Lake in the Woods, Guyton, Ga, 31312, U.S.A., was appointed International Treasurer of Clan Macfie in 1981. He was tasked to examine the financial needs of the Clan and develop ways and means of meeting these needs.

He considers two funds are necessary. One to meet day to day running expenses of an administrative nature incurred by the Clan Commander. The other, to establish a Clan Capital Fund with only the interest from this fund being available for use and that, for special Clan purposes.

The day to day monies would be met by a per capita levy on Clan Society members, while the Capital Fund would be built up by donations from Clan Members. The funds would be administered by a financial committee established for that purpose.

Your Executive examined these proposals and endorsed them in principle. However, we had already decided in January 1982 that we would pay an annual levy of 20% of membership subscriptions collected to defray a Clan Commander's expenses and accordingly, this will continue. It should be noted though, that a lesser amount will be paid (as at present) to the central international authority when no Clan Commander has been appointed.

The Executive also decided that a call would be made for donations by Clan members to the Clan Capital Fund. They can be of any size and forwarded at anytime to Clan Society Secretary, Helen McPhie in Toowoomba. Why not add a little when paying your subscription? To assist in the establishment of this fund, the Executive decided to forward A\$100 as a donation from members of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia.

A SOUGHT AFTER AUSTRALIAN RECIPE

We are in debt to a gracious Lady in Canberra for the following recipe:

Flo's Pumpkin Scones

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| 1 tablespoon butter  | 1 egg           |
| 2 cups S.R. flour    | ½ cup sugar     |
| 1 cup mashed pumpkin | ½ teaspoon salt |

Put butter, sugar and salt in mixmaster; then add egg followed by mashed pumpkin. Finally add by hand the sifted self-raising flour. Do not handle mixture too much, and cook in a very hot oven (250°C or 450°F) for 15 to 20 minutes.

If the pumpkin is very dry you may need two tablespoons of milk.

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

5th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING 1984

Dinner Receipts	275.00	Dinner Expenses	201.00
Raffle Receipts	68.60	Hall Hire	20.00
	<u>          </u>	Raffle Expenses	137.90
	\$343.60		<u>          </u>
	<u>          </u>		\$358.90
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Overall Loss (borne by Clan Society) \$15.30.

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<i>Dougal</i>	<b>Is Your Name MacDougall?</b>	<i>MacCoul</i>
<i>Carmichael</i>	(It doesn't matter how you spell it)	<i>MacCowan</i>
<i>Conacher</i>	Is your name listed here? Were you any of the names before marriage or were your Grandparents? Then you are eligible to join our growing Clan Society in Australia, and will be made most welcome.	<i>MacCulloch</i>
<i>Cowan</i>		<i>MacDole</i>
<i>Coull</i>	The Clan MacDougall Australia is officially recognized by our Chief, Madam Coline H.E. MacDougall of MacDougall, 30th Chief in a line dating back to 1164 and beyond, who resides in Dunollie Castle, Scotland.	<i>MacDuloth</i>
<i>Coul</i>		<i>MacEachan</i>
<i>Dowall</i>	We have a branch in Victoria as well as N.S.W. and hope to have one in Queensland in the near future.	<i>MacHowell</i>
<i>Dowell</i>	For more information and application forms please contact:	<i>MacIchan</i>
<i>Livingstone</i>	The Secretary, Victoria: Mrs. Joan MacDougall — 45-2583	<i>MacLucas</i>
<i>MacDouall</i>	National Secretary: Mr. J. Charlesworth, 9 Pritchard Street, Annandale, N.S.W. 2038	<i>MacLugash</i>
<i>MacDowall</i>	<b>Bunadh No Bah</b> <b>J.M.S. MacDougall</b> President & High Commissioner	<i>MacLulich</i>
<i>MacDowell</i>		<i>MacNamell</i>
<i>MacCoull</i>		<i>Macowl</i>



INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 1985  
CLAN MACPIE PROGRAMME

PUBLIC ACCESS TO PRE 1900 BIRTH, DEATH  
& MARRIAGE RECORDS IN VICTORIA

Until recently Victoria was the only State in Australia which had not released to public access its pre 1900 civil registration indexes for births, deaths and marriages. Additionally, the price of certified copies of these certificates was increased last year to \$18 per copy making them amongst the most expensive in the world.

As a result of submissions made to the Minister for Property and Services in Victoria, Mr Jack Simpson, M.P., by the Society of Australian Genealogists and many of its members, Mr Simpson has taken steps to enable the filming of pre 1900 records to provide public access and has set fees for these certificates at \$5 for search plus \$5 for the issue of a certificate.

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CLAN SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Clan Society membership in South Australia is not large when compared with that in Victoria or New South Wales. But it has something which the other States do not have and that is a large number of family memberships where parents and children in the one family are all members.

When the South Australian members were asked for a Newsbulletin article on Family Membership, they expressed surprise that the position was different in other States. South Australia Vice-President, Brian McHaffie and his members felt that if we do not encourage interest amongst our youngsters then the Clan can never expand or prosper. It was also felt that youngsters would appreciate an association with a 'family' with a long history and that by so doing they would never need to feel alone.

It is worth thinking about - and certainly is no more expensive having a family membership when your children are with you at home. On the larger scale, we should surely always be pleased to make contact with "Macfies" who we meet for the first time - they're not a bad lot - but regrettably, experience especially overseas, has shown that this contact is not always received as cordially as was expected by some of our members.

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1985 MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

1985 Membership subscriptions are now due - accounts are attached for those who have not already paid.

Membership fees remain at \$5.00 per member or \$10.00 per family resident at the one address. Members under 18 or over 75 years of age are excused from payment of subscriptions.

A few members have overlooked the payment of their 1984 subscriptions. Accounts are attached for those who have done so - please give them your urgent attention.

**CLAN MACFIE PROGRAMME  
INTERNATIONAL GATHERING 1985**



**Sunday  
26th May** Arrive Glasgow and make own way in to the Lorne Hotel on Sauchiehall Street, venue for the Clan Parliament. Accommodation has been booked for six nights on a bed and full breakfast basis including all the Clan events here listed at the hotel in rooms with private bath at the rate of £116 per person (single room supplement £36). For those Clansmen arriving on Saturday spending seven nights at the Lorne Hotel the charge is £132; single room supplement £42. Supplementary charges will be made to attend Clan events for those not staying in the Lorne Hotel.

**Monday  
27th May** Evening Clan reception at the Lorne Hotel with savouries and sparkling white wine.

**Tuesday  
28th May** Full day for Clan Parliament at the hotel with morning coffee and biscuits, lunch and afternoon tea included.

**Wednesday  
29th May** Morning only for Clan Parliament with coffee/biscuits. Afternoon free — visit the Clan Centre.

**Thursday  
30th May** Day trip to Edinburgh organised by Mrs Sheila Duffy at a cost of £12 per person including lunch.

**Friday  
31st May** Day free — take a trip down the Clyde or an excursion to the Burns Country. This evening there will be a Gala Highland Ball following the Civic Reception in Glasgow City Chambers.

**Saturday  
1st June** Arrangements end for those attending the Glasgow week only.

**Travel Scotland Limited  
10 Rutland Square  
Edinburgh EH1 2AE**

Cost for first week covering six nights bed and full breakfast at the Lorne Hotel plus evening reception on 27th May and arrangements listed on 28th and 29th May at the hotel

£116 per person  
single supplement £35

for seven nights (arrive Saturday leave following Saturday) as above  
cost is £132 per person  
single supplement £42.

Cost of Colonsay week 1-8 June covering transport by private coach, sailings to Skye and Oban-Colonsay-Oban, dinner bed and breakfast in Inverness and Fort William on 1 and 2 June and in Oban on 7 June and full board accommodation on Colonsay 3-7 June will be £300 per person. Single room supplement £14.

The above brochure and associated reservation form for accommodation in Glasgow at Clan Parliament time and for the Highlands and Colonsay tour can be obtained from Clan Society Secretary, Helen McPhie in Toowoomba.

Victoria Vice-President Bruce McPhie would like to hear urgently from any likely starters as he may be able to arrange a fare discount. Bruce's address is:

8 Calypso Court,  
Forest Hill Vic 3131  
Telephone 03 8787017



## One week visit to Colonsay

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| <b>Saturday<br/>1st June</b> | Drive north to Dunkeld visiting the Abbey then to Blair Atholl visiting Blair Castle, home of the Duke of Atholl. Afternoon drive via Grantown-on-Spey and Elgin to Inverness for dinner and overnight.  | <b>Wednesday<br/>5th June</b> | To Macfie's Stone for special ceremony in the morning. Afternoon visit Loch a'Sgoltaire with the Castle where Sir James MacDonald stayed on the visit which led to the downfall of the last chief of the Clan.   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>2nd June</b>   | Drive along Loch Ness then via Eilean Donan Castle, seat of the Macraes to Lochalsh and the Island of Skye. Visit the Clan Donald museum at Armadale Castle then ferry back to the mainland at Mallaig. Drive past the monument to the Highlanders who supported Prince Charles Edward in the '45 Rising to Fort William for dinner and overnight. A Ceilidh to be organised by Duncan MacPhee and family. | <b>Thursday<br/>6th June</b>  | Walking tour to Cille Cairine with interesting monastic remains then via the well preserved Dunan-an-Nighean and the abandoned village of Riasg Buidhe back to Scalasaig.  |
| <b>Monday<br/>3rd June</b>   | Visit Glencoe and Loch Awe then to Inveraray Castle seat of the Duke of Argyll and Dunadd, capital of the early Celtic Kingdom of Dalriada. 7.30 pm board ferry in Oban for sail to Colonsay with dinner on board. 10.30 pm disembark Scalasaig.   | <b>Friday<br/>7th June</b>    | Morning visit the wonderful gardens of Colonsay House. Afternoon on Kiloran Beach and for visiting Dun Eibhinn ancient stronghold of the Macfies and residence of the Chiefs until the 16th century. Evening board steamer at 7 pm for sail to Oban, arriving 10 pm. Dinner on board, overnight in Oban. |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>4th June</b>  | Transport organised for the trip to Oronsay with special event at the Crois-an-Termon on the Strand.   | <b>Saturday<br/>8th June</b>  | Drive to Glasgow Airport where there are connections to Prestwick Airport and Edinburgh Airport where tour ends.   |

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### CAMPBELLTOWN HIGHLAND GATHERING (N.S.W.)

The Campbelltown and District Scottish Society outside Sydney conducts an annual St Andrew's Highland Gathering during November at Orana Park, Leumeah. Last year's Gathering on 17th November attracted 12 Pipe Bands, nearly 200 Highland Dancers and many entries in the Heavy Events.

Attendances, however, have not been good and the committee is actively seeking support from clansfolk throughout Australia for this year's Gathering. Can you attend or publicise it, please?

Date: Saturday, 16th November 1985

Secretary: Helen McWilliam,  
20 Bow Bowing Crescent  
BRADBURY NSW 2560  
(Phone 046 26 7545)



# O'Phee Industries sign \$100m China deal

Pittsworth engineering firm O'Phee Industries' 20-year contract with a Chinese company could be worth \$100 million in today's terms.

General manager of O'Phee Industries Mr Ray Wilms released details of the contract yesterday after returning from China.

The deal involves supplying O'Phee designed and manufactured semi-trailer equipment in kit form to the Chinese Government.

The initial contract is for two years, with an on-going contract for 20 years involving the transfer

of technology and management expertise.

Mr Wilms said the first year would be worth \$8 million to O'Phee Industries.

He said based on today's prices, the 20-year contract could be worth more than \$100 million.

The O'Phee contract was won after representations were made by the Toowoomba-based Agres International Consultants at the Agro-China Trade Fair in November last year.

Mr Wilms and Mr Geoff Wormwell, principal of Agres

Consultants, returned from China this week to outline the first stages in supplying the Chinese firm with semi-trailer kits.

Initial sales for the first year are for 200 units at \$20,000 each.

One of the more significant developments of the contract is that O'Phee's will be supervising production design and standards as the kits are introduced to the Chinese market.

Mr Wilms said the contract would initially increase staffing needs at the Pittsworth plant by 50 per cent.

Saturday, January 26, 1985



PRINCIPALS in Pittsworth engineering firm O'Phee Industries' multi-million dollar deal with a Chinese company examine one of the semi-trailer kits they will be shipping to China. They are (from left) principal of O'Phee Industries Mr Bill O'Phee, international consultant Mr Geoffrey Wormwell and general manager Mr Ray Wilms.

NUNAWADING GAZETTE, Wednesday, October 24, 1984

## McPhee is Jaycees' senior executive

Nunawading resident, Mr Peter McPhee has been elected Executive vice-president of Australian Jaycees — the second ranking position in the national service club.

Mr McPhee, 38, married with four children is a director of Cody Real Estate, Mitcham.

He joined the Nunawading Chapter of Jaycees in 1976 and over the ensuing years has held a number of portfolios, including magazine editor, membership director and vice-president.

Last year he was elected state vice-president and this year he is state president. He was recently awarded a senatorship of life membership of the world body, one of only a small group of Jaycees to be awarded this honor.

Mr McPhee said he felt he had personally derived much from



• Mr McPhee

Jaycee's personal development program which enabled members to develop at his or her own rate (Jaycees is the only service club open to both men and women).

He said in his own case he had improved his communication, management and public speaking skills to a great extent.

Last year he showed his public speaking ability when he won the state finals of the Toastmasters' Australia Day Public Speaking contest.



# Prisoners of the waves

WHEN THE thrice-weekly boat which has just brought you to Colonsay, or which you have just missed, steams off back to Oban, two-and-a-half hours away, you should ponder either the peculiar advantages of your situation, or the enormity of it. On the one hand you are part of a small, select and static holiday community which would fit easily into a jumbo jet. On the other, there is no escape for three days.

Your only mistake may have been to bring your car. As the village shop wisely notes, there is no earthly reason to take a vehicle to Colonsay, unless you are disabled. Anyone capable of reaching the corner shop at home could walk the ten mile long island in a week.

After feet and bikes, by far the most sensible conveyance is harbour-master Peter Macallister's boat. Holding grimly to the engine housing—and occasionally, by mistake, to the vertical exhaust pipe—I was ferried through towering seas to Seal island, a rocky afterthought to Oransay, itself a full-stop to Colonsay's exclamation mark.

The attraction is expressed in the name. In September and October the island is an open maternity ward for one of the largest colonies of grey seals in Scotland. Each cove contains an anxious mother and her litter of white furred pups. Apart from men with guns, the baby seals have only a single enemy, the sea otter. In driving rain we inspect its residence—three entrance holes behind a platform of peat. Peter Macallister was not enthusiastic: "I like seals fine, but not otters—they eat chickens."

Seal-basking territory extends all around Oransay. On a balmy September morning, mothers-in-waiting sunbathed under the alumbering eye of a great old sack of a bull, heads turning occasionally as if in conversation. One seal lazed, tail-upturned, on a bed of seaweed, delaying its ungainly waddle to the sea until I was almost on top of it. Minutes later, its head reappeared from the water like a grizzled old Channel-swimmer, completing its study of a rare visitor.

Ashore, Oransay's main distinction lies in its significance as a burial place for bishops. It must have staged some impressive funerals. In addition to disconcerting little heaps of bones in niches, the ruined priory contains an outstanding display of early carved tomb-



Life in the Scottish islands maintains a raw purity that cheats the years

## SCENE

Edited by Richard Girling

stones. But the single most impressive burial site on the islands was claimed by an unnamed Viking, in a grassy bank at the head of Kiloran Bay on Colonsay. An odd choice for a pagan as the bay, which extends a third of the way into the island and finishes with a magnificent bank of sand, points straight at the holy island of Iona.

### TRAVEL

Colonsay's greatest gift to the visitor is the illusion of adventure. It invites the most reckless feats of exploration with no chance of losing oneself. One foray to the north took me through a switchback of swampy valleys and craggy moorland in the vague direction of the top of the island. I improvised a route through snatches of ancient Caledonian forest and across fingers of rock jutting into a boiling sea. Over one hillock, six horned heads swivelled to watch me go by—wild goats said to be of Spanish

origin, descendants of survivors from a wrecked Armada ship. As soon as I imagined myself lost, I would climb a crag to behold the whole of the north of the island, spread before my feet, the sea seldom more than three miles away in any direction. In the distant west blinked the Du Hirteach lighthouse, the only point between the island and Canada; to the east the majestic heights of Islay and Mull.

Colonsay tries to maintain its raw purity through a ban on caravans (one arrived while I was there to serve as a retirement home for a returning islander, causing great consternation). Camping is disallowed too. And there are no official signs to spoil the view, not even road signs. The island is small enough for interested people to watch closely for any decline in its environment. On two long treks I counted only four pieces of litter, not counting shoreline detritus.

There is one hotel on the island, the Colonsay, served by

the estimable Kevin and Christa Byrne, whose guests are whisked the quarter-mile from the quay in a former London taxi. The hotel is notable for three things: the table d'hôte menu based on the produce of the garden; the wine list which offers the same price mark-up on every bottle, ensuring that the best wines are the best value; and two Irish terriers which rollick delightedly on their backs whenever anyone shows the slightest interest.

Holidays in Colonsay tend to be extended, or to have their start delayed, by a conspiracy of wind and waves which leaves the ferry stranded in whatever port it had reached before the storm broke. The trick is to arrange a visit over Christmas: Hogmanay here lasts for twelve days.

● Colonsay can be reached only by the Caledonian MacBrayne ferry, which sails three times weekly from Oban: Friday at 16.30, Monday and Wednesday at 20.00. The same boat returns on Friday evening, and early Tuesday and Thursday. The journey takes about two-and-a-half hours, for a fare of £9.90 return. There is limited accommodation for cars. Details from Caledonian MacBrayne, The Pier, Gourock (tel. 0475 33755).

The Isle of Colonsay Hotel is the only hotel on Colonsay (tel. 09512 316). Accommodation and full breakfast (double room) £15.80 per day until September 5, with a weekly discount. There are also 15 cottages and nine flats, accommodating 2-12 people, with rents from £65 a week. Contact Mrs McNeill, Machrins Farm, Isle of Colonsay, Argyll (tel. 09512 312).

Gareth Huw Davies

Acknowledgement to Mrs Alison McWilliam (Q74-031) of Leyburn Q. for this interesting cutting from The Sunday Times of 13th June 1982.

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS AT 31.12.84

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>Subscriptions</u>		<u>Newsbulletin</u>	
83	159.00	- Printing	353.20
84	1,082.00	- Postage	95.35
85	162.00	- Stationery	<u>25.75</u>
86	20.00		474.30
87	<u>5.00</u>		
	1,428.00	<u>5 G/Meeting</u>	
<u>Donations</u>		- Raffle	137.90
- General Fund	13.66	- Dinner	
- Trust Fund	<u>23.00</u>	Deposit	150.00
	36.66	- Sundry	
		Expenses	51.00
<u>5 G/Meeting</u>		- Refund	
- Dinner	295.00	deposit	<u>20.00</u>
- Raffle	18.50		358.90
- Hall Rent	<u>20.00</u>		
	333.50	<u>Sundries</u>	
<u>Sales</u>		Cheque book	5.00
- Badges	12.00	Federal Tax on Debits	1.30
- SAHC Raffle	39.00	Telephone	10.91
- Diaries	<u>16.50</u>	Postage	4.05
	67.50	Stationery and Printing	<u>1.55</u>
			856.01
<u>Sundries</u>		Balance C/f 31 Dec 84	<u>1,774.15</u>
Interest (Bank)	30.90		<u>\$2,630.16</u>
Refund Stamp Duty	<u>4.20</u>		
	1,900.76		
Balance B/f 1 Jan 84	<u>729.40</u>		
	<u>\$2,630.16</u>		

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK 1985  
THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE GATHERING OF THE CLANS

Monday, 25th November	Opening of Scottish week in Martin Place Parade of Chiefs, Chieftains, etc..
Wednesday, 27th November	Scottish Race Day
Friday, 29th November	Grand Scottish Ball
Sunday, 1st December	Clans' Picnic in Domain Clan March Opera House Concert

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GENERAL NOTES

- \* Clan Member Mark McPhee of Western Australia has cemented his position as opener in the Western Australia Sheffield Shield team with a number of hard hitting knocks in recent games, including a maiden century at his second appearance in the match against Victoria.
- \* Father Anscar McPhee (W75-129) wrote recently from Kalumburu Mission in Western Australia where he has moved for his health! - Kalumburu is North West of Wyndham and is surely the home of only those with cast iron constitutions. Anscars's brother, Father Bernie McPhee (V75-118) formerly of Melbourne, will return to Australia on 26th March after about two years in America - and is scheduled for a visit to Kalumburu according to Father Anscar.
- \* I assure all members that the fearsome character enquiring on page 10 of Newsbulletin No. 40 "Have you paid your 1984 membership subscription yet?" is in no way intended to represent the slightest likeness to our young and attractive Treasurer, Lorraine McPhee - signed: Newsbulletin Editor (under threat of permanent extinction by one Miss L. McP!)
- \* Clan Seneschal in Australia, Sandy McPhee (N74-012) of Pennant Hills, Sydney and wife Norah (N74-052) (who, you all know as one of our hard-working Historians) have at last escaped from the Big Smoke and will be living at Rodney Road, Mt. Vincent, Mulbring NSW 2323 in a new home which is "progressing, roof level soon" to the south of Wallis Lake, north of Newcastle.
- \* Congratulations and good wishes to Ewen McPhee (Q78-424), formerly of Longreach, Q., on his marriage to Wendy Mullholland at the Longreach Uniting Church on Saturday, 19th January. Ewen is in his final year of Medicine at Queensland University and lives at Taringa in Brisbane. Ewen is the eldest son of Bob (Q77-353) and Anne Marie (Q77-354) McPhee of Longreach.
- \* Further news from Bob McPhee who has been mine host at the Midlander Hotel there since leaving the Queensland Police Force in June last year, is that second son Alastair (Q78-425) is with the Queensland Police at Fortitude Valley, Brisbane and third son, Lachlan (Q78-426) has just commenced training at the Queensland Police Academy, while daughter, Fiona (Q78-427) has commenced an Arts Degree at Queensland University. Bob himself is no mean exponent of the bagpipe having played (most recently) with the St. Andrews Pipe Band at the North Queensland Pipe Band Championships last Easter at Townsville with a first (band) and individual second (March & Jig) and two thirds (Strathspey & Reel and Slow Air).
- \* Author of the Observer's Book some years ago dealing with Snakes and Lizards of Australia is Clan Member David McPhee. This authoritative field guide covers sixty-two different species in all States. David devoted many years to the study of reptiles in their native state and in captivity and has researched and obtained much valuable information relating to their habits and characteristics. He has published articles in various journals on popular natural history and his wife, Ute, and two children, Suzanne and Andrew, share his hobbies of natural history and bushwalking and accompanied him on a number of field trips when researching material for the book.



GENERAL NOTES (cont)

- \* Society Secretary Helen McPhie has lost contact with the following members - can anyone help with information as to their whereabouts?
- \* John McPhee (N77-367), 22 Tirriki Street, Old Bar, NSW and Mrs Gwen Jarvis (V83-257), 60 James Road, Dandenong, V
- \* Our delegates to the Clan Macfie Parliament in Glasgow at the end of May are:
- \* President, Alex McPhie of Toowoomba, Vic. Vice-President, Bruce McPhie of Melbourne, and Secretary, Helen McPhie of Toowoomba
- \* Don't forget our 6th Biennial General Meeting to be held in Adelaide over the Australia Day weekend in 1986.
- \* Submariner Alan McCarthy (N82-507) of Lismore is back at sea again with one of the O-Boats - this time HMAS Onslow
- \* Flt Lt Glen McPhee (V77-357) has been moved by the RAAF from Penrith to Butterworth Air Base in Malaysia for a two year tour of duty on the staff of No 4 RAAF Hospital there.
- \* The Annual Meeting of The MacDuffee Clan of America Inc. will be held on the Friday night of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina on the 13th and 14th of July this year.
- \* Don't forget the Ringwood Highland Games on Sunday, 31st March, 1985. It is now the largest Highland Gathering in Victoria and some Macfie kilts would not go amiss there on the day.
- \* Scot McPhie (Q76-164) of Toowoomba has commenced a degree course in Science at the Darling Downs Institute of Advanced Education.



Clan Society Trustee  
Neil McPhee of  
Morningside, Vic..

NEW MEMBERS

Apologies and a big welcome to the following new members who joined the Clan Society last year, but whose names were inadvertently omitted in the last Newsbulletin:

N84-544 Russell Mattocks, 5 Seales Parade, Balgowlah Heights, NSW 2093  
Q84-545 Sandy Knowles, 28 Gavin Street, Ashgrove, Q, 4060  
V84-546 Mrs Mary Young, 63 Wandsworth Road, Surrey Hills, V, 3127

And a welcome also to those who have joined since then:

N84-547 Miss Suzanne McPhee, 1/1 Bay Street, North Bondi, NSW 2026  
N84-548 Mrs Ethel Hafe McPhee, 30 Park Street, Scone, NSW 2337

and Mr & Mrs Donald McPhee (N75-119 and N76-188) of 8 Raward Avenue, Banora Point, NSW, 2413 have rejoined the Society.