



The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3rd May 1974)

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Society Aims

1. TO ACT as the representative body of all Clan members in Australia in transacting Clan business with overseas organizations.
2. TO ENCOURAGE the research and recording of Clan history in Australia.
3. TO PROMOTE fellowship and social contact amongst members of the Clan in Australia.
4. TO TAKE AN INTEREST in the welfare of any disadvantaged members of the Clan in Australia and, where possible within the means of the Society, to assist those in need.
5. TO ESTABLISH and maintain close ties with other Societies of our Clan throughout the world.

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From Your President



Another year has all but passed. Rather quickly this time as we've been so much on the go here in Queensland and too, there was our unforgettable trip through Canada and Scotland in May and June.

Clan functions in Australia have been fairly limited in number this year. An enjoyable barbeque was held in Brisbane in March and an excellent dinner in Melbourne at the beginning of this month.

To come in the immediate future is a Picnic and Clan March in Sydney early in December and our Sixth Biennial General Meeting and associated social functions in Adelaide at the end of January. Full details appear opposite.

I have always felt that the continued viability of our Clan Society depends almost completely on social functions which are held from time to time. They are virtually the only medium we have for bringing our members together in the various areas of Clan population throughout Australia and they are virtually the only way through which members can come to know one another as a whole.

Helen and I have attended Clan functions in a number of centres on a fairly regular basis since the Clan Society formed in 1974. We have always enjoyed these functions and found the "Macfies" of Australia to be a wonderful lot. A relatively small number of members also travel to attend functions whenever they can and they too, have nothing but praise for the functions and the company.

Our Clan Society is tending to languish somewhat at present with membership numbers slowly declining. The Executive is moving for a membership drive in the New Year to correct this trend. But more is needed if we are to continue as a strong and active Clan Society.

Greater participation by members in Society affairs is definitely required, both at social functions and in running the Clan Society.

Nominations for Executive Office for 1986/87 are called for in this Newsbulletin - what about considering AND attending those functions in Sydney or Adelaide? Helen and I look forward to a big roll up at both centres.

With Best Wishes to all Clan Members for Christmas and the New Year, and my sincere thanks to all of you for your support and help throughout the past year.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sandy McPhie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Alex McPhie,
(President).

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CLAN MACFIE PICNIC, CLANS MARCH & CONCERT

SYDNEY - SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 1985

As part of Sydney's Scottish Week, Clan Macfie members are called on to participate in a Clan Picnic and a March of the Clans in Sydney on Sunday, 1st December 1985.

Assembly is in the Domain, close to the City. Picnic (BYO) from 11am onwards. March-off from the Clan Macfie peg (Clans in alphabetical order) at 12.30pm. Open Air Concert this year on the roof of the Domain Parking Station - finishing approximately 4.00pm. High Tea etc. available afterwards at the British Ex Services Club.

Clan Seneschal Sandy McPhee, Clan Society President Sandy (Alex) McPhie, Secretary Helen McPhie and N.S.W. Vice-President Bill Tyrrell are amongst those expected to be attending.

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SIXTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

& CLAN DINNER AND PICNIC

ADELAIDE, S.A. 25/26th JANUARY 1986

The Sixth Biennial General Meeting of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held in Adelaide on the Australia Day week-end in January next year. A Clan Dinner and Picnic will be held in conjunction with the General Meeting.

A notification sheet and registration slip is included with this Newsbulletin giving full details of venues, times, etc..

Early registration is requested by your host, South Australia Vice-President, Brian McHaffie.

The Order of Business for the Biennial General Meeting is detailed at page 5 of this Newsbulletin.

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CLAN SOCIETY PRESIDENT MATRICULATES ARMS

Clan Society President Alex (Sandy) McPhie, M.L.A., (Q74-001) of Toowoomba has been granted Arms by the Lyon Court in Edinburgh.

He has matriculated "of new in his own name without difference" the Arms of his late father Hector Kitchener McPhie Esq., of Toowoomba.

Matriculated the 25th Day of September, 1985, the Ensigns Armorial are described as:

Per fess indented Azure and Or, in chief a sword Argent point downwards hilted and pommelled of the Second, between two pheons also points downwards of the Last, in base a lymphad Sable under sail of the Third and flagged of the First, within a bordure chequy Or and Azure.

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ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE OF
THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
FOR THE 1986-87 TERM OF OFFICE

In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Clan Society constitution, nominations are now called for the election of the following members of the Society Executive for the 1986-87 Term of Office:

President
Vice-President
State Vice-Presidents for New South Wales
Victoria
Queensland
South Australia
Western Australia
Tasmania
Australian Capital Territory
Northern Territory

Treasurer

Nominations close with the Society Secretary at 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba Qld., 4350 on Sunday, 22nd December, 1985 and are to be in writing stating the nominee's name and nominated office. Nominations are to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination, the proposer and the seconder.

Note Only financial members of the Society are eligible to accept nomination for office or to propose, second or vote for nominees for office. Additionally, in the case of each State Vice-President, only financial members of the State or Territory concerned are eligible to accept nomination for such office or to propose, second or vote for nominees for that office.

The call for nominations for election to the Clan Society Executive is required to be made at least three months prior to the proposed declaration date of any ballot.

If a ballot is required for the election of any Executive Members, ballot papers will be mailed by the 5th January, 1986 and be returnable by 2nd February, 1986. The poll will then be declared on 22nd February, 1986.

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Accounts are attached to this Newsbulletin for those members who have so far overlooked paying their 1985 membership subscriptions. Prompt attention to these accounts would be appreciated, please.

With regret, membership rights have been withdrawn from 21 members who failed to pay their overdue 1984 subscriptions.

CLAN CAPITAL FUND

Donations of any size will be welcomed for the Clan Capital Fund. This fund has been established at Clan International level to build a financial base for Clan Macfie with only the interest being used - when necessary. A number of members have already made donations and they are acknowledged with thanks.

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SIXTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING
THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

VENUE: 13 Schroder Court,
North Haven,
Adelaide, S.A.

DATE: Saturday,
25 January 1986

TIME: 1.30pm

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Greetings and welcome to those attending.
2. Apologies.
3. Opening Address - Clan Seneschal A. L. (Sandy) McPhee
4. Minutes of the Fifth Biennial General Meeting and Matters Arising Therefrom.
5. Reports and Financial Statements.
6. Declaration of Election of Office Bearers for 1986-87.
7. General Business.
8. Closure.

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Forging new links

GEELONG ADVERTISER, Tuesday, August 13, 1985

We are indebted to Alison Anderson (V79-460) of Geelong for the following account of expansion of the McPhee Transport Company's operation in Victoria. Their trucks and signs must be familiar to most Clan members. The advertisement on page 10 is also from Alison

MELBOURNE DINNER

Thirty two members attended the Clan Dinner in Melbourne on Friday, 8th November. A most enjoyable evening at Chaucers in Canterbury, organised by Victoria Vice-President Bruce McPhie, with special visitors Clan Society President Sandy McPhie and Secretary Helen travelling down from Toowoomba.

After an excellent meal Bruce showed some slides from his recent visit to Scotland for the Clan Macfie Gathering.

ONE of Australia's biggest private enterprises has set up shop in Geelong.

McPhee interstate freight distribution opened a Geelong branch office a month ago in keeping with its policy of extending services into regional centres.

An accomplished interstate capital city parcel express service, McPhee's goal is to establish a total Australian link up.

McPhee's Geelong manager, Mr Barry Tennant, said the firm was Australia's largest privately owned transport company.

"We have recently set up other regional branches in Victoria, New South Wales and on a smaller scale in South Australia," Mr Tennant said.

Victoria's regional branches included Bendigo, Ballarat, Warrnambool, Albury — Wodonga and Warragul.

McPhee was founded in 1923 when John McPhee senior, the grandfather of the current managing director, started a local delivery service on Sydney's North Shore.

One of McPhee's biggest claims to fame is its nomination by Target Australia as its preferred carrier.

"Target is happy that we've set up a branch in Geelong and so close to their head office operations," Mr Tennant said.

"We can offer a door-to-door delivery service from capital city to capital city, regional centre to regional centre or a combination.

"Overnight deliveries can be made from Geelong to Sydney or Adelaide, two days to Brisbane and four days to Perth."

Mr Tennant said McPhee used its own fleet of delivery vehicles and the only other mode of transport used was the firm's own plane.

The plane based at Essendon Airport is used for twice daily flights to Launceston.

THE BEST LAID PLANS

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council which conducts the highly successful Scottish Week in Sydney each year will no doubt, not mind our repeating this delightful story of just how the best laid plans went entirely wrong at their Race Day last year:

MURPHY'S LAW

This little story was leaked to me by Dee Street, hostess at last year's Race Day. I repeat it to you, hoping that the joy it gave me is not dulled by considerable condensation. The moral is, of course, everything that can go wrong, will.

Race Day dawned. Every possible detail of the occasion had been planned and checked. All guests briefed on the arrangements, many several times. Lunch was set for noon. Dee arrived at 10 a.m. to find the first signs fortelling "one of those days". The air conditioning had been turned off and the flowers on the tables had a pronounced "morning after" look. Some guests were already there and were looking for the whisky - which wasn't. Frantic 'phone calls and a valiant attempt to revive the flowers.

Behind the scenes, the A.J.C. office had been informing enquirers that the gates didn't open till one o'clock, and the gatekeepers and parking attendants had gone to lunch without passing on to their reliefs information concerning the official party. The pipe band arrived, the whisky didn't but then came a large band of ladies loudly protesting that they had booked the lunch room.

Finally the official party turned up at the gate in four white Rolls Royces, were promptly sent in the wrong direction and spent some considerable time circling the racecourse, completely lost. Now past one o'clock, lunch on the tables, all guests present and united at last with the whisky, the noisy band of women removed, politely but firmly, to their correct dining room, but still no official party. So to pass the time, Dee ushered eighty guests out the front door to listen to the band, at which precise moment the official party arrived at the back door. This group, now thoroughly confused, were bundled back into the cars and pointed in the direction of the front door for the official welcome. Then, quel horreur, they arrived to find the pipe band, who by this time had been standing for over two hours, recumbent on the lawn. From then on things went smoothly, the guests accepting the succession of disasters with good humour, but more was to come. The four white Rolls Royces, needed for the return trip, drove out of the gate and were never seen again. The official party had to find its own way home.

Well, it is somehow comforting to know that Burns was right about best laid plans. I'm sure the day was more enjoyable than it would have been if it had proceeded with ritual precision. I'm also sure that Dee wouldn't agree with me.

FOR SALE

MACFIE BADGES

Approximately 6 cm in circumference with a Scottish thistle motif surrounding the Dreghorn Macfie strap and buckle badge.

Price A\$4.00 posted.

CLAN HISTORY

Volumes VI and VII of the late Dr Earle MacPhee's Clan History. These volumes deal with the Clan in Scotland.

Price A\$10.00 per set posted.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The late Dr Earle McPhee's autobiography, "Footsteps".

Price A\$7.00 posted

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GENERAL MEETING RAFFLE

Due to unforeseen circumstances (such as not thinking of it in time) there will not be a raffle for that Ancient Macfie's cloth this year. Sorry! (Apologies too, to Bill Tyrrell's relatives who usually win).

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Pat McPhie, wife of Donald McPhie (V75-103) of Warragul, V., has her own successful answer to the economic difficulties confronting the dairy industry.



Pat in a supermarket during one of her local cheese promotions by farmers and (inset) with a calf back on the farm she is fighting for. Pictures by Don McPhedran.

SAY CHEESE-BUT MAKE IT AUSTRALIAN

For farmers, the equation about the harder you work, the more money you make, doesn't necessarily follow. Their incomes are determined by a complex combination of the weather, government charges and tariffs, and whether the rest of us choose to eat and drink local products or imports.

(says dairy farmer Pat McPhie)
She believes 'local is best' and is organizing cheese promotions by farmers to prove her point

THE AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY - SEPTEMBER, 1985

Dairy farmer Pat McPhie, 42, of Warragul, Victoria, wasn't prepared to sit back and watch her family's income plummeting. She started organizing cheese drives — in place of the usual lamingtons or chocolates — and getting farmers to promote local products in supermarkets.

Pat, a former teacher, who has been farming for 20 years, and her husband Don, who took over from his parents, say they can't remember when things were tougher.

So Pat, as president of the Warragul Technical School Parents' Association, revved up the local community with a cheese drive involving local factories. They sold \$3400 of cheese in a couple of weeks.

Pat has now worked out a set of guidelines for a successful cheese drive and she's passing them around

to the many other groups in the community who have approached her.

Until last year, like most farmers, Pat quietly got on with the job, looked after her children Dale, 17, Janet 14, Helen, 10, and Kim, 7, and told herself things would get better.

Her discontent came to a head when local dairy factories paid farmers an opening price for the season of \$2.50 a kilo for butter fat.

"That's pretty well what it costs us to produce it," says Pat, who is fiercely articulate. "It means there's nothing left after food and running costs, so you just have to hope nothing breaks down."

The McPhie's have 73 hectares and they milk around 100 cows. "Our income was down \$12,000 last year on the year before."

Then Pat noticed a local supermarket had several tables of imported cheese on special for about a month.

"I got madder and madder," she

says. "They expect us to support them, but they were doing nothing for us."

So she organized a petition of 90 signatures from local farmers, threatening to take their business elsewhere unless those imports

were moved.

"The supermarket told us local cheeses don't sell because they are dearer than imports, which are subsidized, and there isn't the variety."

So, with the consent of the manager and local cheese factories, and husband and wife farmer teams working two-hour shifts, Pat organized her own local cheese promotion.

"We increased Australian cheese sales 740 percent in a week," she says.

Two weeks later she did the same thing in a rival store and their sales went up 871 percent. Word got around about Pat's success, and inquiries came from all over Australia.

"I'd like people to check labels carefully before they buy," says Pat.

She is not about to give up the fight for farmers. She was recently made the first woman committee member of the Australian Jersey Breeders Society, after more than 80 years.

— ANN PILMER

Mrs Mary Gillies of Pollockshields, Glasgow is the Chairman of Clan Macfie's International Committee on Nomenclature. At Edinburgh she wrote the Lords Prayer in Gaelic and then Secretary Helen copied it out in Olde ~~Englishe~~ Scottishe type calligraphy script and it appears opposite. The small writing below each line is an endeavour to give the English pronunciation of the Gaelic word above.

VALE

With deep sorrow we record the sad passing of the following valued members:

Norman McPhee (V75-121) of Camberwell, Vic.,
 Keith McPhee (V74-048) of Balwyn, Vic., and
 Vernon McHaffie (V77-248) of Park Orchards, Vic..

Keith was one of the very early members in our Clan Society and a strong supporter and personal friend of Society President, Sandy McPhie. A prominent businessman before retirement, he maintained close contacts with the business community until failing health limited his activities in latter years.

Vernon is a descendant of the McHaffies who were the original settlers of Phillip Island south east of Melbourne. An account of this family appeared in earlier Newsbulletins.

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MEMBERSHIP DATA 1 AUG 85

	<u>Ordinary Members</u>	<u>Members Under 18</u>	<u>Members Over 75</u>	<u>Total</u>
Queensland	67	8	2	77
New South Wales	101	10	4	115
Victoria	94	10	8	112
Tasmania	6	-	1	7
South Australia	23	8	2	33
Western Australia	4	2	-	6
Australian Capital Territory	7	1	-	8
Northern Territory	1	-	-	1
TOTALS	303	39	17	359

Overseas

Canada	1 Honorary Member
U.S.A.	3 Members
Sweden	1 Honorary Member
Scotland	1 Honorary Member 1 Member
England	1 Member
New Zealand	3 Members
TOTAL	11 Members

- The Lord's Prayer -

Ar n-Athair a tha air nèamh,

Ar nahir a tra air n(y)ave

Gu naomhaichear d'ainm.

Gu nuy-icheer d'eyrum

Thigeadh do rìoghachd.

Hik-ugh do ree-yachk

Deanar do thoil air an talamh, mar a nìhear

Seeaherr do hol air an talav mar a nee-ar

air nèamh.

air n(y)ave

Thoir dhuinn an diugh ar n-aran làitheil.

Hor ghoinn un joo ar naray laa-hil

Agus maith dhuinn ar fiachan, amhuil mar a

Agus mah ghoinn ar fee-achan a-uril mar a

mhaithreas sinne d'ar luchd-fiach.

va-hus sheena d'ar loochr-feeach

Agus na leig am buaireadh sinn; ach saor

Agus na legk um boo-ar-agh sheen ach sur

sinn o olc; oir is leatsa an rìoghachd.

sheen o olk or iss letsa un ree-yachk

agus an cumhachd, agus a'ghloir,

agus un coo-ackd agus a'ghlore

gu sìorruidh.

gu shee-ar-ec

Amen.

Far be it for us to carry (free) advertising in our Newsbulletin - but the old name deserves a plug - especially when the firm concerned is a progressive and expanding one.

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GENERAL NOTES

- * Jean Davies (Q77-329) and husband Colin of Brisbane have been at Kangaroo Ground in Victoria with the Summer Institute of Linguistics for the mid part of the year studying for acceptance by the Wycliff Bible Translators and expect to move to New Guinea for Field Training shortly.
- * Russell Mattocks (N84-544) of Balgowlah Heights, NSW went to the Monaro earlier this year looking for his "McPhie" relations. He located the old stone house where his great grandparents lived and contacted some relatives. Russell is a descendant of the McPhie family which arrived near Eden in the middle of last century and moved on to the high plains around Dalgety. Today the family is scattered from Cooma to Moree to Roma in Queensland and in Sydney.
- * Belated congratulations to Bruce (V77-361) and Elizabeth Mary (V83-523) McPhee of East Doncaster, Vic., on arrival of a new daughter Helen Kate, born 10th December, 1984 and now Clan Society Member V85-550. Helen's brothers Andrew, Robert and Duncan, and sister Suzanne, are Clan Society members also.
- * Belated congratulations too, to Ian McPhee (V83-529) of 21 Devira Street, Dandenong V., and Lauren Cope who were married on 2nd March this year. Lauren is welcomed too as a new member (V85-551).
- * New member Faith McPhee (V85-549) was overseas last year looking for family information at Fort William in Scotland.
- * The Maclean Historical Society in NSW has published a McPhee Family Tree with about 500 names on it. Copies are available from Mrs Lyn McSwan of Clarence Street, Maclean 2463 at a reasonable price.
- * Congratulations to Mrs Nell McPhee (Q74-029) of 1 Newmarket Street, Toowoomba, Q., on her 90th birthday on 21st August this year and to Mrs Robyn Phillips (N83-518) and husband Mark of 91 Ely Street, Revesby, NSW on the arrival of daughter Sarah Louise on 20th April.
- * Best wishes to Bev Knowles (V77-233) of Melbourne, V., wedding bells are coming up just before Christmas.
- * Graeme and Elaine McPhee (V74-041 and V76-179) of Shepparton, Vic., are proud grandparents. Their daughter Tania (formerly V76-181) and husband Jimmy Jimenz of Stockholm, Sweden telephone at 3.30am on 14th June to announce the arrival of daughter Echo-Leah the day before. So like all good grandparents, off they went via Bangkok, England, Scotland and Europe to see the new arrival.
- * Julie McCormick (Q77-325) of Mackay, Qld., has been over to Scotland too this year and like all others who have been there, would love to return.
- * Kevin McPhee (R77-261) - who prefers to be known by his second name Andrew - and wife Heather, visited Toowoomba, Qld., en route to Torrens Park, Adelaide, where they now reside. They had lived in Alice Springs for years and travelled south via a lengthy stay at Queensland's tropical Port Douglas between Cairns and Mossman. In Toowoomba they stayed with Andrew's brother, Ian (Q77-285) and wife Aileen (Q77-286). Ian by the way, is back on the job after a back operation mid-year.
- * Cam McPhie (N74-021) of Berkeley Vale, NSW., in dock for a knee replacement op. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Cam.
- * Gladys McIntosh (S77-255) and husband Tom of Adelaide, back from a trip earlier this year to China, Thailand, Hong Kong and Singapore.

- * Colin McPhee (N74-069) and wife Margaret of Kirribilli, NSW were also overseas during the year. They visited their daughter Anne, who is teaching at a school in France, as well as going to Canada and the U.S.A..
- * Congratulations to Jane McPhee (S77-362) and brother Rowan (S77-363) of Albert Park, Adelaide, S.A., on performances at school. Jane was a member of the South Australian over 16 Catholic Schoolgirls Netball Team and has been elected as School Captain at St Aloysius College, Adelaide for 1986. (Not a bad effort for an Anglican!) while Rowan made the final of the State Under 14 Karate Championship.
- * Clan Members Malcolm McPhee (Western Australia) and Peter McPhee (Queensland) are still firing well in the cricket world. Malcolm is now a permanent member of the W.A. team while Peter hopes to make the grade as a Bananabender later in the current season. Perhaps they'll line up against one another at the Gabba or Waca in the Sheffield Shield or McDonald Cup games this year.
- * Congratulations to Peter McPhee (V77-373) of Nunawading, Vic., on appointment as National President elect of the Australian Jaycees. Peter and Barbara (photo right) were recently in Toowoomba, Q., for the Jaycees National Convention. Last heard (at Melbourne's Clan Dinner) Peter was off to Columbia for an international convention and we trust he returns safely to take up this important office in the new year. Our best wishes for a most successful term of office.



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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome back the following former Members who have rejoined after a period of broken contact with the Clan Society:

- Q75-092 Mrs Mavis McQuaker of 59 Nicholson Street, Dalby. Qld., who was Mavis McPhee at the time of joining; and
- V83-527 Mrs Gwen Jarvis of 60 Jones Road, Dandenong, Vic., whose address was inadvertently incorrectly recorded on our address label master copy.

Too, we welcome the following new members who have joined the Clan Society this year:

- V85-549 Miss Margaret Faith McPhee of 8 Rose Avenue, Surrey Hills, Vic.,
- V85-550 Miss Helen Kate McPhee of 6 Drysdale Street, East Doncaster, Vic.,
- V85-551 Mrs Lauren McPhee of 21 Devira Street Dandenong, Vic.,
- V85-552 John McPhee of 7 Will Street, Forest Hill, Vic.,
- V85-553 Mrs Jean McPhee of 21/31 Barnsbury Road, Deepdene, Vic..

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LOST CONTACT

Mrs Ruth Ridge (Q74-073) formerly of Marina Court, 227 Moray Street, New Farm Q 4005
 Geoff (N78-423) and Shirley (N80-480) Kendall formerly of 5/57 Woniora Road, Hurstville NSW 2220

Mrs Ina Jean Mansfield (V82-504) formerly of Aberdeen Street, Blacktown South V 3130

Mrs Jean Goodman (N76 167) formerly of 31 Short Street, Oyster Bay, NSW 2225

If anyone knows their present address please notify Clan Society Secretary, Helen.