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The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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Society Aims

- TO ACT as the representative body of all Clan members in Australia in transacting Clan business with overseas organizations.
- TO ENCOURAGE the research and recording of Clan history in Australia.
- 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.
- TO ESTABLISH and maintain close ties with other Societies of our Clan throughout the world.

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From Your President



Mr A. C. (Sandy) McPhie, M.L.A.

It is always a sad duty for me when putting our Newsbulletin together and I come to recording the passing of one of our members. Almost always I feel I know the person well through contact over a number of years with routine Clan correspondence. Often I have known them personally.

In this Newsbulletin we record the passing of five of our members. I knew two of them quite well, while the other three occasionally sent notes or wrote when paying annual subscriptions and thus seemed no less well known to me. All five were active and supportive members and their loss and the loss of people like them is sorely felt by our Clan Society.

Now amongst Clan Macfie's International Committees is one called The Names to be Remembered Committee. It was established in 1983 to examine evidence for names to be remembered in our Clan History - both in ancient times and the modern day. A simple task you might say, just list the important businessmen, academics etc., amongst our clansmen and toss in few armigers for good measure.

As Chairman of that International Committee I have had misgivings about the above approach. It seems to me that names such as the five in this Newsbulletin are the ones we should really be remembering. They are the people who make up Clan Macfie - they are in every land and in every walk of life - they attend to their work and their families and they actively support the Clan. Their's are the names which should be recorded and remembered forever in a never-ending honour roll, always being added to but never diminished, for they are the Clan.

I trust then that my International peers will understand as I am sure you will too, my reasons for recommending that this Committee be disbanded for I cannot see that we should single out the names of "important" people etc., amongst our ranks for remembering, when the names of many active and loyal Clan members such as these are not so recorded.

To list everyone would be quite out of the question of course, but in the fourteen years since I formed out Clan Society, I have come to know our hundreds of members and I would dearly like to do that. Rather, at times like this when we farewell members who have passed away, I pause to remember their names with sadness. They are no longer with us to continue to share and enjoy being part of the Clan they helped to build and of which they were so essentially a part, but I am thankful as many of you who have known them individually will be too, that they were a part of Clan Macfie and will remember.

Sandy MAX

Alex MCPhie

President

17th July 1987

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THEY'RE ON THE GO IN NEW SOUTH WALES

PICNIC BARBEQUE

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER

Vice-President Bill Tyrrell has a Picnic Barbeque scheduled for New South Wales members on Sunday 18th October. Bill's idea is for a different venue this time as a change from previous ones at his and Dorothy's home in Sylvania. Ring Bill on 522-6420 closer to the date for the venue or with suggestions.

SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK

NOV/DEC 1987

Clan Macfie will be marching again at the Sydney Scottish Week celebrations in November this year and we'll be at the Scottish Games at Fairfield as a forerunner to 1988.

Sunday 29th November - Kirkin' the Tartan followed by Clans gathering in the Domain from 11 a.m. The March moves forward at 1 p.m. or 2 p.m. (yet to be determined) followed by a free public concert on the roof of the Domain carpark.

Sunday 6th December - Sydney Scottish Games at Fairfield Showground. Good entertainment -Good company -Why not join us?

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20 March 1988 - Date (tentative) for Bill's first Picnic/Barbeque next year. It's a Sunday.

7/8 May 1988 - The Seventh Biennial General Meeting Weekend for our Clan Society. This is a special one with the General Meeting (brief) and formal Clan "dinner" (a yummy lunch) being held on a Sydney Harbour Cruiser. More details to follow, but don't forget to book your berth with Bill (522-6420) - There'll be a picnic/barbeque the following day for those who don't worry about motion sickness -

November 1988 - Australia will be staging the International Gathering of the Clans from (tentatively) 20th November to 11th December 1988. The Provisional programme is elsewhere in this Newsbulletin. Main functions are centred in Sydney in association with Scottish Week. We are expecting a number of overseas visitors and will be holding special Clan Macfie functions. More details later.



SANDY McPHEE APPOINTED CLAN SENESCHAL IN AUSTRALIA

A.L. (Sandy) McPhee (N74-012) of 10 Rodney Road, Mt. Vincent MSW 2323, (Tel 049 38-0350), has been appointed Clan Macfie Seneschal in Australia. Sandy had been Clan Commissioner here during the time the late Dr Earle MacPhee was Clan Commander, but that appointment eventually lapsed following Earle's death and the establishing of alternate Clan leadership arrangements.



Mr Sandy McPhee

The duties and responsibilities of the Seneschal, who may be appointed as Clan Leader in Australia when there is no Chieftain or Commissioner resident here, are set out in our Constitution at para 10, note ii. They include".... to act as Clan Custodian in Australia; to guard the Mythology, Traditions, History and Perquisites of the Clan within Australis.... "

THE McPHEE FAMILY CLAN SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND.

The McPhee Family Clan Society of New Zealand held one of their Gatherings at Masterton, north of Wellington, at Easter this year. Our Clan Society President, Sandy McPhie, attended and had a tremendous time by all accounts. His report follows-

I flew across to Wellington on the Thursday and was met on arrival by Eric and Carolyn Wadsworth, old friends from a previous visit. Carolyn is the daughter of Belle Brew the Convenor of the McPhee Family Clan Society of New Zealand and a sister of Leith, the Clan Society President. They eat Bomb Alaska!!!!

On the Friday I drove north to Masterton - about 100 kms. Masterton is the major rural centre in the rich Wairarapa district - lush green fields, more cattle to the acre than we have sheep, and stacks of fat lambs everywhere plus a number of deer farms. You go north from Upper Hutt and across the Rimutaka Hills to get to the Wairarapa. Over here the Hills would be looked on as mountains and in fact they are part of the Tararua Range. Masterton is the centre for the International Golden Shears shearing competition in March each year.

Ian Sutherland the Society Treasurer and a former World War II bomber pilot was there to meet me when I reached Masterton and I was quickly absorbed into the New Zealand McPhee family. Over 120 were there for the main social function on the Saturday night and most of them plus some others too, were there for the whole of the Easter activities. In the main their members are from about four related McPhee families scattered over the southern half of North Island. They thus know one another well, get on well together and really know how to relax and make a visitor feel at home.

We were into the social activities on the Friday evening at the Gladstone Rugby Union Club a few miles out of Masterton, which was the centre for the Gathering. Saturday morning we went on a bus tour of the local area, paying respects to many McPhee ancestors in the country cemetries, and relaxed (?) in the afternoon before the main event ceilidh that night.

Sunday morning Church Parade at the Gladstone Presbyterian Church was a little early at 9 a.m. but well attended even if a little bleary eyed (me). The General Meeting of the Clan Society followed. This was a most important meeting as a constitution was formally adopted. Following elections, Don McPhee became the new President, Leith who is now based at Wanaka well down in South Island is Treasurer and Eric Wadsworth the Secretary. Belle Brew continues in office as the Convenor of the Clan Society. Don's address is: 5 Epsom Road, Palmerston North. Telephone 063 6-8892.

Good news for Leith too at this time and congratulations on confirmation of his Grant of Arms by the Lord Lyon. The second member of Clan Macfie in New Zealand to be so honoured.

Sports followed a yummy barbeque on Sunday afternoon and after being honoured in being asked to present the prizes, I kept Australia's flag flying with a win (and a good one I might say) in the Over 50 Gumboot Throw.

The wonderful hospitality continued through all this - I was always well looked after and had a never ending succession of interesting and interested New Zealanders' cousins' to chat to. There's no doubt they're a great lot. They even had Ian, Leith's Dad Gina and Bruce McPhee rostered to ensure from my arrival each morning until I left of an evening, I couldn'tsee the bottom of my whisky glass....I didn't either, but I jolly well tried! Monday we cleaned up at the Rugby Club then back to Wellington with the Wadsworths and home the next day.

Overall impression? About the best Easter break I have had! Our N.Z.cousins are a wonderful lot and significantly, had many young people and children at all activities. Their next Gathering will be in 2 or 3 years - Coming? Leith tells me there are 11 sure starters already for the International Gathering of the Clans in Sydney in November next year...they'll be most welcome....

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The McPhee Family Union - New Zealand - Easter 1987



Australian President Sandy MCPhie, Convenor New Zealand Clan Society Mrs Belle Brew, and Past President Leith Brew





Above: Ulf and Nanna Hagman Uddevalla, Sweden December 1986

Left: New Members Warwick and Helmi Mehaffey on their wedding day in Sydney, 30th November 1986

Tracing your family tree

We've reproduced a number of articles recently on tracing one's family tree. Most were well out of date when they appeared in our Newsbulletins. This one however, is current being from the New Idea of 7th March, 1987. It has a topical reference with our Bicentennial less than a year away and contains the most up to date list of organisations which can help in a search.

ith Australia's bicentenary celebrations fast approaching, the newest and most popular game in the country is tracing your family tree.

Genealogical experts report that Australians have suddenly become keenly interested in tracking down their ancestors. Their demands for birth, death and marriage certificates going back generations are so great that in NSW a three-month waiting list has built up.

"Years ago, people were ashamed of being descended from convicts, but these days they don't care at all," says Merle Grinly president of the Genea-

president of the Genea logical Society of Queensland.

"The older generation didn't want to know if there was a convict in their family background, or if there was someone in the family who was infamous. It's all changed now — people just want to know, and they don't care if a convict pops up."

Merle believes the bicentenary has a lot to do with the dramatic upsurge in interest in genealogy.

"People are more aware of general Australian history because of all the publicity about the bicentenary and so have become more conscious of their family roots. There's also been a boost in genealogy worldwide."

In recent years, membership of genealogical societies throughout Australia had boomed. In 1981, the Queensland society had fewer than 1000 members. Today, it has close to 3000.

Merle says many Australians find their ancestors arrived with the First Fleet.

"A lot of so-called skeletons are uncovered," she says. "People discover bushrangers among their ancestors, convicts and, sometimes, royalty they didn't know about. Usually these were black sheep of the family who travelled to Australia for a particular reason.

"You just never know who is around the corner. It can also be a frustrating business when you seem to have struck a dead end, but finally coming up with the information you need makes it all worth while."

The golden rule when tracking your ancestors is to work from the known to the unknown.

"The person you know most about is yourself, so you start with your own birth certificate," Merle explains. "To trace your ancestors, you must go back through birth and marriage certificates until you get to the start of civil registration.

"Before civil registration, it's impossible to obtain birth or death certificates, but it may be possible to obtain a marriage certificate."

Once into pre-registration, the going gets tougher. Searchers have to work with parish registers — and parishes recorded only baptisms not births, marriages but not deaths. For deaths, the search switches to burial records.

Merle, who has just written a book called How, When, Where, Why? to help novice historians, says some simple rules can help when you start the big search.

- When writing to government departments, churches and relatives, make your request brief.
 Limit your initial request to one item.
- Enclose a stamped, selfaddressed envelope for mail within Australia, and international reply coupons for overseas mail.
- Always provide names, places, dates and relationships — as much specific information as you have.

Most genealogical societies hold enormous amounts of information on microfiche. The Queensland society has Scottish parish registers going back to the 15th century. It also has complete English and Tasmanian parish registers. Australians researching their family tree first have to discover when their ancestors arrived in Australia. The search then switches to their country of origin.

The first step is to have your own birth certificate, then you get your parents' marriage certificate, then their birth certificates, followed by your grandparents' marriage and birth certificates and the marriage papers of your great-grandparents. You should then be at the point of discovering 'the first arrival'.

If the first arrival in each line died after 1856 in NSW or Queensland, or after 1854 in Victoria, you must obtain death certificates. If your pioneer forebear died before 1856, a search for the actual year of arrival will be prolonged.

Once an approximate year of arrival is known from the death certificate, or other sources, you are able to start searching shipping records to discover which vessel your forebear arrived on, the port of embarkation, other relatives who arrived at the same time, and the type of passage on the vessel—convict, settler, immigrant, sailor, etc.

Merle's advice to all newcomers to genealogy is to join a society in their state.

"You are joining a group of people who know the ropes, and they'll help you find the quickest path to the information you need," she says.

Join the search

These organisations can help you trace your family tree.

NSW: Society Of Australian Genealogists, Observatory Hill, 120 Kent Street, Sydney 2000, (02) 27 3953; Bathurst Family History Society, Miss C. Churches, Sydney Rd, Kelso, 2797; Botany Bay Family History Society, PO Box 600, Sutherland, 2232, (02) 27 3953; Broken Hill Genealogy Group, PO Box 701, Broken Hill, Group, C/o The Hawkesbury Shire Library, Dight Street, Windsor, 2756, (045) 77 3357; Newcastle Fam-

ily History Society, PO Box 189, Adamstown, 2289, (049) 68 3786.

Vic: Australian Institute Of Genealogical Studies, PO Box 68, Oakleigh, 3166, (03) 29 6339; The Genealogical Society of Victoria, Room 1, First Floor, 98 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne. 3000, (03) 63 2138.

Qld: Genealogical Society Of Queensland, 1st floor, 329 Logan Road, Stones Corner, 4120, (07) 397 2164; Mount Isa Family History Society, PO Box 1832, Mount Isa, 4825; The Queensland Family History Society, PO Box

FOURTH CLAN MACFIE PARLIAMENT

NOVA SCOTIA 1987

As this Newsbulletin is being written, Clan Macfie members around the world are preparing to travel to Sydney, Cape Breton in Nova Scotia for the International Gathering of the Clans.

Clan Macfie will be holding its Fourth Clan Parliament and Sixth International Gathering as part of the associated festivities. The actual dates for Clan activities are from Friday 31st July to Saturday 8th August.

Regretfully no members will be attending from Australia but our Clan Society has contributed to the business agenda and will be responding to decisions taken there.

Fifth Clan Parliament - Our Fifth Clan Parliament is scheduled to be held in conjunction with the International Gathering of the Clans in Scotland in 1989. Inverness is scheduled as the main centre - what about making the trip?



CLAN FRASER SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

The Clan Fraser Society of Australia was formed in Sydney in August, 1986 and has representatives in Victoria and Tasmania. Any person of Scottish ancestry bearing the name Fraser in any of its various forms and spellings or any Sept name of the Clan Fraser, including the spouse or descendant of such person are eligible as members.

Most common Sept and associated names: Abernethy, Bisset, Brewster, Cowie, Frazer, Gilruth, Lovat, Lovett, Laird, MacGruer, MacFimm, MacTavish, Oliver, Sim, Sims, Syme, Simon, Simmons, Symons, Simson, Tweedie, Tweeddale.

The Chief of all Clan Fraser is The Rt. Hon. The Lady Saltoun (Flora Marjory Fraser), Cairnbulg Castle, Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The Chief of Clan Fraser of Lovat is Brigadier The Rt. Hon. The Lord Lovat, Balblair House, Beauly, Inverness, Scotland.

The Early Years:

In the 12th & 13th Centuries, the Frasers moved from East Lothian into Tweeddale where the Septs Oliver, Tweedie and Tweeddale originate, and from there into the counties of Stirling, Angus, Inverness and Aberdeen. Thomas Fraser of Cornetoun was a descendent of Touch-fraser, an early Fraser family, and in 1366, he exchanged lands in Stirlingshire for those of Kinmundy in Aberdeenshire. In 1575, the sixth laird Michael Fraser began to build Castle Fraser and it was completed by his son Andrew, the Lord Fraser in 1636.

One of the most spectacular of the Castles of Mar, Castle Fraser sits in 26 acres of parkland. The castle has a splendid great hall which, among other treasures, contains Jamie Fleeman's chest. In the grounds is a walled garden and picnic area. The castle near Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, is under the care of the National Trust of Scotland. It is open from 1st May to 30th September, daily from 2.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. The garden and grounds are open all year, daily 9.30 a.m. to sunset. It is approximately 25 km west of Aberdeen.

Chairman of Clan Fraser Society in Australia is Mr. Ken Fraser, 9/31 Ferguson Avenue, Punchbowl, N.S.W. 2196 Phone: (02) 750-3639, and the Secretary is Mr. Ronald Palmer, 5 Coolabah Crescent, Forrestville, N.S.W. 2087 Phone: (02) 451-0158.

During November, the Frasers were present at the Epping Clan Night, Warringah-Fraser Picnic, the Annual Clan March, Sydney, St. Andrew's Dinner/Dance and had stands at both the Campbelltown and Fairfield Gatherings — a most wonderful month.

The annual Clans Day picnic and march during Scottish Week was most encouraging, with thirty-two Frasers rallying behind our tartan banner, and others giving support from the sidelines. Clan Piper, Murdoch Simpson, played stirring Fraser pipe music for the complete march and was given appreciative applause at the finish.

The History of Clan Fraser is available on cassette tape from Chairman Ken Fraser for a \$5.00 donation. This is a complete history of the Fraser Clan with music, and the Fraser pipe tune, Lovat's March.

Frank and Ernest

by Bob Thaves



WHICH DO YOU WANT
TO HEAR ABOUT FIRST?
... THE NUTS, THE
LEMONS, OR THE BAD
APPLES?

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171, Indooroopilly, 4068, (07) 27 5711.

SA: The South Australian Genealogy And Heraldry Society Inc, 1st floor, 21 Market Street, Adelaide, 5000. (08) 212 3448.

WA; Western Australian Genealogical Society, PO Box 7, West Perth, 6005, (09) 384 3356.

Tas: Genealogical Society Of Tasmania, PO Box 640G, Hobart, 7001, (002) 49 3064.

ACT: The Heraldry And Genealogy Society of Canberra, GPO Box 585, Canberra, 2601, (062) 81 3190.

NT: Genealogical Society Of The Northern Territory, PO Box 37212, Winnellie 5789, (089) 27 3619.

COLONSAY'S NEIGHBOUR, JURA

The following article appeared in Brisbane's Courier Mail on the 24th December, 1983, and was slanted towards George Orwell's residence there and his book "Nineteen Eighty-Four" - Big Brother and all that.

We've reproduced it here with some references to Orwell (real name Eric Blair) deleted, as it draws a fair picture of an island close to Colonsay but contrasting with it. The description of Islay in the article is quite pertinent to Colonsay. Visitors to Colonsay would well remember the treeless, rounded hills of Jura so clearly visible from there.

JURA, a windswept, rocky sliver of an island, 30 km off Scotland's west coast, has never been a "must" for tourists. The year round population totals 200.

In summer, a season brief as a rainbow, the number swells to 210. Fifty km long, 12 at its widest, Jura offers no Highland Games, no piping contests, nor even any livestock shows. The Bonny Prince never took refuge in its boggy glens. Robert Burns never committed its wild, desolate beauty to verse.

In short, tourism which flourishes in so many parts of Scotland, never found its way to Jura.

Now Jura is in for a jolt.

Next year back-packers, scholars, philosophers, book lovers and just ordinary folk will be heading for Jura. They'll clutter its usually deserted beaches and fan out across its barren moors. The venturesome among them will clamber up its western hills called the Paps of Jura.

Except for the welcome introduction of electricity, nothing on Jura seems to have changed since Orwell lived there. Indeed, if anything, life has become, as they say, a wee bit more difficult: direct ferry service from the mainland, operative in Orwell's time, now has ended.

The trip today requires not one but two ferries. The first of these departs three times a day from the dock at Kinnacraig, which is hardly more than a pier jutting out from cow-filled meadows. A two-hour, seldom smooth voyage ends at one of two villages on the island of Islay just south Jura. The ferry alternately puts in at Port Ellen in the south of Islay and at Port Askaig some 34 km up the eastern coast. Since there is no regular public transport from Port Ellen to Port Askaig, a traveller without a car would do well to choose his mainland ferry with care.

From Port Askaig, a tiny car-carrying ferry departs across the 5 km-wide Sound of Jura three or four times a day, or not at all, depending on wind, tide,

storm and demand or lack thereof.

Islay and Jura are both about 380 km square. Yet they are as different one from another as mustard and custard. Islay is fertile and prosperous. Its population, from the first census in the 18th century until today has consistently been 10 times that of Jura.

Its fields are green as Ireland's, filled with sleek cows and well grazed sheep. Islay's tidy farmhouses sit smugly amidst flower beds and bountiful kitchen gardens. Its roads are comfortably wide,

sensibly laid out. It has half a dozen thriving hotels and enough pubs and churches to provide refuge to all its visitors caught by an unexpected shower. Islay has banks, butchers, bakeries and an airport. It even has golf and tennis.

In contrast to such pink-cheeked prosperity, Jura is wild and empty. All along its western coast, clouds and mist invariably shroud the rounded summits of its hills, the aptly dubbed Paps. In 1812 the Paps forever earned their place in Scottish history books when Dr. Walker of Edinburgh scaled their 2571 foot height to determine the degree difference between the boiling point of water at sea

level and at altitudes.

A 15-minute ferry ride across from Islay to Jura deposits a visitor at Feolin Ferry landing, a fine name for nothing more than a rough shingle of beach. It's an unceremonious landing and as soon as the last truck, tractor or Land Rover rolls ashore, the ferry backs off and hurries back to its postcard pretty port on

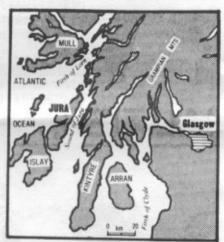
Here's Jura's only road, grandly shown on maps as A-846, starts its torturous way towards the north. A-846 is bounded on both sides by ditches which, except for a few weeks in late July and early August, are knee deep in peaty water, the ever-present runoff from the Paps

Sheep in black socks and oversized curly topcoats graze along the road and down its weedy centre. Cinnamon-colored highland cattle and black-and-white Guernseys meander its length and snooze in its right-of-way. On the right side the sea laps the shore, laying down ribbons of brown kelp to mark each day's high tide line.

From Feolin Ferry it's a 12-km drive up to Craighouse, Jura's only semblance of a village. Craighouse is composed of one distillery, one shop/Post Office, one petrol pump, one elementary school, one First Church of Scotland, one surprisingly comfortable but small hotel (capacity: 35), two fishing docks and no policeman.

The village, if it can be called that, provides the islanders with their only supplement to total self-sufficiency. To a mainlander, the extent of that self-sufficiency is nothing short of awesome.

A haircut, an ice cream cone, a pair of shoes, a can of paint, a typewriter ribbon or a new shirt would all require an off-island trip. The Jura Store as it's called, archly displays no roadside sign and, as if to allay all suspicion of hard-sell tactics, its only entrance is inconspicuously tucked off on the side of the building. It's



wares, comfortably accommodated in a space the size of a modest parlor, include such essentials as Bovril, comic post-cards, cough remedies, cartons of milk ("Drinka Pinta Milka Day"), a freezer of smoked herring and meats, Persil soap and tartan tins of All-Butter Shortbread Fingers. Jura's animal life consists of 100 or so cows, 200 or more sheep and 10,000 red deer.

Orwell is remembered by the islanders not as the author of such neoclassics as "Down and Out in Paris and London", "The Road to Wigan Pier", "Animal Farm", and of course, "Nineteen Eighty-Four", but rather as "just one more bloody Englishman", this according to a fisherman who sometimes ferried Orwell and his infant adopted son, from Jura north to Scarba.

This bit of island irreverence comes by the locals naturally. One favorite story on Jura tells how, 200 years ago, the Chief of the Campbells, the island's largest landowner, went riding with his men through an old woman's only stand of corn.

Infuriated at the wanton destruction, she shook her fist at his retreating back and laid a curse on him: the day would come, she swore, when the last of his clan would depart the island, one-legged, one-eyed and ruined, all of his worldly goods heaped in a cart drawn by a white horse.

After the stock market crash of 1929 made itself felt all around the world, the heir to the Campbell chiefdom was forced to sell his extensive Jura holdings. A wounded, much decorated veteran of World War I, he wore a patch over one eye and walked with a limp.

Ever mindful of the legend, the islanders gleefully went to no end of trouble and expense to round up a cart and even to import a white horse over from Islay

AN EDINBURGH CASTLE MYSTERY

to insure that the last of the Campbells was escorted to the ferry landing in proper style.

As for the bleak warning implicit in "Nineteen Eighty-Four" of a society totally controlled by Big Brother, this, on the island of Jura, is completely without meaning. Life on Jura is controlled not by the state but by the elements.



If the seas are high, no ferry calls. Without the ferry, no supplies come in, livestock can't be shipped to market, barrels of scotch pile up in the warehouse and the kids who must cross to Islay to attend secondary school, stay home.

If the streams run low, the distillery, dependent on their peaty waters, closes down. If the wind blows too long from the east, the fishermen return with empty nets. And, in the autumn, if the fogs rolls in and fails to lift, the profitable deer stalking is curtailed.



On 19th June, 1566, Mary Queen of Scots gave birth to a baby boy in the royal apartments of Edinburgh Castle, but the royal consort, Henry Stuart (Lord Darnley) did not visit the Queen for at least 4 hours. This strange delay on Darnley's part, and the fact that the Queen assured him that he was positively the infant's father, might suggest that Darnley had some doubts about it, especially when it was only 5 months earlier that the Queen's confident and foreign secretary Rizzio was stabbed to death in the Queen's presence because Darnley and some of his noble friends felt that Rizzio's relationship with the Queen was too close to be tolerated.

Although officialdom at the time recognised Mary and Darnley as being the parents of the infant, had the fact that the discovery that Mary was to become a mother, and Darnley's suspicions regarding Rizzio, been the motive which prompted Darnley and his friends to get rid of Rizzio?

The wife of the Earl of Athol who was believed to be possessed of some appropriate mystical Highland powers, was present at the birth, and just a few days earlier she had assisted at the birth of a son to the Countess of Mar.

The Queen's bedchamber was located one floor above the level of the castle parade ground, and its windows overlooked a steep rock face which led straight down to the Grassmarket, and according to the old story, the Queen, who was an ardent Roman Catholic in a largely protestant Scotland, had her infant son, only a few days old, and under cover of darkness, lowered in a basket at the end of a long rope down to the Grassmarket to waiting friends who were to rush him to Stirling Castle which, at the time, was a Roman Catholic stronghold, to be baptised in that faith. Before dawn, the ceremony having been completed, the infant was taken back to Edinburgh and raised by the basket and rope to the Queen's bedchamber. That is the straight forward version of the secret baptism, but it was soon replaced by some elaborate conjectures especially when some eight months later Darnley himself was murdered and suspicion regarding the infant's father grew. Then Mary committed the infant into the care of the Earl of Mar and married the Earl of Bothwell.

As the years passed the Earl of Mar raised the boy as a son and people noted that they had similar features and that young James inherited none of the delicate features of Mary or Darnley.

It was just an old story based on supposition for over two and a half centuries until August 1830 during building restoration work in the Castle and the workmen noticed a rectangular stone a little larger than those surrounding it in the wall near the Queen's bedchamber, gave out a hollow sound when struck with a mallet. The stone was carefully removed revealing a recess in the wall. Inside was a tiny coffin containing the remains of an infant wrapped in a winding sheet bearing the royal cipher with what appeared to be the letter "I" or "J" worked in gold thread. The discovery was reported to General Thackery commanding the Royal Engineers at Edinburgh Castle at the time and he ordered that the remains and coffin were to be left in the tiny crypt which was to be resealed.

There we have the mystery. Did the infant son of Mary, who should have succeeded to the throne as James VI of Scotland and James I of England die shortly after birth and was the infant son of the Earl of Mar, who, you will remember, was only a few days older, and the same midwife had assisted at both births, surreptitiously substituted and reared, to all intents and purposes as the son of Mary and Darnley? If so, the secrecy which surrounded the whole incident is almost unbelievable for there is no record of the infant's body being sealed in the wall and so far as is known it is still there.

No doubt a modern scientific examination of the remains might prove, or completely disprove all the conjectures; but perhaps it is better that it remains a mystery, and anyway it is an intriguing story.

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With sorrow we record the passing of the following Clan Society Members:

Dr Ian McPhee	(974-016)	of	Ascot, Brisbane, Q.	10	May	87
Mrs Noreen McPhee Murdoch McPhee Mrs Jessie Hurley	(N77-268) (V77-301)	of of of	Lane Cove, Sydney, NSW Preston, Melbourne, V Penshurst, Sydney, NSW	18	Mar Oct	87
Robert Phee	(N74-078)	of	Raworth, Morpeth, NSW	1	May	87

Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families.

SYDNEY MACFIE GATHERING MAR 87. Vice-President Bill Tyrrell reported 23 members attended the Barbeque at his and Dorothy's home in Sylvania on 15th March with some new faces along for the first time, but a few "regulars" missing due to unavoidable circumstances. Bill's next function is on Sunday, 18th October 1987.

SYDNEY'S 1986 CLANS MARCH. Twelve Clan Macfie members participated in the Clans March at the commencement of Sydney's 1986 Scottish Week. The 1987 March will be Sunday, 29th November and Vice-President Bill Tyrrell will be looking for a good roll-up. President and Secretary, Sandy and Helen McPhie expect to be down from Toowoomba to participate.

CONGRATULATIONS! MacDUFFEE CLAN OF AMERICA, INC. CELEBRATES ITS 25TH Our kindred Clan Society, the MacDuffee Clan of America, Inc., celebrated its 25th Anniversary on 10th July, at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games in North Carolina. Greetings and congratulations were forwarded from all Australian "Macfies" on this significant mile-post for the MacDuffees, along with our best wishes for the future. --00000--CLAN MACFIE HISTORIANS The Macfie Clan Society of Australia has three Historians (and a number of helpers). Members are free to contact them direct at any time. Margaret could be the best with queries especially seeking guidance on family research, whilst Norah is the one holding the archive material. Mr Clyde Smythe Mrs Norah McPhee Mrs Margaret Phee 8 Avoca Road 205 Hudson Parade 10 Rodney Road TURRAMURRA NSW 2074 MULBRING NSW 2323 CLAREVILLE NSW 2107 (Tel 02 44-7486) (Tel 049 38-0350) (Tel 02 918-3524) ---00000---ORANSAY or ORONSAY? Which is correct? Probably both -Which is more correct? Probably neither -We use Oransay on our letterhead as it appears to be the older spelling and possibly is used more often on maps etc. Oronsay of course was the spelling used by P & O for its famous passenger liner and could well be claimed to be the most common usage today. In his novel Lord of the Isles, about Somerled and the Vikings in the Hebrides, Nigel Tranter used the spelling Oronsay, but displaced the island into Loch Sumart up above Mull, so perhaps that doesn't count. --000000---

1986 AUDITOR'S REPORT

Yes, the books were audited in 1986. Mr H.A. Hall of Toowoomba again attended to this onerous task and reported:

"I have examined the books of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia for the period 1/1/86 to 31/12/86 and in my opinion the accounts give a true record of the transactions of that period."

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FOR SALE

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

Price A\$4.50 posted.

CLAN HISTORY Volume VI and VII of the late Dr Earle Macphee's Clan History.

These volumes deal with the Clan in Scotland.

Price A\$11.00 per set posted.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY The late Dr Earle MacPhee's autobiography "Footsteps".

Price A\$7.50 posted.

NEWSBULLETINS Back copies of the Clan Society Newsbulletin are available.

Price A\$1.00 per copy posted.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Accounts are attached for those members who are unfinancial. Where members have yet to pay their 1986 subscriptions, a letter is enclosed notifying them that membership rights will be withdrawn if subs are not brought up to date.

Subscriptions are charged by the calendar year, so they become due on the 1st January each year. The annual subscription is \$5.00 per member or \$10.00 per family resident at the one address, but members under 18 years or over 75 are excused from payment should they so wish.

If including a donation at any time when paying your subscription, please be sure to indicate how you wish the donation to be allocated.

STANDING STONE MAINTENANCE

The Clan Society Executive recently formalised the annual remittance of an amount of money to go to Scotland to assist with the repairs and maintenance of Clan Macfie memorials on Colonsay and Oransay. A\$25.00 was forwarded for 1986 and for 1987.

Members will no doubt recall that an appreciable amount was sent to Scotland in 1978 and 1979 to help repair the MHIC-A-PHI Standing Stone on Colonsay. This is the Stone against which our last Chief, Malcolm, had been murdered in 1623 and which was repaired on the initiative of Ulf Hagman of Sweden and our Charles Macphee (V74-010) of Melbourne. The Stone has been fenced and a commemorative plaque affixed. In 1985 a separate cairn and memorial plaque for our late Commander, Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver, was dedicated within the fenced area surrounding the Standing Stone.

At the Clan Macfie Parliament in Glasgow in 1985 a need was established for regular donations to provide for repairs and maintenance for the Standing Stone and other Clan Memorials. A hat was actually passed around for donations at Parliament to square outstanding accounts at that time.

In all we have forwarded A\$767.42 on behalf of the Clan Society and over 120 members who made individual donations. The Executive's action will now ensure that some funds are available each year for at least routine maintenance.

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PRESENTS

International Gathering of the Clans

A DATE IN '88 -

Provisional Programme for the 1988 Gathering. .

Sun. Nov. 20 Arrive Hobart. Visit to Casino. Some will no doubt go straight home from here.

Mon. Nov. 21 Tour of Tasmania, the Southern Hemisphere's Scotland (I would personally prefer to tour Scotland, the Northern Hemisphere's Tasmania).

Tues. Nov. 22 Launceston. Visit to Australian Tartan Centre.

Wed. Nov. 23 Cross Bass Strait to Melbourne. Don't forget the mal de mer tablets.

Thurs. Nov. 24 Selection of tours available.

Frid. Nov. 25 Military Tattoo. A cast of 1500, with contingents from the U.K., U.S.A., Canada, New Guinea and New Zealand.

Sat. Nov. 26 Arrive Sydney.

Sun. Nov. 27 Tartans kirked. March of the Clans. Public open air concert.

Mon. Nov. 28 Information Centre and Scottish Exhibition open. Scottish Week Opening Ceremony. Western Suburbs Ceilidh. Scottish activities in Martin Place begin and continue till Friday.

Tues. Nov. 29 Golf day.

Wed. Nov. 30 Race Day. Parramatta Scottish Day. City Ceilidh.

Thurs. Dec. 1 Harbour trip to Manly for Scottish Day. Campbelltown Scottish Day.

Northern Suburbs Ceilidh. Scottish History evening.

Fri. Dec. 2 Close of Information Centre and Exhibition. Grand Scottish Week Ball. My notes say, "Full evening dress with decorations and tiaras". I just can't wait to see it.

Sat. Dec. 3 Clan functions and meetings. Sightseeing.

Sun. Dec. 4 Sydney Highland Games. All the fun of the fair.. Mon. Dec. 5 Arrive Brisbane. Tour of Gold Coast.

Tues. Dec. 6 To Barrier Reef for two days of island relaxation.

Fri. Dec. 9 Arrive Canberra. From hot sun to hot air. Night tour of Capital.

Sat. Dec. 10 Selection of tours available. Military Tattoo for those who missed it in Melbourne.

Sun. Dec. 11 Depart exhausted for home.

CLAN MACFIE ACTIVITIES

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be host to a number of Clan Macfie visitors from overseas during the International Gathering of the Clans in 1988.

Already we have heard from Clan members in New Zealand, U.S.A. and Canada who are interested in making the trip down-under to attend.

We wish to establish contacts for these visitors throughout Australia, and any members interested should notify Secretary Helen if willing to assist. We are not asking you to provide meals, beds or tours - unless you wish to but would like contact names over a wide area so visitors can say hello or seek advice on points of local interest wherever they may go.

Clan Macfie functions in Sydney at the time of the International Gathering will include a barbeque at Bill Tyrrell's home in Sylvania on Saturday, 26th November, the Clans March on Sunday 27th Nov, and the Sydney Scottish Games at Fairfield on Sun 4th Dec.

This article could well be our last on Scotch Whisky until the next round that is

A quiet walk through

Mike Don. We did — and our eyes rolled.

"We call that the Angels' Share," said Mike.
"Enjoy it while you can."

Lucky angels. I suppose they get fed up with nectar and ambrosia.

We were standing in one of the vast warehouses at the Glenfiddich Distillery in northern Scotland which store the casks of maturing whisky — and the Angels' Share is the evaporation.

Mike Don spoke of it with a touch of wry whim-sy, which is not how he referred to the exciseman's

The warehouse we were in houses tens of th The warehouse we were in nouses tens of thou-sands of casks with about five million litres of ma-turing whisky. The angels get 1½ to 2 percent a year, so in a 10-year span (some casks mature for 12 years), about 20 percent is lost.

Glenfiddich is already the biggest-selling pure malt whisky around the world, but they are getting their sporrans in a reel over the fact that 1987 is

their sporrans in a reel over the fact that 1987 is their centenary year. In fact, it was on Christmas Day, 1887, that the first wee dram trickled out of the distillery, al-though much work had gone into its production be-

Nowadays, Glenfiddich is left to mature for be-

Nowadays, Glentidich is left to mature for be-tween eight and 12 years.

Founder William Grant couldn't do it then be-cause he would have gone broke, which was not a lifestyle be fancied, considering that he had a wife numerous children to feed.

He and his children built the distillery with their

Now the distillery is one of northern Scotland's top tourist attractions, with about 125,000 visitors

They are shown in a sophisticated operation how

They are shown in a sophisticated operation now Scotland's most popular malt is produced. At a time when the conglomerates are taking over, Glenfiddich is still produced by a family com-pany, William Grant and Sons, directly descended from the founder William Grant, who had a vision at producing the best malt whisky in Scotland.

William's ancestors fought at Culloden, and his

From JOHN HAY in London

father fought with Wellington in Spain and Water-loo, which put him on the winning side and earned him the sobriquet of Old Waterloo in Dufftown, where he lived.

William Grant, too, lived in Dufftown in Banffshire, and his old stonework home is now a bed and breakfast place.

When the young whisky salesmen are brought up for brainwashing they are billeted there, just to show them how it all began.

Where it all began was in William Grant's dream to make the best malt whisky in Scotland.

He had to undergo an apprenticeship as a shoe-maker, then work in a local distillery, where he be-came manager, before he found that a couple of stills were for sale elsewhere.

He bought the stills, and he and six of his seven sons and two daughters built the Glenfiddich Distillery — it means Glen of the Deer. The seventh son was away working as a teacher to help the family

What gives Glenfiddich malt its distinctive taste? Part of the answer is that the water from a clear Highland spring — Robbie Dubh or Black Bob —

The spring has never run dry, but it was a close-run thing in the drought of 1974.

Mike Don, a mechanical engineer for 20 years. was chief engineer at the distillery until three years, was chief engineer at the distillery until three years ago, when he was asked to become public relations manager to handle a vastly expanded program of dealing with sisits by the public.

"Once the alcohol has been distilled," he said, "it is a clear, colorless liquid which the law does not even allow us to call whisky.

"After three years maturing in a cask, we are al lowed to call it whisky. We could sell it then but we don't. Glenfiddich is never used in the bottle in fewer than eight years.

paradise SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 1987

> "We mix casks which have been maturing for eight to 12 years."

The distillery uses four kinds of casks - new The distillery uses four kinds of casks—new ones made from oak, re-used Glenfiddich casks, sherry casks bought from Spain and bourbon casks bought from the US where the law allows them to be

It's the cask that gives the whisky its color, and it's David Stewart's nose that gives Glenfiddich its taste. It's a nose to be proud of, and that's why he is William Grant's chief blender or "noser".

Samples from a series of casks are sent to David down in Paisley, next door to Glasgow, and be de-cides which casks should be mixed to provide the traditional Glenfiddich taste.

Said Mike Don: "The Glenfiddich you bought 10 years ago, what you buy today and will buy in five years' time will taste the same. Believe me, it works."

Glenfiddich is unique in that it bottles its own whisky. Other malts are sent away from their distil-leries for bottling.

Glenfiddich produces six million bottles a year. Just over 20 percent goes to the British market, and just over 75 per cent overseas, including Australia.

In the office museum at the distillery is a large hrass drinking glass. Until 50 years ago the distil-lery workers were given a dram when they started in the morning, another mid-morning, another at lunchtime and one when they finished.

The practice finished, although they continued to

get a dram first thing in the morning until about nine years ago when it was stopped.

The workers were not too highly pleased with the

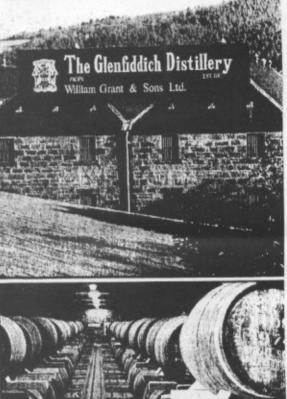
Now the distillery offers a wee dram to all adult sisitors at the end of the distillery tour. Last year the 125,000 visitors sipped about \$150,000 of free Glenfiddich.

On Christmas Day this year - 100 years after the first whisky dripped from a still at Glenfiddich
there will be a special bottling to commemorate

It will be a long time between those drinks.



THE Glenfiddich Distillery, the coopers in action ne of the distillery's wareh whisky is kept.



THEY 'VE MOVED

NEIL McPHIE (N74-071) and family from Cherrybrook NSW to 79 Albert Drive, Killara NSW 2071.

KEITH McPHEE (R77-328) from Mt. Gravatt, Q. to 112 Laura Street, Tarragindi Q. 4121.

GEOFFREY McPHIE (N74-074) from Coonabarabran NSW to 2 Dalton Street, Southport Q. 4215.

MRS. BETH SAINSBURY (W76-154) from Kelmscott, WA to No. 33 Amaroo Cottages, 67 Dorothy Street, Gosnells, WA 6110.

CHARLES and MARGARET McPHEE (S78-438/9) and family from Modbury North S.A. to 16 Williams Road, Millicent S.A. 5280.

FLTLT GLEN McPHEE (V77-357) and family now established at 87 Erldunda Court, Hawker, ACT 2614

COLIN McPHEE (N74-069) from Lindfield NSW to 21 Kanoona Avenue, St. Ives, NSW 2075.

BEV KNOWLES (V77-233) from Kew, with husband Roger Goodwin to 24 Sevenoaks Street, Balwyn V. 3103.

MRS EVE MASON (N74-020) from 38 Moore Street, Roseville to 14/167 Pacific Highway, Roseville, NSW 2069.

MRS SHIRLEY DICKSON (V83-515) from Cummins S.A. to 22 Gail Crescent, Murray Bridge, S.A. 5253.

MRS ROBYN PHILLIPPS (N83-518) from Revesby, N.S.W. to 45 Watson Road, Padstow, NSW 2211.

MRS LYNDSAY ARMSTRONG (N74-004) from Dalby, Q. to 17/78 Welseley Road, Point Piper, NSW 2027.

DR EWEN McPHEE (Q78-424) from Windsor, Q., to 170 Edward St., Charleville, Q. 4470.

JOHN McPHEE (Q77-330) from Atherton, Q., to P.O. Box 591, Ayr, Q. 4807. (Is it a bit of a squeeze John?).

BOB AND ANNE-MARIE McPHEE (Q77-353/4) from Auchenflower Q., to 23 Green Terrace, Windsor, Q. 4030.

MRS ALISON ANDERSON (V79-460) now at 7 Pleasant St., Newtown, Geelong. V. 3220.

MISS BERYL McPHIE (N76-162) from Kieraville, N.S.W., to 9 Yarra Road, Croydon, V. 2500.

That fellow Hogan has a lot to answer for -



GENERAL NOTES

- * Best Wishes to Keith McPhee (Q77-328) our wandering geologist of Tarragindi, Brisbane. Keith has announced his engagement to Dianne Nilon with a wedding planned for November and that will surely restrict his rock cracking trips.
- * Ted McPhee (Q77-326) of Bell, Qld, back at work after a quadruple by-pass operation just before Christmas last year. On latest reports all is going well sparking on all four you might say.
- * Joyce Hook (V83-533) and family of Tootgarook in Victoria, busy with daughter Alison's recent marriage to a Dutchman and associated move to Holland.
- * Congratulations to Janet Mackay (N82-506) of Bracken Ridge, Brisbane on the birth of a son, Stuart Alexander, on 18th March.
- * Best wishes to Allan McCarthy (N82-507) and new bride Madeline following their marriage in Newcastle on 6th June. Allan doubles in his spare time as a Navy submariner.
- * ACT Vice-President Ted Smythe and wife Judith (N74-064 and N79-445) of Downer have been researching their Scots Irish Australian connections through Ted's great-grandfather Alexander MacPhee's marriage to Mary Anne O'Brien in Goulburn on 24th April 1860. Her father, and after his death in 1855, her mother, had the licence of the "Harp of Erin" inn in Auburn Street, Goulburn. Ted by the way, has had his share of being below par lately with his health We trust all is OK by now though.
- * Jean Davies (Q77-329) and family are still in Accra, Ghana, but hope to move north in December to work with the Builsa people helping in their literacy programme and in translation of the Bible into the Buli language.
- * Yvonne Perry (Q83-537) of Dalby, Qld was in the USA last year with husband John for his installation as District Governor of Lions District 201. Their daughter Robyn, won the Lions Miss Personality competition earlier last year with a prize of a trip to England. Yvonne's mother is Mavis McQuaker (Q75-092), also of Dalby.
- * Craig McPhee (N77-240) of Leeton left for Butterworth, Malaysia in June for a 3 month duty stint with the Australian Army there Enjoy it Craig -
- * Charles and Margaret McPhee (S78-438/9) and family are back in South Australia after a year on the move. Living at Millicent now, they travelled to Greece, the U.K. and Hong Kong in the latter part of last year.
- * Secretary Helen holds details of the mail order facilities offered by Douglas Anderson Menswear for those wishing to order Highland Dress from Scotland. Anderson's well stocked shop in Dumfries is about 50 metres from Robert Burns' statue.
- * A new Clan body is emerging in the United States. Thanks mainly to the driving force of Ron MacPhee of Hawaii as President of the MacPhee Clan Society of the United States, that Society is joining with The MacDuffee Clan of America Inc. and The Cathey Reunion Association of the USA to form:

The Clan Macfie-MacDhubhshith Federation of the United States.

The three founder Clan Societies are currently considering the Resolution and By Laws to bring the Federation into being. We welcome the Federation and wish it well.

- * Congratulations too, to Kaye Macphee (V74-023) of Ferntree Gully, Vic., on her marriage to Graham Powell on 21st March our best wishes to both.
- * A special welcome to new members Warwick, Helmi and Andrew Mehaffey (N87-570, 572 and 571) of Burwood, NSW. Warwick has an Acoustical Consultancy in Burwood and doubles as the Rector's Warden and relief organist etc at St. Paul's Church there.
- * Kevin Byrne mine host at the Isle of Colonsay Hotel (and an honorary Macfie) has copies of all available editions of Colonsay maps on microfilm some are very early maps, others a fairly large scale. Members with microfilm readers can borrow these films from Kevin if they pay the postage both ways and return the films! Kevin's address is C/- Isle of Colonsay Hotel, Argyll, PA61 7YP, Scotland. Tel. (09512) 316.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following New Members since Newsbulletin No 46 in November last year:

Mrs Miriam Welch, 12 Halls' Road, Myrtleford, V 3737 V86-569 Warwick Mehaffey, 1/203 Burwood Road, Burwood, NSW 2134 N87-570 Andrew Mehaffey, 1/203 Burwood Road, Burwood, NSW 2134 N87-571 Mrs Helmi Mehaffey, 1/203 Burwood Road, Burwood, NSW 2134 N87-572 Mrs Heather McKee, Melba Highway, Yarra Glen, V 3775 v87-573 Richard Scott McPhee, 30 Liverpool, St., Paddington, NSW 2021 N87-574 Gordon McPhee, 7 Bellvue Drive, Beaumont, SA 5066 S87-575 Don Gordon, 64 Inverness Cres., Mt. Lawley, WA 6050 W87-576 Miss Abbie McPhie, 23 Burlock Ave., Ringwood, V 3134 V87-577 Miss Coralie McPhie, 23 Burlock Ave., Ringwood, V 3134 V87-578 Brendan McPhee, 16 Williams Rd., Millicent, SA 5280 S87-579 Not allocated at this time -580 Miss Belinda Mahaffy, Blackrock, Lifford, Co.Donegal, Ireland Z87-581 Mrs Mary MacPhie, 21 Mudgee St., Burwood East, V 3151 William James, 1725 Lake Drive, Delray Beach, Fl., USA. *v86-582 Z87-583 Mrs Bobbie James, 1725 Lake Drive, Delray Beach, Fl., USA Z87-584 Eddie Fee, 64 Twilight St, Kenmore, Q. 4069 Q87-585

These members were introduced respectively by Mrs Merle Kortlang, Belinda Mahaffy, Warwick Mehaffey (2), FLTLT Glen McPhee, Brian McPhee (2), Sandy McPhie, Bruce McPhie (2), Charles McPhee and Sandy McPhie (5).

- * Through an oversight Mrs Mary MacPhie's membership number allocation was overlooked and has thus been made out of numerical sequence.

 Mary's late husband was Donald MacPhie, our much revered Clan Piper.

 Our apologies for this oversight Mary. We've recorded your date of joining as 24th December 1986.
- Welcome Back We welcome Ross McPhie (V76-197) of 23 Burlock Ave., Ringwood, V 3134, back as a member after a lapse in membership for some years.
- Lost Contact Contact has been lost with R. Donald McPhee (V79-446) formerly of 44 Oakhill Ave., Reservoir. V 3073. Secretary Helen would appreciate a new address for Don if anyone has it.