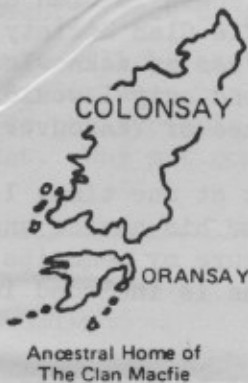


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(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3rd May 1974)



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THE MacFIE CLAN OF AUSTRALIA

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Introduction. As a result of the interest shown, and votes cast in favour of the 5 Inaugural Resolutions, our Clan Society has now officially come into being. As membership grows the problem of passing information to members will increase, and so I am now introducing the first of what will be quarterly Newsbulletins to all members. Items of general interest, reports on Society progress, news about various members etc will be contained in the Newsbulletin; urgent business though, should any arise, will be dealt with as required at the time. It is hoped that items in the Newsbulletin will retain member interest in the Society, and that the simple format will permit us to function within our limited annual budget.

Inaugural Resolutions. Of 31 people invited to become Foundation Members, 24 accepted, 2 refused, 1 declined for the present, and the remaining 4 failed to reply. Of the 24 Foundation Members, 22 voted on the Inaugural Resolutions, and the results were:

Item 1 - Formation.	Yes	22	No	Nil	Carried (Unanimously)
Item 2 - Name.	(A) MacDuffeith	Yes	0	No	13
	(B) MacDuffie	2 1st	2 2nd	4 3rd	13 4th - 35
	MacFie	4 1st	2 2nd	13 3rd	2 4th - 50
	MacPhoe	4 1st	10 2nd	6 3rd	9 4th - 59
	McPhoe	11 1st	4 2nd	4 3rd	2 4th - 66

(Preferential counting with 4 for 1st preference, 3 for 2nd etc.)

Society Name is THE MacFIE CLAN OF AUSTRALIA

Item 3 - Ais.	Yes	22	No	Nil	Carried (Unanimously)
Item 4 - Membership.	Original	13	Alternate	0	Original Carried
Item 5 - Fees.	Yes	22	No	Nil	Carried (Unanimously)

Above figures checked and verified by Mr C.H. MacPhoe.

Membership. It is necessary to formally record membership details for the Society records and a Membership Registration Form is enclosed for your attention - would you please complete and return at your earliest convenience. The task of increasing the membership of the Society is one that concerns us all. I expect to contact some 60 people in all States this month and invite them to join the Society, and I would appreciate members making an effort to contact who may be interested in our Society. To this end I am enclosing 2 additional Membership Registration Forms and a list of the 'approved names' from Dr E.D. MacPhoe's History of the Clan. It will be noted that Dr MacPhoe does not differentiate between Capital F or F and small f or f in his spelling of names such as MacPhoe and Macphoe, or MacFie and Macfie. It will be to our advantage in claiming to be the representative body of Clan members in Australia to have as broad a spread of accepted names amongst our membership as possible - please bear this in mind when seeking new members.

Fees. 1974 membership fees of \$2. per member are now due and should accompany the Membership Registration Form. To save on postage costs receipts will not be mailed separately - they will be forwarded with the next papers or letters mailed after payment.

Contentious Items. Several contentious items may well emerge in the near future, and of course they will be submitted to you for decision should the need so arise. Sufficient at this time to stress that we are simply a Society with membership restricted to interested members of the 'MacPhoe' Clan, and to affirm that in matters of protocol we will be guided by The Lord Lyon, King of Arms, in Edinburgh.

Publicity. In the June copy of 'Parade' Charles Dymond will be reviewing the film book of Dr E.D. MacPhoe's - it should be on sale at the beginning of the month.

Clan History. Charles MacPhoe very kindly prepared the enclosed Clan History which will surely be of interest to everyone especially those of you who are not well versed in our history.

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From Your President

It is my sad duty to record the death earlier this year of one of our great Clan members in Australia. Charles Macphee (N74-010) of Ferntree Gully, Vic., passed away on 11th January.



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

Charles had been a tower of strength in Clan affairs from the early days of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia. Internationally he was an acknowledged authority on Clan matters, second only I would say, to the late Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee of Vancouver.

Although we had our differences at one time, I shall always be in debt to Charles for his advice and support over many years and shall treasure my memories of his friendship. A salute to Charles is included in this Newsbulletin.

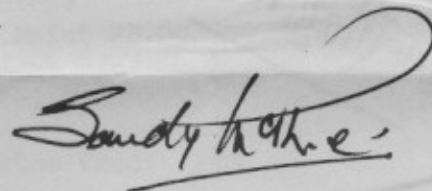
1988 is well and truly with us now and it will be a busy one for the Clan with a Biennial General Meeting in Sydney on 7/8th May and the International Gathering of the Clans at the end of the year - details of both are included in the Newsbulletin along with information on a function in Toowoomba in March.

We are expecting a number of Clan visitors from overseas for the International Gathering. Sylvia and Jean McPhee from Toronto, Scott and Marvene from Florida, Leith and Yvonne Brew (and "at least fifty" others) from New Zealand have all indicated they are planning to be here. Hopefully, Ron and Mert McPhee will be able to make the trip from Hawaii also.

The attendance by Clan members at last year's Sydney Scottish Week functions was very poor, especially as it was considered the final rehearsal for the International Gathering. Six of us (4 from the country) attended the big Clans March and Concert at the Opera House on the first Sunday while only two (Helen and me) were at the Scottish Games at Fairfield on the second Sunday. Where were the Sydneysiders? I trust their absence was for a gathering of strength for a great turnout with our visitors for the big Gathering this year.

Too, there has been little response to my call for Clan contacts for our visitors should they be needed - What's happened to the old Australian tradition of friendship and a welcoming hand for visitors?

What about an extra effort this year -



Alex McPhee
President

22 Feb 1988

Address all Correspondence to
the Clan Society Secretary:

(Telephone 076 32 3469)

Mrs Helen McPhee
8 Panorama Crescent
Toowoomba Q 4350

AUSTRALIAN BICENTENNIAL TATTOO FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER 1988

Enquiries to the military director, Australian Army - Organiser Col. A. McGhee. In Melbourne and Canberra the salute will be taken by principal guests of the International Gathering, which itself is an official Bicentennial activity. Dates - 12-28/8 Sydney. 10-18/9 Brisbane. 26-28/9 Townsville. 7-8/10 Darwin. 18-22/10 Perth. 31/10-2/11 Adelaide. 10-12/11 Hobart. 19/11-3/12 Melbourne. 8-10/12 Canberra.



TOOWOOMBA BYO BARBEQUE

SATURDAY 12 MARCH 1988



1.

Clan Society President Sandy and Secretary Helen McPhie will have an "Open House" for Clan Members on Saturday 12th March 1988 from midday onwards for a BYO Barbeque lunch and afternoon tea.

Address - 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba Q. 4350 (Tel 076 32-3469). Panorama Crescent is off Prince Henry Drive on the northern part of Toowoomba's eastern escarpment. Just drop in.

Toowoomba will be hosting one of its biggest ever Military parades at 9.30 that morning when the three permanent Army and Air Force Bases in the area exercise their rights to the Freedom of the City with a combined parade and fly past. Why not come for both?

SEVENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

SYDNEY - WEEKEND 7/8 MAY 1988



2.

A Notice is enclosed with details of Clan Macfie functions in Sydney on the weekend of 7th and 8th May.

This year's General Meeting will be combined with a Harbour Cruise and yummy gourmet buffet luncheon on Captain Cook Cruises' m.v. Lady Geraldine. The launch departs Dawes Point under the Harbour Bridge at 12 noon and returns approx 4 p.m.

The luncheon will take the place of our normal Clan Dinner. The launch has been booked exclusively and we require a minimum of 50 - max about 120! Business will be kept to a minimum during the meeting. Bring your friends. Cost \$41.00 per person includes, lunch, but not drinks. Money with bookings to Bill Tyrrell by 31st March please (Tel 02 522-6420 for queries).

On Sunday 8th the Clan Picnic will be at the home of Geoff and Ruth McPhee, 70 Moons Avenue, Lugarno 2210 (Tel 02 533-4195). Take Forrest Road out of the city through Lugarno, right into Old Forrest Road and right again into Moons Avenue. It's a BYO everything with Barbeque facilities and a swimming pool available. Time 11.30 a.m. onwards. Only public transport is by train to Mortdale or Riverwood (different lines) and taxi - or ring Geoff and he might be able to arrange a pickup. There should be a captive Haggis at Lugarno - it gets sea-sick and wouldn't come on the boat trip!

INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS

NOV/DEC 1988



3.

There is no significant change in the earlier programme printed for the International Gathering of the Clans in Australia in November/December this year. Visitors can tour Australia as they prefer, taking in programmed events they wish to see. Further details in the next Newsbulletin.



INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS -

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council

Box 421, G.P.O.,
Sydney, 2001

Telephone: (02) 264-3858

You don't have to be Scottish to enjoy
this year's International Gathering of the
Clans activities. You just have to be here.



CIAD MILE FAILTE One hundred thousand welcomes.

A PROFILE OF CHARLES ROBERT MACPHEE
(A DAUGHTER'S VIEW FROM KAYE MACPHEE POWELL)



On 16 August 1902, Charles Macphee entered a world at the beginning of a new and exciting century, in which he would see many changes. As the youngest of ten children born to Daniel and Jeannie Macphee, he was named after two of his father's heroes, Bonnie Prince Charlie and Robert Burns.

He spent his formative years in Central Victoria, as a member of a close-knit hard working farming family. In later years, he often spoke to me about these precious times, when he spent many hours with his father. My grandfather was a Scot's born mining engineer turned farmer, who had a great love of history and literature, and read widely on most subjects. This love of the Scot's tradition and culture, was readily absorbed by the young Charles, who made it a life long hobby.

After leaving school at 16, he moved to Melbourne to take up an apprenticeship with H.V. Mackay at Sunshine Harvesters, and the Working Man's College (now R.M.I.T.). At 21 he qualified, and was also by then a Captain in what he called the Saturday afternoon soldiers or C.M.F. and had many tales to tell of their activities, especially during the 1923 Police Strike in Melbourne, when for some days the city was in a state of near anarchy.

When 23 he joined the R.A.N. and became an electrical artificer, and later a Chief Electrical Engineer. In 1926 he went to Britain for the navy, and lived for two years in his beloved Glasgow. Working at John Brown's shipyard on the Clyde, he was overseer of the electrical installations in ships being built for the R.A.N. Charles returned to Australia in 1929, and continued his career in the navy, and his love of the sea. He was well pleased with his choice as the economic depression he had witnessed in the U.K. followed him back to Australia.

In 1933 he met an attractive Scot's lass with laughing blue eyes, named Margaret Speirs, and on 24 February 1934, they were married in Sydney. Four years later their son, Ian, was born, and Charles decided to leave the uniformed branch of the navy for the civilian branch.

At the outbreak of W.W.II Charles was working at the Garden Is. dockyard in Sydney. He wanted to get back into uniform, and was for a long time bitter that his superiors wanted him to stay in his present capacity. 1941 saw him transferred to Whyalla in S.A. to attend the refitting of war damaged ships, and the building of new ones. In 1943, it was back to Sydney, with frequent trips north into the war zone with Japan.

After the war, he settled down to family life in Sydney, where I was born. He continued his work at Garden Is. and Cockatoo Is. dockyards until his retirement in August 1968. This concluded a 42 year career with the R.A.N. They were good years to us all until Margaret's death in 1971. His philosophy of life helped him to continue a productive, meaningful life to its natural end.

When Sandy I first formed the Clan Macfie Society in 1974, just after our first visit to Colonsay, he was quick to join. It was a good focus for his hobby, and through the Society, he formed many good friendships, both here and abroad. Together with Ulf from Sweden, they spent a lot of time, and their own money, erecting the Carragh Mhic-A-Phie on Colonsay in 1977, with the aid of the islanders, which will forever stand as a monument to their endeavours; on land given to the Clan by Lord Strathcona through Charles' efforts.

In 1982 he was granted Arms by the Lord Lyon King of Arms, of which he was justly proud. So continued his association with Scotland, especially which he was able to visit for the last time for his 85th birthday last year. We are all losers at the death of this man on 11 January 1988. A simple, free thinking man with human frailties like us all, yet my life long friend and father, who was so easy to love.



Charles Macphee (N74-010) was an original member of our Clan Society and served as NSW Vice-President in the formative stages. He was Clan Seneschal in Australia from 1 Dec 1975 to 31 Jan 1977 and rejoined the Society Executive in 1982 following receipt of his Grant of Arms. He was the Clan Macfie "elder" in Australia and heavily involved in Clan affairs internationally. His passing is a great loss to the Clan.

SEVENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Date Saturday, 7th May 1988. Boarding Time: 12 noon at Dawes Point

Venue Aboard m.v. Lady Geraldine on Sydney Harbour

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Greetings and Welcome to Those Attending.
2. Apologies
3. Opening Address - Clan Seneschal A.L. (Sandy) McPhee
4. Minutes of Sixth Biennial General Meeting and Matters Arising Therefrom
5. Reports and Financial Statements
6. General Business
7. Closure

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ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AND OFFICE BEARERS

FOR THE 1988-89 TERM OF OFFICE

No nominations were received for Executive positions for the 1988-89 Term of Office, however, all serving members as detailed below agreed to continue in office and are thus declared duly elected:

<u>President</u>	A. C. (Sandy or Alex) McPhee Esq., M.L.A., (Q74-001), 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba Q. 4350. (076 32-3469)
<u>Vice President</u>	W. H. (Bill) Tyrrell (N78-395), (02 522-6420) "Tay-Creggan", 18 Yeran Street, Sylvania NSW 2224.
<u>Qld Vice-President</u>	N. J. (Nevell) McPhee (Q74-084), 6 Eymard Street, Toowoomba, Q., 4350 (076 35-8454)
<u>NSW Vice-President</u>	Vacant
<u>Vic Vice President</u>	B. M. (Bruce) McPhee (V75-096), 8 Calypso Court, Forest Hill V. 3131. (03 878-7071)
<u>SA Vice President</u>	B. M. (Brian) McHaffie (S77-280), 13 Schroder Court, North Haven SA 5018. (08 248-5164)
<u>ACT Vice President</u>	H. E. V. (Ted) Smythe (N74-064), 12 Fenton Street, Downer ACT 2602. (062 41-5430)
<u>Executive Member</u>	A. L. (Sandy) McPhee Esq., (N74-012), (049 38-0350) 10 Rodney Rd., Mt Vincent, Mulbring NSW 2323 Clan Seneschal in Australia
<u>Treasurer</u>	Miss Lorraine McPhee (Q77-287), (076 32-5032) 103 Mackenzie Street, Toowoomba Q. 4350

The 1986-87 Office Bearers as detailed below have been invited to continue in office for the 1988-89 Term of Office.

<u>Secretary</u>	Mrs Helen McPhee (Q74-014), (076 32-3469) 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba Q. 4350
<u>Historians</u>	Mrs Norah McPhee (N74-052), (049 38-0350) 10 Rodney Rd., Mt Vincent, Mulbring NSW 2323. Mrs Margaret Phee (N74-075), (02 918-3524) 205 Hudson Pde., Clareville NSW 2107. Mr Clyde Smythe (N74-059), (02 44-7486) 8 Avoca Road, Turramurra NSW 2074.
<u>Clan Pipers</u>	<u>Queensland.</u> Bob McPhee (Q77-353), 23 Green Terrace, Windsor, Q. 4030 (07 357-9279) <u>New South Wales.</u> Neil McPhee (N77-269), 23 The Circle, Jannali NSW 2226 (02 528-9826)

HISTORICAL & GENEALOGICAL NOTES

From The Historians

With 1988 now with us we are concerned with mapping our Australian Macfie families from their original homes in Skye, Mull and Lochaber to their eventual destinations twelve thousand miles away, in Australia and New Zealand.

Our Australian Clan Society has many members who have sent in helpful family trees for us to work with. We have recorded McPhees from the immigrant list made out for embarkation on the sailing ships. We have searched the Parish Records and various Census returns for Scotland to establish where these families lived before emigrating. An interesting pattern emerges from this. Now it is essential to trace the history of these families up to the present day Clansmen and women.

Five large "Trees" are finished, or in the final stages, done by enthusiastic people and sometimes added to by suggestions and facts from us. These family researchers deserve great praise and we will be naming them and describing their great contributions in future newsletters.

Our worry now is the lack of time to draw in family information from others who may not fully understand all we must do. Dr Earle MacPhee gave us the task of documenting Macfie immigration to Australia and New Zealand and writing the next volume of his wonderful History of the Clan from the earliest days in Scotland through to dispersal to Canada, America, Australia and New Zealand in the 1700's and 1800's. Macfie Societies in these other countries are doing this. We could be a little behind. However, we have now compiled lists of Births, Deaths and Marriages in Australia to help you and I believe we can speed things up if all researchers get together to give us a few hours help particularly in the areas outside NSW and tell us what records are held individually. In short, the history will only be properly written when we all pull together.

Margaret Phee and myself, Norah McPhee, are very grateful for those wonderful clanspeople who write to us once or twice a year enclosing newly-obtained birth, death and marriage certificates as well as new facts gleaned from older family members or old documents they have found. These people are the backbone of the job. We have something like 700 separate McPhee households in Australia -- from an original of about 60 families who immigrated to Australia. It is a fascinating task which we love doing, but we need all your help to complete it in 1988.

From Bob McPhee (Q77-353) of 23 Green Terrace, Windsor Q 4030.
(written 21 October 1985)

I spent sometime in northern New South Wales earlier in the year and had an opportunity to start checking into my ancestry. It seems a large number of my kin came out from Scotland around 1830s and 40s, and settled at Southgate, a farming community, just downstream from Grafton on the Clarence River.

I located the old family farm, and it is still owned by an elderly spinster - Miss Muriel McPHEE, aged 86 years.

My great grandfather Hugh McPHEE (died 20/8/95 aged 68 years) and his wife Mary and my great, great Grandfather Donald (died 3/6/70 aged 78 years) and his wife Catherine, together with several other McPhees are all buried in close proximity in the old Grafton Cemetery.

They all came from Strontian, on Loch Sunart, in Parish of Sunart, in county of Argyle. My great great grandfather Donald, who came to Australia in 1838 according to his death certificate - Cause of Death "OLD AGE 12 MONTHS".

It seems that my great grandfather married his first cousin (a McPhee) and it would seem this was not uncommon in those times.

Computerised Research in Britain

The British Australian Heritage Society (BAHS) has collected and collated archival material over the past two years to provide a computerised service answering Australians' questions on their ancestry.

Operating under the name Australian Genealogical Electronic Mail Instant Computer Search (AGEMICS), its data base contains the names, aliases, births, occupations and in many cases, graphic descriptions of some 104,000 of the 160,000 men, women and children who were transported or went of their own free will, to Australia to create a new nation from the 18th century onwards.

The Society has its headquarters at St. Thomas' Church Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, where it overlooks the anchorage of the First Fleet and was once the religious centre for its officers. The eleven ships with a total of five hundred crewmen and some eight hundred convicts, were moored at Mother Bank off Ryde, for nearly two months before beginning their historic voyage to Botany Bay on 13th May 1787.

Anyone researching an ancestor can register with AGEMICS for a fee of A\$38.00 - computer records are searched and information returned to the inquirer. Address for AGEMICS is P.O. Box 5, St Thomas Centre, St. Thomas St, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 2PJ, United Kingdom.

Clarence River McPhees

Bonnie Bush (N74-007) of 141 Napoleon St, Sans Souci NSW 2219 has forwarded further information on McPhees in the Clarence River area in northern NSW.

Included were copies of a book by Martin Buckley "The Scottish Rifles in Northern New South Wales" - a citizen military unit in the area from 1899 to 1911 - and the Maclean District Historical Society's publication "Maclean and the Scottish Connection". The latter being an excellent reference work with photographs, articles and data on the early settlement of this area - much of it by Scottish immigrants, including Bonnie's forebears amongst a number of McPhees. The list below of McPhee arrivals in the area is taken from the book.

"The Scottish Rifles" formed in Sydney in August 1885 as the 5th Regiment New South Wales Scottish Rifles at the time of a Russian war scare. In 1898 a second Company formed in Sydney and one in Newcastle. The following year E Company formed at Maclean and a year later F Company formed at Lismore and a third in Sydney.

Scottish-born McPhee Residents of the Lower Clarence in the 19th Century

(giving birthplace, ship of arrival and date, occupation and residence).

McPHEE, Alexander	Inverness		Farmer	Lawrence	
McPHEE, Winifred	Inverness		Housewife	Lawrence	
McPHEE, Alexander	Banvie	1849	Farmer	Lawrence	
McPHEE, Elizabeth	Banvie	1849	Housewife	Lawrence	
McPHEE, Angus	Darrydaff		Farmer	Coldstream	
McPHEE, Donald	Argyleshire	Brilliant	1838	Farmer	Lower Southgate
McPHEE, Catherine	Ardnamurchan	Brilliant	1838	Housewife	Lower Southgate
McPHEE, Duncan	Argyleshire		1852	Farmer	Coldstream
McPHEE, Duncan	Banvie			Farmer	Palmers Channel
McPHEE, Jessie	Blaich			Housewife	Palmers Channel
McPHEE, Ewen	Banvie	Brilliant	1838	Farmer	Lawrence
McPHEE, John	Argyleshire		c 1850	Farmer	Harwood
McPHEE, Thomas	Argyleshire	Kate	1852	Farmer	Coldstream
McPHEE, Janet	Argyleshire	Kate	1852	Housewife	Coldstream
McPHEE, William	Strontian		1852	Farmer	Serpentine

FIFTY NEWSBULLETINS - AND MORE TO COME!

Our first Newsbulletin was a rather modest two page edition run off on a duplicator and dated 11th May 1974. Since then the Newsbulletins have appeared regularly with a wealth of information on the Clan Society, Clan Macfie and things Scottish in general.

The last of the duplicator editions was No 15 dated 22nd August 1977 and consisting of six foolscap pages. Size and presentation steadily improved from that date through the use of various photocopying and commercial printing processes. The Newsbulletin appeared quarterly until 1982 when it dropped back to the present three copies per year - exceptions being 1975 and 1984 when five and two copies were produced respectively.

The Newsbulletins have all been prepared and in the main, written by Clan Society President Sandy McPhie who claims he has enough items stockpiled for another fifty editions!

Back copies may be purchased through Secretary Helen at any time - cost \$1.00 per copy posted.

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Design of a Certificate for Honorary Members

Consideration is being given to awarding a certificate to Honorary Members of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia.

Honorary Membership is not lightly awarded. It may be granted by the Society Executive to a member of another Society of the Clan, or to a member of another Clan in Australia, who is considered to have established a significant link with the Society.

To date, this honour has been extended to:

Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee, Canada	with effect	20 Dec 1975
Ulf Macfie Hagman, Sweden	with effect	16 Apr 1978
Miss M.B. (Keerie)MacPhee, Scotland	with effect	23 Jan 1980
Mrs Jennie Minerva MacPhee, Canada	with effect	24 Feb 1981
Miss Sylvia McPhee, Canada	with effect	19 Jan 1986

Members with an artistic flair are invited to forward designs for such certificates to Secretary Helen, for consideration by our Society Executive.

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Ulf's relative Hagar is visiting Scotland again -



Sir John Mills is a most respected British actor whose skill on stage and screen has brought enjoyment to many of us. The article below appeared in the Sydney Morning Herald late last year when he was here for the filming of a Channel 9 two episode epic called "Spit McPhee". Latest word from Channel 9 is that Spit McPhee will be screened in a few months time, but no definite dates as yet.

58 years on, a first for Sir John

IT WAS the Scottish accent that had him stumped. Everything else was okay — the script, playing the part of an eccentric old man in an Australian mini series, coming out here to film it, and basically the whole idea behind it all was just great.

But in his 58 years as an actor, Sir John Mills had never played a Scot.

"It was," he said, "a very new challenge."

So he called in an expert on the subject, a friend of his, actor Gordon Jackson.

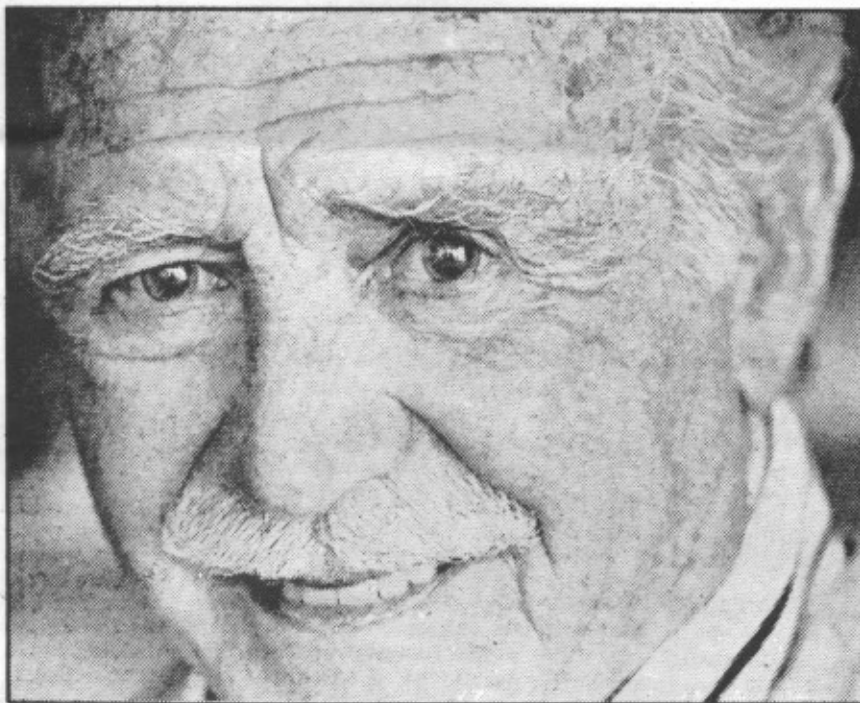
"Gordon came down to our place and put an awful lot of talking on tape and I've been working very hard at it since," he said.

Scottish accent mastered, Sir John arrived in Australia last week for the filming of a Channel 9 mini series, *Spit McPhee*, fit as ever despite a spot of jet lag. He is 79 years old.

He was in Sydney for a couple of days before heading down to Albury where filming has started on the mini series in which he plays an old Scot, Fyfe McPhee — an eccentric who has the care of his orphan grandson, Spit.

He accepted the job despite the threat of divorce that came from his author wife of 46 years, Lady Mary Hayley Bell.

"I had been playing *Pygmalion* on Broadway in New York for a 16 week season — eight shows a week — and after



A LITTLE HELP FROM A FRIEND: John Mills — aid from Gordon Jackson.

that, Mary said no more, you're having a break.

"She said 'if you want a divorce get another job'," he laughed.

"Then along came this script and I loved it, I read the book and I loved it, then it involved coming out here, and that's something we like to do."

They first came here about 30 years ago when Sir John was filming *The Summer Of The Seventeenth Doll*, and they have been here a number of times since (they always travel together: "I can't shake her," he says).

So it has been his pleasure to watch the

natural progression of the Australian film and television industry.

"It has really come along in leaps and bounds over the last fifteen years, the standard has improved enormously and there are some very good things coming out of this country," he said.

"We certainly notice it over there. The acting is so good."

Indeed there must be some attraction in the industry for actors of Sir John's calibre to feature in a mini series here.

He has a career steeped in stage acting and has starred in such feature films as *Hobson's Choice*, *Great Expectations*, and *Ryan's Daughter* for which he won an Oscar for his performance as a simpleton.

Now, after *Spit McPhee* it's home to Buckinghamshire in the English countryside via Hong Kong (for Christmas shopping) then over to California for a Christmas gathering of the clan.

His actress daughter Juliet Mills lives there, his other actress daughter Hayley Mills is working there and son Jonathan will be there also.

Then it's definitely time for a break, although he stresses he's not retiring.

"Nearly 60 years later, it's still good fun, so why retire? Gielgud is still going and he's 84. I turn 80 in February. It keeps you young you know."

Champ can't stomach criticism

LONDON: A Scot who formerly held the record as the world's fastest haggis eater is pulling out of this year's finals because he cannot swallow criticism.

Five-time winner John Kenmuir, 29, said yesterday he did not have the stomach for what he called a hate campaign waged against him by supporters of arch rival Peter McPhee, the present world record-holder.

Haggis, a Scottish delicacy, is a compote of sheep's liver, heart, lungs and oats wrapped in a sheep's stomach.

The former champion told reporters opponents ridiculed him by wearing "Kenmuir Hater" T-shirts.



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CLAN MACFIE GATHERING & PARLIAMENT

Iain McFie, Treasurer of Clan Macfie (Scotland), has taken on the job of organising the Clan Macfie Parliament and associated functions during the International Gathering of the Clans in Scotland in 1989. It will be centred on Inverness this time. Iain is just the man for this, having been involved in organising Clan Macfie activities during Clan Parliament in Glasgow in 1985 and in Parliament last year in Nova Scotia.

But he needs early indications of possible visitors from overseas and we reproduce his letter below. Please let Iain and our Secretary Helen, know as soon as possible if you hope to be there next year.

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July 1987

Dear Clansman

INVERNESS - 1989

I have been asked to organise the MacFie Clan gathering and parliament in two years time. It is to be held in the beautiful and historic capital of the Highlands of Scotland. It is a natural tourist attraction and subsequently it is essential that preliminary discussions take place with Hotels etc soon to be sure of obtaining the best deal and facilities possible.

To aid me in these talks I would be obliged if you would complete the attached questionnaire. It should only take a few moments of your time, but the information gained by me could be invaluable.

May I thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.

Yours most sincerely

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS



Accounts for Membership Subscriptions are attached. Early payment is requested please.

Fees have again been held at \$5.00 per member or \$10.00 per family resident at the one address. Members below the age of 18 years or over 75 years are on notification to Secretary Helen, excused from the payment of subscriptions.

There will
be nearly 600,000
Australians travelling
to Britain this year,
of which over a
third go to
Scotland.

Travelling to the outer Isles of the British Isles.

If you intend to visit Aran or the Blaskets, Lewis or the Shetlands you must remember it will take you much longer to get there from London than it will from London to Australia, especially if you cross the Minch or the Irish Sea by ferry. Lewis is typical of the outer isles of the British Isles — windswept, fairly treeless and utterly fascinating.

AUSTRALIANS ARE GREAT TRAVELLERS

To Scotlands Other Islands

In a bad winter we had four idyllic, sunny days in the Orkneys under the guidance of David Evans, a noted naturalist, we drove about the islands. I visited the neolithic village of Skara Brae and the extraordinary site of Maes Howe, which, when already millenia old, was plundered by the Vikings nearly two thousand years ago, (they scribbled their graffiti everywhere). I remember above all the magnificent Ring of Brogan, a circle of standing stones on a heatherclad slope above a loch.

From Kirkwall I flew north to Lerwick, capital of the Shetland Isles, which is as far north as Leningrad, Oslo and the southern part of Greenland. Unlike Orkney's lovely, though treeless cattle country, Shetland is a place for fishermen, with fishing smacks unloading silver cascades of fish at the quays. Scotland's "other islands", as opposed to the Inner and Outer Hebrides, are well worth a visit next time you travel to Britain.

Peter Alexander

TV's "Atlantean" well worth a second look

If the SBS — Cinn Gael series "The Atlantean" is repeated try and watch it. Celtic journalist Doug Anderson ("Cyclops" in the TV Guide) said "This series is the stuff of legend, myth and history. An Irish film-maker struck by the similarity between Celtic and Arab melodies, embarked on a quest in search of evidence to prove that Celtic origins are in Morocco and the Nubians of Egypt. To some viewers who regard their Northern Celtic heritage with fierce pride, the prospect of being related to Colonel Gadaffi's forebears is a prospect too awful to contemplate".

Colonsay would line up well in any comparison, but we Macfies know this -

Several travel agencies have written recently asking that we notify our members of their services.

- * Bracken Travel (Celia Hughes and Eleanor Farquhar) of 6 High Street, Dollar, Clackmannanshire, FK14 7AY, Scotland (Tel 02594 2152) offer "personalised holiday plans to make your stay in Scotland live up to your dreams".
- * Scotia Heritage (Elsie MacGregor-Murphy) of Market Street, Maud, Aberdeenshire, AB4 8NH, Scotland (Tel 07714 623) will trace ancestral background and "then organise a tour which will show clients the locations where ancestors discovered in our research, once lived".
- * Scottish Travellers Centre in Sydney is the official travel service of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council and can make all arrangements from this end if you prefer. Their address is 3rd Floor, Wingello House, Angel Place, Sydney, 2000. Tel 02 221-1613.
- * Colonsay trippers please contact Secretary Helen if you're considering a stay. In addition to the address and phone number for Kevin and Christa Byrne's excellent hotel on Colonsay, she has a brochure detailing cottages for rent there.
- * The City of Dundee Tourist Board says you should visit Dundee next time you're in Scotland. It's 80 miles from Edinburgh and an ideal touring centre being within 90 minutes of 90% of Scotland's population etc. etc. Contact the Board at 17 City Square, Dundee DD1 3BY. Tel 0382 2-3141.

AND DON'T FORGET OUR OWN

- * Hamish Cathie of Travel Scotland in Edinburgh. Hamish arranged the Clan's 1985 tour of the Highlands and Colonsay and will no doubt be involved next year too. But his firm Travel Scotland Ltd. of 10 Rutland Square, Edinburgh, EH1 2AS, (Tel 031 229-7366) will attend to all travel needs.

MACFIES ARE EVERYWHERE!

In our last Newsbulletin we reproduced a photograph of the magnificent piper appearing in the current Jetset Tours/British Airways tourist booklet. He was resplendent in Clan Macfie tartan. No information yet as to who he is, but we've received a number of other examples of Macfies or wearers of Macfie tartan appearing in print.

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council 1986/87 Annual carries the photograph (right) of a young Highland laddie on the page 2 advertisement for the British Tourist Authority. Norman Douglas of Arrochar, Dunbartonshire, writes that he knows this boy who is selling white heather. He is a tinker boy named McPhee and his tinker family camped on the banks of Loch Lomond for many years. They make money playing the pipes and selling white heather to tourists. The boy would be about 22 years old today Norman believes, the photograph having been taken some years ago at Tarbet, Loch Lomond, near the Douglas home.

"Will Ye No Come Back Again?"



The hefty shotputter (left) wearing a Macfie kilt, in Insight Tours, Europe and Britain Schedule for 1987-88 on page 33.

Jonathan Murihead (below) is a supplier of leather furnishings on a large scale - and here is wearing the Macfie tartan. This item from Womens Day August 1985.



Leather for the rich and famous

Jonathan's the man behind the seats of power

Jonathan Muirhead has had some of the world's most famous bottoms sit on his leather upholstery.

As managing director of Bridge Of Weir Leather Company Ltd, he supplies leather furnishings for the liner QE2, the Concorde, Rolls-Royce cars, the British

Houses of Parliament and the Royal Air Force Queen's Flight which carries the royal family.

"Our leather is also in the President of the United States' Air Force One, so that's a pretty powerful bottom," Jonathan said.

Jonathan, 34, a jovial Scot who dons his kilt whenever he is overseas, was in Australia promoting his company's products. Australia, he said, is his number one export market. "I think mainly because Australia has one of the highest standards of living in the world where leather always seems to prosper. People get value for money in leather."

Jonathan is the sixth generation to be involved with the family company. "We can trace it right back to my great-great-grandfather who started making leather in Glasgow in 1758 and was exporting, in those days, glove leather to North America prior to the War of Independence."

Jonathan is one of the new breed of leathermakers. He did three years study at London University, learning leather science and technology.

"Back in the old days, leather was always very masculine - it was always associated with men's clubs and was always dark brown or dark red. But improvements in leather processing have made it more supple and therefore more comfortable."

It is also, he said, very practical. Today's leather is fade and stain resistant with protective finishes which don't detract from the overall appeal of the natural hide.

Picture: GIANNI MARZELLA
August 25, 1985

A NOTE ON THE DUFFYS

Our resident Clan Society member in Ireland, Belinda Mahaffy (287-581) of Lifford in Co. Donegal forwarded these comments on our Irish cousins the Duffys, some time ago. Belinda has been researching Clan connections in Ireland for some years.

Here is a note on the Irish name (O) Duffy which I have long promised you. It is taken from a large volume (250 pages plus) "The Monaghan Story" by Peadar Livingstone and published by the Clogher Historical Society, 1980. (O Dufaigh): also O Dubhthaigh, Monaghan's most numerous name. The Duffys, moreover, are by far the most numerous family in South and Centre and they are 8th in North and 17th in West (of Monaghan). Although never rulers of Monaghan, they were lords of an area around Clontilset called Teallach Gaelagáin.

The first Duffy mentioned in history was Patrick O'Dubhthaigh the chieftain of Teallach Gaelagáin in 1296. In the 1591 distribution of land, we find that the Duffys were granted Ballyduffy which contained Clontilset. The name Dobhthach was common among the old Ulaid people and the Duffys may have Ulaid origins. They remained herenachs (lords) of Clontilset until the end of Gaelic rule.

In spite of their failure to expand in power, they expanded greatly in numbers. Duffy is the third most numerous name in the Hearth Money Rolls. Many members of the family have distinguished themselves down the years. Bishop Patrick Duffy who died in 1675 had been Definitor-General of the Franciscans before becoming Bishop of Clogher. Friar Patrick Duffy who lectured in Louvain, was prominent in the fight against Jansenism. James Duffy was a well known publisher (1809-71), Charles Gavan Duffy (1816-1903) was a founder of the Young Ireland Movement and later Premier of Victoria in Australia. His son John Gavan Duffy (1882-1951) was a signatory of the Anglo-Irish Treaty and later President of the High Court. Finally, General Owen O'Duffy was prominent in the War of Independence, First Commissioner of the Gardai (our police force) and later leader of an Irish force to fight for General Franco in the Spanish Civil War.

I also spoke to an Irish speaker named Duffy. In West Donegal, they use the second Gaelic spelling of the name. There haven't been any ethnic intrusions there since at least 1600 and possibly not since the last Viking raid. They sometimes add "O" to their name but never "Mac" not even in translation. They do not consider variants e.g. Duffs as being connected to them. In his area he considered that all the Duffys were once closely related as they showed family resemblances. The moral of this paragraph is, if you have O'Duffys trying to join your Society, you can tell them to get out as they're Irish! But then, how Irish are we? That is something I am trying to puzzle out.

I was reading a recent publication on Brian Ború who defeated the Vikings at Clontarf 1014. The writer stated quite categorically that one of Brian's daughters was the grandmother of McBeth. I think he took this from Irish records. In Trinity College Library any book I have looked at on McBeth gives conflicting genealogies or, better still, genealogies with question marks.

In a neighbouring house, I found a copy of a map of Ireland dated 1610 with chieftains names written in. In Donegal, I found Hugh McDuffe O'Donel. His mother must have been a McDuffe. I would like to discover more about this person.

The city farmers stand their ground

As the urban sprawl encroaches on their land, dairy farmers near Melbourne face an uncertain future

John McPhee (V77-308) of Whittlesea is one of a number of farmers caught up by the Melbourne city sprawl. Fifty years ago there was a thousand, 25 hectare or so dairy farms in the area to the South West. Now they number a mere eighteen. This article from the 25th January copy of Woman's Day highlighted the problem.

Five years ago, the owners of these farms banded together in a bid to survive. Together the Whittlesea and District Dairyfarmers have battled against rising rates and falling milk prices.

Their principal ambition is to continue to make their living from small-scale dairy farming on properties that have been in some families for generations. But in the past year they have each lost an average of \$9,000 from their annual profits as a result of a change in dairy industry policies.

John McPhee, who has 55 hectares at Whittlesea, finds it more difficult to list the advantages of living close to the city.

"From a farming point of view there are probably none," he said. "And it

can be lonely because you're not working in an area where everybody has the same interests.

"People around here don't understand what we're doing. They don't realise, for instance, that there is nothing to be too concerned about if a bull starts to bellow in the middle of the night."

John and his wife, Bev, have three children — Andrew, 23, Robyn, 21, and Sally, 17. The fact that none of them wants to work on the farm brings to John's mind one advantage of their proximity to the city — employment opportunities are much better than in other country areas.

John believes this proximity also gives him a better idea of what city consumers like and dislike in dairy products.

John has lived all his life on his farm, Conron Grange, which he believes to be



John McPhee believes his farm is the oldest continuing dairy farm in Victoria.

the oldest continuing dairy farm in Victoria. But he thinks the days of the small family farm are numbered as large corporations move in to develop the area. "They've already moved into other areas such as poultry, pork and vegetable-growing. They'll eventually grab hold of the dairy industry as well," said John.

But in the short term, the Whittlesea farmers are more concerned about getting better prices for their milk than the likelihood of selling out to a corporate giant. "The Australian dairy industry is not in a very good position at the moment," John said. "It's certainly not stagnant but prices are bad and that has probably affected city fringe farmers like us more than others."

Despite their problems, the Whittlesea farmers agree there is little else they would rather do and speak of the immense satisfaction their work brings.

"Farming can be very demanding — you can't take four weeks annual leave from it and you can't leave it on a Friday night and come back to it on a Monday morning," John said. "But it gives you a freedom, and a closeness to nature that is very rewarding. It is totally different to city life.

"Most small farmers have a feeling for their animals that wouldn't be understood by city people — and you get to know the land so intimately. You have to work hard and you have to be dedicated and take the bad with the good. It makes you proud of what you can achieve."

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Story: Jenny Trustrum
Pictures: Gianni Marzella

WHERE ARE THE MACKINTOSH'S?

The visit for the first time to Australia by the Chief of the Mackintosh Clan, Lieut. Commander Lachlan R.D. Mackintosh of Mackintosh O.B.E.; D.L.; R.N.(Retd) of Moy Hall Inverness, has sparked off the formation of The "CLAN MACKINTOSH SOCIETY-AUSTRALIA".

Up till now the Mackintosh's have been very dilatory, and very little interest has been taken by them in Australia of their heritage, unlike some other thirteen Clan Societies who have played a big part in fellowship amongst their members.

The President of the new Society Mr Cliff McIntosh of Kenthurst N.S.W. who initiated the formation of the Mackintosh Society, has had great support from Scotland and the Scottish Australian Heritage Council for the initiative taken, and is pleased so far with the results, but is appealing to the Mackintosh's (any variation of spelling) to come out of the brushwood and honour the chief and their Scottish heritage.

Septes of the Clan Including most common names such as:- Adamson, Ayson, Clarke, Dallas, Elder, Gollan, Hardie, MacAndrew, Macniven, Niven, Noble, Ritchie, Show, Tosh, Mac Hardy, MacGardney, Glen, Esson, Clarkson, Hardy, Thomas etc.

Details of membership of The Clan Mackintosh Society may be had by contacting the Hon. Secretary Mr D. Allsopp, 22/17-23 Green Street, Kogarah N.S.W. 2217, (02) 587-4052 or the President Mr Cliff McIntosh 9/2c Jones Road, Kenthurst N.S.W. 2156 (02) 654-2156.

- * Bonnie Bush (N74-007) of Sans Souci, NSW, attended last year's Annual Highland Gathering at Bundanoon on the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales and reported an excellent day. It's on again this year on Saturday 16th April. (Contact 048 83-6146). The following tongue-in-cheek account appeared in Sydney's Sun the day before last year's Gathering.

WILL YE NO COME BACK AGAIN?

SCOTS wha hae!

Country towns fascinate me with their unique and often individual annual weeks and days of celebrations.

Grafton has its Jacaranda Festival, Bowral its Tulip Time - and this coming weekend its Bundanoon's time. Roll up for the annual Highland Gathering.

Bundanoon's a sleepy little village on the Southern Tablelands, haunted by the ghosts of honeymoons past and vainly struggling to recapture its erstwhile romantic glory.

This weekend the local hostelry will be filled to capacity, as will all the boarding houses, and, believe it or not, visitors are pressuring the locals to rent out their garages and carports for weekend accommodation.

Such is the enthusiasm for authenticity that Bowral Hospital has had literally hundreds of requests from Bundanoonites for blood tests to establish their Scots ancestry and their right to wear the kilt.

A couple of enterprising Scots - no names - have been running classes at the local RSL tutoring residents in acquiring a genuine Gaelic accent.

Even the Irish, who actually invented the bagpipes



ROGER BUSH

Bundanoon gets ready for a Scots invasion

and generally allowed the Scots to take the blame for years, have been encouraged to attend.

Genuine Scots memorabilia - no doubt made in Taiwan - will be on sale and I'm assured the haggis will be piped into the dining hall at the Bundanoon Arms during at least one major meal.

A couple of canny wee men have volunteered to supply the cabers for the tossings, charging only basic labour and transport costs to and from the arena. Later these same canny men will saw them up and sell the product for firewood. Well, after all, it's a highland gathering isn't it?

Highland bands from all quarters will descend on the village and compete for trophies. An expensive exer-

cise, but it is rumoured that Sydney's suburban population have actually paid the travelling expenses of the bands so as to purchase a little peace and quiet.

The local players will no doubt stage Brigadoon and there may well be a poll to change the name Bundanoon to Brigadoon.

And the Highland dancing. Oh, the dancing. Tots from the age of three to the hardened cisteddfod competitors will trip the light fantastic to the airs of a lone piper. Tiny toes will miss the crossed swords by a mere fraction and mothers will debate the final marks for a whole year until the next gathering.

There will be tug-of-wars, races, and all the jollity bred

first by the lochs and hills of the bonny homeland. Believe me, all will have a great time.

The Presbyterian kirk gets a fringe benefit in that the Scots will roll up in mighty numbers on Sunday morn.

What a great idea, and more power to the folk at Bundanoon for their originality.

Then on the misty evening on the close of the Games the massed bands will no doubt play Will Ye No Come Back Again, followed by the joining of hands and all singing Auld Lang Syne. Every eye will shed a tear and every cheek will be a little damp.

And perhaps, just perhaps, the ghost of Robbie Burns will smile on this outpost of the Scottish empire and give his benediction.

- * Slab Hut Farm is a hectare of history high in the ranges behind Brisbane. Situated on a spur of Mount Nebo in Brisbane's magnificent Forest Park it looks out to the Pacific Ocean across Moreton Bay. Title deeds go back to 1873 when one George Remfry purchased from the Crown. He later sold to Thomas and Priscilla McAfee who raised their large family there. Today the name is preserved at McAfee's Lookout on one of the main Mt Nebo roads.
- * That scruffy number and date on the last Newsbulletin was due to our editor using a front cover spread from a previous issue, but failing to update these items before printing. He won't do that again, making the corrections was quite a task!
- * Colonsay visitors late last year included Graham and Kaye Powell (V87-595 and V74-023) of Ferntree Gully, Vic., Lyndal McPhie (Q76-163) of Toowoomba, Qld., and John (N77-246) and Hazel McPhee of Lapstone, NSW. The latter three met on the ferry trip from Oban and were there a week ahead of honeymooners Graham and Kaye.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following New Members since the last Newsbulletin was printed:

- * S87 - 580 Miss Mairi Helen McPhee, 16 Williams Rd, Millicent 5280
- N87 - 596 Mrs Sara McPhee, 166 Concord Rd, North Strathfield, 2137
- N87 - 597 Mrs Betty Maclean, 166 Concord Rd, North Strathfield 2137
- Q87 - 598 Mrs Helen Luyendyk, 7 Gladesville St, Kenmore 4069
- V87 - 599 Miss Pauline Flynn, 6/35 Alfred St, Kew 3101

* No 580 had been previously held for Mairi.

The new members were introduced by Mairi's Dad Charles (S78-438), Clan Historian Norah McPhee (N74-052) for both Sara and Betty, Helen's Aunt Gladys McIntosh (S77-255) and Robyn Phillips (N83-518).

In addition, we Welcome Back Malcolm Robert McPhie (V76-196) of 30 Towerhill Road, Ringwood, Vic 3134 who has resumed membership.

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THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

GENERAL ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DEC 87

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
<u>Subscriptions</u>		<u>General Expenses</u>	
1986	108.00	Postage	21.03
1987	1135.00	Telephone	20.34
1988	213.70	Printing & Stationery	6.24
1989	16.00	Fed. Tax on Debits	6.05
1990	<u>5.00</u> 1477.70	Stamp Duty	<u>8.30</u> 61.96
<u>Donations</u>		<u>Newsbulletins</u>	
General Funds	71.26	Printing	751.00
Trust Fund	30.00	Postage	<u>226.15</u> 977.15
Clan Cap Fund	<u>20.00</u> 121.26		
<u>Sales</u>		<u>Transfer of Funds</u>	
Badges	8.50	'86 Trust Fund donations	50.00
Histories	<u>10.00</u> 18.50	'86 Standing Stone	
		Don. 20.00, Maint 25.00	45.00
<u>Sundries</u>		To Sav Investment A/c	750.00
Bank Interest	27.76	'86 Clan Capital Fund	
T'fer from Sav		Donations	92.00
Invest A/c	550.00	Investment Custom Credit	<u>1300.00</u> 2237.00
Chq 798069		<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
Payment		SAHC Membership	20.00
Stopped	<u>300.00</u> 877.76	Aust Highlander Sub	8.00
	2495.22	'87 Clan Parliament don.	50.00
Balance B/f		'87 Clan Per Capita levy	261.60
1 Jan 87	<u>1948.44</u>	'86 Interest to Trust A/c	74.01
	\$4443.66	Colonsay brochures	307.97
		Biennial Meeting deposit	<u>300.00</u> 1021.58
			4297.69
		Balance B/f 31 Dec 87	<u>145.97</u>
Lorraine McPhee			\$4443.66
Treasurer			<u> </u>