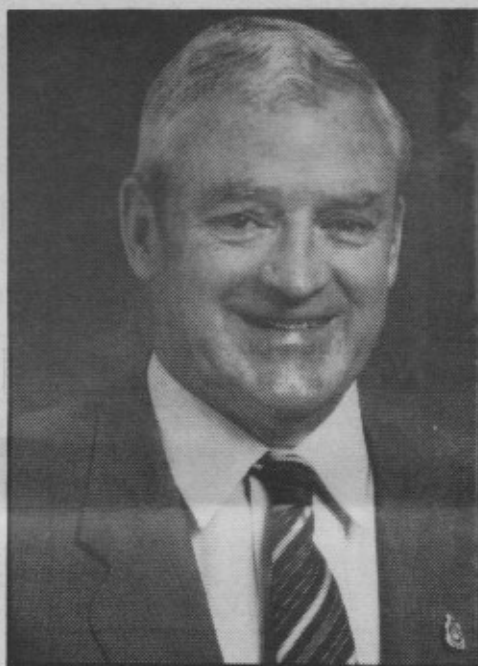


# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3 May 1974)



## Newsbulletin



CLAN COMMANDER SANDY McPHIE  
of Toowoomba, Q'ld.

Appointed 7th September 1989

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All correspondence to Clan Society Secretary Mrs Helen McPhie,  
8 Panorama Cres., Toowoomba, Q., 4350. (076 32-3469)

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

My sincere thanks to the many members who congratulated me and sent good wishes following my appointment as Commander of the Clan Macfie. Although I was confident the appointment would be made, it was still quite a thrill to receive my Commission.

The Commission arrived at a critical stage of the Queensland election campaign and thus had to be held in abeyance as it were, until I could clear the decks and address Clan matters. This was easier said than done. My Toowoomba North seat ended in a drawn out re-count which I lost narrowly - and then it was Christmas and family and even some relaxation amongst the vacating of electorate offices and changing lifestyle etc.

Being beaten, no matter where or in what, always has its disappointments. But let me just say that being who I am, I can turn my back on a lot of it fairly easily as it often wasn't the way I'd been brought up to do business. AND - look at the extra time available for Clan matters (definitely needed) and for family (long overdue) and relaxation (what's that??)! So share my smile in this context.

I intend to continue and build on the wonderful start Dr. Earle MacPhee gave our Clan in its new life. There are some problems in the Clan which must be addressed, but I am sure they can be overcome given a will by all parties to achieve this.

Better communication between our members and our Clan Societies will be one key to this - and the knowledge that we are part of the one family - a fun family not a warring competitive one! So don't forget our Clan Gatherings - they're fun and worth the effort in being there. Actually the "Macfies" world wide are a pretty good lot -.

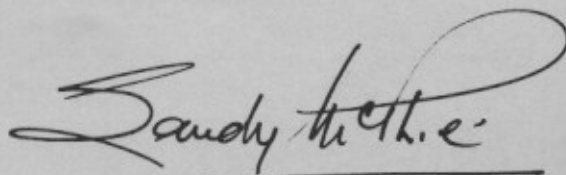
Helen and I have bought a campervan for use in my "retirement" - don't be surprised if we appear in your locality one day. First trip will be a proving run to Longreach in a few days - 2500 km. in 7 or 8 days. Then we're off for a three week+ round trip to Melbourne for the Eighth Biennial General Meeting. After that?...back to work....around Australia....divorce....who knows?

My thanks to those members who returned the yellow back page of the last Newsbulletin (NB55) giving their family tree information. Clan Society Historian, Norah McPhee, will be in Melbourne at the General Meeting and definitely wants to see more of those pages returned and any of the returnees who can get along.

The Clan Society Executive has reluctantly increased our Membership fees by one dollar per member (\$2.00 for families) for 1990. The last increase was in 1983 so we've done pretty well over the years - this increase is very necessary as "assistance" we have received in several areas with our expenses over the past few years is no longer available and funds will be tight.

As usual there was a lack of nominations for Executive Office. I believe the five duly appointed members of the incoming Executive will move fairly promptly to fill vacancies and a complete list will be included in the next Newsbulletin in July. It's time though, for new faces and younger ones on the Executive if the Clan Society is to continue to prosper. Think about it --.

With good wishes to you and yours.



Alex McPhee  
Commander of Clan Macfie  
and Clan Society President

12 February 1990

EIGHTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Date: Saturday, 31st March 1990    Time: 2.00 p.m.  
(Following the Clan Luncheon)  
Venue: Victorian State Schools Nursery Garden Reception Hall,  
585 Waverley Road, Glen Waverley, Vic.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Greetings and Welcome to Those Attending.
2. Apologies.
3. Opening Address - Commander of the Clan Macfie, Sandy McPhie of Toowoomba, Q.
4. Minutes of the Seventh Biennial General Meeting and Matters arising Therefrom.
5. Reports and Financial Statements.
6. Constitution Amendment.  
To consider, and if considered appropriate, to pass the following amendment to our Clan Society Constitution:  
Rerword the first Aim to read as follows:  
"(1) To act as a representative body of Clan members in Australia in transacting business with organisations in Australia and overseas."  
Reason To align our constitution with those of a number of overseas Clan Macfie Societies so that no one Clan Society of Clan Macfie can claim exclusive rights to speak for all Clan members within an area.
7. Executive Office Elections for the 1990-91 term of office.  
President: Sandy McPhie (Q74-001) Toowoomba. Q.  
Q'ld. Vice-President: Bob McPhee (Q77-353) Windsor. Q.  
Treasurer: Lorraine McPhee (Q77-287) Toowoomba. Q.  
Continuing Members of the Executive:  
Armiger: Sandy McPhee (N74-012) Mt. Vincent, N.S.W.  
Co-opted Member: Kaye Macphee-Powell (N74-023) Ferntree Gully, Vic.  
Positions Vacant: Clan Society Vice-President  
Vice-Presidents for New South Wales, Aust.  
Capital Territory, Victoria, Tasmania, South Aust. Northern Territory and Western Aust.
8. General Business.
9. Closure.

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CLAN FUNCTIONS WITH GENERAL MEETING

1. CLAN MACFIE LUNCHEON - 31st March 1990  
At the Nursery Garden Reception Hall, 585 Waverley Rd., Glen Waverley, Vic., 1200 for 12.30 p.m. To be followed by the Biennial General Meeting. (Melway Map Reference 71-A4)  
Cost: \$15.00 per person. Drinks extra.  
NOTE: IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MEMBERS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON TELEPHONE VICTORIAN VICE-PRESIDENT BRUCE McPHIE (03 878 7071) BY MONDAY 26th MARCH FOR CATERING PURPOSES.
2. CLAN MACFIE PICNIC DAY - 1st APRIL 1990  
No fooling, a Clan Macfie Picnic Day is being held on Sunday, 1st April 1990 in conjunction with the Ringwood Scottish Games and Band Competition at Ringwood Sports Ground from 10.00 a.m. onwards. It will be a BYO day. Food and drink stalls are on the grounds.  
A Clans Parade will be held at the end of the Games and a good roll-up to march with our Clan Commander is requested.

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\$1-      RAFFLE      \$1-

In conjunction with the General Meeting Week-end.

First Prize: Clan Macfie Car Badge  
2nd Prize-Macfie Tie.    3rd Prize-Macfie Badge

DRAWN AT RINGWOOD.

Tickets from Secretary Helen or on the days at the General Meeting or at Ringwood.  
Why not add a dollar or two (or more) to your cheque when promptly paying your sub.?





Gathered for Sandy McPhie's appointment as Ceann Cath of the Clan Macfie are (from left) Ron Douglas, president of the Clan Douglas Australia; Sandy McPhie; Malcolm Ferguson, vice-president of the Clan Ferguson Society; Andy Duff, Chieftain of the Toowoomba Caledonian Society; and Dr John Henderson, Chief of the Henderson Clan.



## McPhie is appointed to lead Clan Macfie

### THE CEANN-CATH

State Parliamentarian Mr Sandy McPhie now commands the reactivated Clan Macfie after being appointed at a ceremony held at the Downs Club on Wednesday night.

In the late 1960s Dr Earle Douglas MacPhee, of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, took steps to reactivate Clan Macfie, given that no hereditary line could be traced from Malcolm, the last Chief.

Sandy McPhie formed The Macfie Clan Society of Australia in 1974 in response to a request from Dr MacPhee.

The initial membership of the clan society has grown from 23 to more than 350 today.

Clan Macfie was formally recognised as being an active clan on May 27, 1981.

Dr MacPhee was appointed as the clan's first Ceann Cath or Commander on November 6, 1981.

The Ceann Cath has authority to act in all matters for the clan as he would in the personal absence of a hereditary Chief.

Dr MacPhee died in September 1982, and following several endeavours to provide follow-on leadership, the Armigers of Clan Macfie (17 in number) nominated Sandy McPhie from among their ranks for his present appointment as the second Ceann Cath of the Clan.

Clan Macfie is one of the oldest of Scottish clans, its history going back before written records were kept.

Sandy McPhie's ancestors migrated to Australia from the Ross of Mull in 1837.

They came on a bounty ship of the Reverend John Dymore Lang and settled first outside Maitland, north of Sydney.

Mr McPhie's grandfather Alex, came to Toowoomba, from Tamworth, just over 100 years ago, to establish the well-known stock and station agency firm of McPhie and Co.

In Frank Adam's *The Clans, Septs and Regiments of the Scottish Highlands* the appointment of a Ceann-Cath is discussed as follows:

The "Commander" of the Clan, Ceann-Cath, was the "war-leader" or commander-in-chief under the Ceann-Cinnidh (Chief).. the appointment will normally be by the Chief...but it may (in the chief's absence or incapacity at a crisis) be by selection...from the evidence regarding the Jacobites after "the '45" we find that the accepted term was "Commander of the Clan".

The ceremony for the installation of a ceann-cath is far more straightforward than that for a chief. The ceann-cath's commission is normally read with him standing forth with, say, one foot on a supported targe, after sound of trumpet.

In the Commission granted to our new Commander, Sandy McPhie, he is "appointed both at home and overseas with power and commission to him to do and perform all acts and functions proper to the Commander of the said Clan in the personal absence of the Hereditary Chief thereof, in the same manner and to the same effect as if <sup>he</sup> had been specially appointed and instructed by such Hereditary Chief."

## MEMBERSHIP FEES INCREASED

The Clan Society Executive has reluctantly decided that membership fees must be increased this year.

The new fees are \$6.00 per member or \$12.00 per family resident at the one address. Members under eighteen years of age are still excused from the payment of fees and those over the age of 75 years may continue to apply for an exemption from payment should they so wish.

Our fees were last raised by one dollar to \$5.00 per member in 1983, so the present increase is extremely moderate given the inflation rate since then.

As on previous occasions, those members who have already paid their 1990 (and in some cases, 1991) subscriptions will be invited to make up the difference in subscription rates.

The Executive decided to take no action at this time on a proposal to introduce a Joining Fee, but is actively considering the introduction of a fully paid membership fee.

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### CLAN CREST OR STRAP AND BUCKLE BADGES

The following ten Clan crest or strap and buckle badges complete the set commenced in the last Newsbulletin. Our thanks to Art Pewter Silver Ltd., of East Kilbride (in 1980), Scotland, makers of Traditional Scottish Jewellery for these.



SKENE  
(A PALACE THE  
REWARD OF  
BRAVERY)



STEWART  
(COURAGE GROWS  
AT THE WOUND)



STEWART  
of Appin  
(WHITHER WILL YE)



STRACHAN  
of Thornton  
(I FEAR NOT BUT  
I AM CAUTIOUS)



STEWART Marquis  
of Bute  
(THE WRATH OF  
THE LION  
IS NOBLE)



SUTHERLAND  
(WITHOUT FEAR)



URQUHART  
(MEAN SPEAK  
AND DO WELL)



WALLACE  
(FOR LIBERTY)



LION RAMPANT



SCOTTISH THISTLE

Nat McPhee (N77-253) of 49 Glenrose Crescent, Cooranbong, N.S.W. writes: "We often wish we had something of interest to contribute but unfortunately our ancestors didn't seem to rise to great prominence. I believe my great-grandfather Malcolm who was a sawmiller in south New Zealand was killed by a swing saw which malfunctioned and my grandfather Thomas died of diphtheria when Dad was 7. Dad's mother then raised a family of 5 - Dad was the oldest - also in Southland where I was raised."

Nat's Dad is Cedric Thomas McPhee (N77-310) who has returned to his beloved Southland and lives at 23 Lynn St., Dunedin, N.Z.



## REPRINTS OF DR. EARLE MacPHEE'S CLAN MACFIE HISTORY

Reprinting of Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee's History of the MacDhubhsith - MacDuffie Clan has been arranged in Canada.

Originally issued in five small volumes, Dr. MacPhee rewrote and consolidated Vols. I and II issuing them as a new Vol. VI. He then edited and consolidated the information in the original Vol. III and issued it as a new Vol. VII.

A Volume VIII was added dealing with some pioneers of the Clan in Prince Edward Island, Canada, between 1767 and 1881.

Another Volume of Clan Macfie History in Alberta, Canada, has been written by Barbara Redd MacPhee and Betty Brereton McPhee dealing mainly with twenty six pioneer families there.

Vols. IV, V, VI, VII	CAN \$ 6.00
Vol. VIII	CAN\$10.00
MacPhee Clan of Alberta	CAN\$26.00

Write Direct to: Mrs. Barbara R. MacPhee  
P.O. Box 53  
Raymond, Alb., TOK 2S0  
CANADA

**NOTE:** We hold 9 copies of Vols VI and VII and two of Vol VIII. These are available from Secretary Helen at the following prices:

Vols VI and VII - A\$12.00 posted. (The pair)  
Vol VIII - A\$ 7.00 posted.

And as they say -- First in, Best Dressed!

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### ULF HAGMAN BECOMES PRESIDENT

Ulf Macfie Hagman (H2-78) of Uddevalla, Sweden, has been elected President of our kindred Clan Society, the Thorburn-Macfie Family Union in Sweden. Congratulations Ulf!

Ulf is a Clan Macfie Armiger and served as Secretary of his Clan Society for many years. He was the initiator of the programme to restore the Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone on Colonsay, undertaking much of the early work on his own. He was granted Honorary Membership of our Clan Society on 16th April, 1978.

The Thorburn-Macfie Family Union was founded in 1938 and is composed almost entirely of descendants of William Thorburn and Jessy Macfie who migrated to Sweden in the early nineteenth century. William was born at Leith on 12th September 1781 and Jessy at Greenock on 1st September 1790. They were married on 3rd August 1813 at Langhouse near Greenock and moved to Sweden on 10th July 1823. William was in the family tea wholesaling business. They had five children in Sweden.

The Clan Society meets at three yearly intervals on the first Saturday in July. The last meeting was in 1989 when one hundred and five members were present.

## HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

HELEN BOUCH (V89-688 of 4 Findon Court, Highett, Vic. 3190 writes...

"My Mother's maiden name was McGuffie. Her parents, William and Mary, came out from Glasgow in 1911 on the R.M.S "Orvieto". Both my brother and I are keen Scottish Country Dancers and my sister-in-law a teacher. I played the bagpipes for a number of years with a ladies pipe band, and my brother is Drum Sargeant of the Moorabbin City Pipe Band. Looking forward to meeting with Clan members in the future."

ALAN CATHIE (V89-684) of 27 Peat Street, Brooklyn, N.S.W. 2253 who is..

"the senior male member of my branch of the Australian Cathies, and have records and personal effects of my male heritage covering seven generations to James Cathie of London born 1816 and died 1875, his father was also James Cathie of London. All details and sub branches are available on computer printouts, and could be made available if desired.

"I am particularly keen to know more of the London Cathies, and in particular when and why the corruption of "Macfie" to "Cathie" occurred. I have briefly spoken to Sandy McPhee's wife of Mt. Vincent and Mrs. Clyde Smythe of Turrumurra, and intend to compose notes further at a mutually convenient time."

EDITORS NOTE: The Cathie/Macfie story has been well set out by Mary Gillies (nee Cathie) of Edinburgh and is scheduled to appear in our next Newsbulletin in July).

JOYCE CALDWELL (Q89-692) of 3 Cam Lane, Annerley, Q. 4103 writes..

"My grandfather, Robert Macfie, was born in Queensland in 1865 and my mother, Mary Ethel Macfie before her marriage, was his eldest daughter. Unfortunately there were no sons in the family and the other three daughters were spinsters.

"My brother is the only other person I know who is likely to be eligible to join the Society. We share our residence and I will pass the information you send me to him also."

GWEN JARVIS (V83-527) of 60 Jones Road, Dandenong, Vic. 3175 writes...

"During the last year or so I have been revising the list I had of my father's family (Charles Carey McPhee). I recently found from a birth certificate of my grandfather, Robert McPhee, that he was born at Lamplough near Avoca in Victoria, also that his parents were both born at Paisley, Scotland.

I am enclosing information from a Certificate of Robert's sisters and brothers, also, his childrens names and births. These are now deceased, but may help others who are descendants of Alexander and Agnes. I believe that three brothers originally came from Scotland. There is a record of a John McPhee at Lamplough, Vic. Also, that the last Cobb & Co. coach on the gold run from Maryborough, Vic., went as far as McPhee's.

Robert's sister Janet's granddaughter lives in Dandenong, so I have been able to check their names. Colin McPhee, Box Hill, Vic., was a first cousin of mine, so I guess you have his family's names.

"As it is hard to concentrate on too many names, I have sent the names of Alexander and Agnes McPhee's children and their's to the best of my knowledge.

"As I understand it, our McPhees came to Australia because of the lack of prospects in their home country. Also it has been interesting to read of the method the Scots have of naming their children after the grandparents first, then down to others - an art my generation lost."

ROBERT MCPHEE - Born Lamplough, Vic. 7.10.1860 married MARY ANN KING \* Born Dunolly, Vic. 18.9.1861.

Robert McPhee and Mary Ann King were married on 20.9.1882 at Timor, Vic. (near Bowenvale, Maryborough). These areas are all between Avoca and Maryborough, in the Pyrenees Area, highlands in Central Victoria. This was the scene of one of the big gold strikes in Victoria, and an area to which emigrants from Scotland and Wales came. There was a strong Wesleyan influence from Wales and Cornwall, with singing and Church worship, part of the tradition they brought with them. The McPhee's (Robert's family) were Bakers and he followed this trade, moving around the Goldfields as the gold petered out, lastly to Pitfields, south of Ballarat. Then his family moved to Terang in the western district of Victoria before moving to South Melbourne, Blackburn and Dandenong.

Robert and Mary's family are as under:-

Robert <u>Alexander</u>	born	6. 6.1885	at Boolara, Victoria	
Charles Carey ***	"	14. 3.1887	at Majorca,	"
Archibald	"	5.11.1888	at Dunolly	"
Mary Agnes	"	26. 9.1890	at Dunolly	"
Frances Annie	"	2. 3.1893	at Dunolly	"
Ina Jessie	"	10. 2.1896	at Dunolly	" Died at 9 mths
Roy Douglas	"	17.12.1899	at Kaleno	"
Rosa Elizabeth	"	10.11.1902	at Kaleno	"

(The writer is Gwen Jarvis, second daughter of Charles Carey \*\*\*

Robert McPhee is the son of:-

ALEXANDER and AGNES MCPHEE (nee Dobie) married March 1853 in Paisley, Scotland (near Glasgow). Alexander and Agnes were both born at Paisley - 1829/30.

Children of Alexander and Agnes are as under:-

Janet Muir (Jessie)	- Mrs. Skewes - Carisbrook, Vic.
Alexander	- Meekatharra, W.A.
Agnes	- Deceased as at 7.10.1860
Robert	- Dunolly, Pitfield, Terang, Melb. Vic.
Archibald	- Clifton Hill, Vic.
Lizzie (Elizabeth)	- Mrs. Ted Lunn - Maryborough, Vic.
Agnes (Maggie)	- Mrs. Brockwell - South Yarra, Vic.



Janet (Jessie) Skewes (as above) - Her children:-

Agnes - Mrs. Meredith  
Josiah -  
Laura - Mrs. Hooker - Children: Ray, Janet Muriel (Mrs. A. Forster - Dandenong), Josiah, Walter, Amy, (Mrs. Mountain), Albert, William  
Avis - Mrs. Meredith  
Henry  
Archibald  
Olive - Mrs. Charles Morris

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**ARCHIBALD McPHEE - SON OF ALEXANDER AND AGNES -**

ROBERT McPHEE - MARY ANN KING -

Robert's Parents: Alexander and Agnes McPhee, Born Paisley, Scotland

Brothers: Alexander and Archibald

Alexander - His children as under:-

Alexander - went to Meekatharra, Western Australia.  
Son Archibald -  
Son William (Perth W.A. - Prisoner W.W.I.)  
Daughter Jessie, W.A.  
Daughter Agnes

(as per Death Notice)

Robert - 4th Child - Family previously listed.

Archibald - as above. His children as under:- (not checked)

Daughter - Lizzie - Mrs. Bolitho  
Daughter - Agnes  
Daughter - Clarice  
Daughter - Gladys  
Son - Archibald  
- " Son Leslie  
- " " William (Port Melbourne)

Sister of Robert:

Agnes - Mrs. Brockwell, South Yarra, Vic.  
Children not known

Sister of Robert:

Lizzie - Mrs. Ted Lunn, Maryborough, Vic.  
Children not known

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The names of the six children of Alexander and Agnes McPhee are confirmed as per Death Notice of Jessie (Mrs. Skewes).

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Dr Ewen McPhee (Q78-424) who is one of the Clan's resident docs has moved up in the world from the Base Hospital at Charleville in S.W. Queensland to be Medical Superintendent at Emerald Hospital in Central Queensland....Congratulations Ewen, and good wishes with the new job.....

## MORE FROM INVERNESS

In Newsbulletin No 54 (July 1989) we carried several reports from last year's International Gathering of the Clans and Clan Macfie Parliament in Inverness. They included an account by Keith Charles (V89-711) of Mildura of "The Grand Highland Ball" at the conclusion of the International Gathering.

We now reproduce two more of Keith's contributions to the literary record of a most enjoyable visit to Scotland.

DELIVERED (AMID MUCH LAUGHTER) AT THE CEILIDH IN INVERNESS BY KEITH CHARLES OF AUSTRALIA

### ANDY AND THE HAGGIS

First let us meet the hero of our story "Andy" the liar of the Macfies:

Andy has always lived in the He-lands, but of late he has been feeling a strange urge which he at first put down to the cold around his knees and things, but the urge persists. And so we see our hero, preparing to leave the He-lands to go down and try his luck in the She-lands.

Wrapping his quilt around him, and affixing a various assortment of dirks, daggers and claymores about his person, he prepares to step out; He was going to stride out but remembered he had left his strides at home, he had also intended taking the old Lairds pipes with him but forgot to pick them up from the plumbers, so, tucking a few cabers into his sporan, off he went.

Meanwhile, in the She-lands, the heroine of our story trips (and falls flat on her face) in the bluebells. Her name in FAUNA - her father intended to call her FLORA, but one look at her when she was born, he changed her name to FAUNA.

FAUNA grew up in a rude crofters cottage, it hadn't always been rude but of late the mud had fallen out from between the sods and when the light was on within, passers by were apt to stare. We leave FAUNA blissfully stumbling through the heather with her faithful wee Doc called Dorris snapping at her heels.

Meanwhile, our hero, Andy tired of his quest, decides to rest, loosening his belt, prudently finds a thistleless spot and sits, leaning against a national monument, a pile of empty Scotch bottles, left, no doubt by the Macfies. Soon he drifts off to sleep, dreaming of his fruitless search, not knowing that just over the thistle patch, the vision of his dream, FAUNA, has herself settled back and gone to sleep.

But what is this? lurking in the heather is that dreaded Highland curse "THE HAGGIS."

He sees our heroine lying there unprotected and slowly he sneaks up on her, his hot breath burning her neck. She wakes, screams and who should come to the rescue, but our wee Doc called Doris.

Driven back by Doris, the Haggis retreats a step, Andy, awakened by the commotion, leaps to his feet, unfortunately he had forgotten he had loosened his belt and loses his quilt, - and another Scottish myth is shattered.

Drawing his claymore - with a terrible cry, he slays the Haggis, and placing his foot on it's hairy chest, gave the battle cry of the Macfies, "GROG'S ON".

He fastened his eyes on the delectable FAUNA, which isn't so strange, for by now they were sticking out a foot anyway. Bending over, he slices a portion from the tenderest spot of the Haggis and holding it briefly against the hot cheek of FAUNA, handed it to her and is reported to have siad, "Och what a tasty dish".

The Scots, who always seem to get it wrong, and thinking he was talking about the Haggis, have made it their "National Dish" ever since.

"THE GATHERING OF THE CLAN MACFIE"  
INVERNESS 1989

by Keith Charles (Australia)

There was movement at the airport  
For the word had got around  
The Clan Macfie were meeting  
Their many views to expound

They packed their many suitcases  
Some with Aussie grog  
And they gathered all to-gether  
A quite unruly mob

They came from far and near  
The Fie's and the Fee's  
The Phie's and the Phee's  
The Duffie's and the Mahaffie's

The McPhie's and the McPhee's  
The McDuffie's and the McAfee's  
The Cathie's and all the ee's between  
There was even one sweet Mahaffey  
From the land of emerald sheen

And as Sylvia took the chair  
To guide us straight and true  
The meeting took on a United Nations hue

From the lilt of Irish laughter  
To a distinctly southern brew  
The pureness of the Highland brogue  
Tempered by the speech of the Aussie crew

There was Wayne with his computer  
And Fritz with his floppy discs  
And Sandy (ONE I think he's called)  
With lily white knees none could miss

Iain and Fiona brought it all to-gether  
Two Scots with Highland might  
But then, to split it all asunder  
Came Bobbie with his pipes

We have no strong Commander  
Despite our constant plea  
And if Lord Lyon can get it all to-gether  
Twill be to our heartfelt glee

And the odds are pretty strong  
That'cross the Lion Rampart's back  
An Aussie witchety grub will shortly make its  
track

But now the time has come to part  
And as we sadly wend our way  
We will remember when we met at Inverness  
And wish that we could stay

And wherever we may roam  
On land or sea or foam  
The sound of Bobbie's bagpipes  
Will always call us home

sgd. Keith Charles  
The Aussie Sassanach

EARLY PLAID BROOCHES



The plaid brooch with a cairngorm centre as worn by the military and in male Highland dress is a comparatively late derivation from the Celtic jewellery of many centuries before. Traditionally the plaid brooch was a woman's ornament worn with the arisaid, the female version of the belted plaid. The arisaid was generally made of a white tartan, it was belted round the waist and fastened at the breast with a large circular brooch of brass or silver. Men fastened their plaids with a strong pin.

The lower brooch in the illustration is typical of an early pattern being heavily engraved with Celtic motifs, strange animals, birds and foliage. Above it is an example of niello work – silver inlaid with a blue-black composition fused into lines in the decoration. The first is the purer form of design, the niello brooch belonging to a period between 1710 and 1780 and showing signs of Lowland influence. Many of these brooches bear initials showing them to be love tokens, others were clearly intended as charms against witchcraft or as an aid in childbirth.





**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**

**GENERAL ACCOUNT BALANCE SHEET 1 JAN - 31 DEC 1989**

**RECEIPTS**

Balance B/F 1 JAN. 89 90.91

**SUBSCRIPTIONS**

1988	65.00	
1989	1149.93	
1990	119.52	
1991	<u>11.82</u>	1346.27

**DONATIONS**

General Fund	59.49	
Trust Fund	5.00	
Clan Cap. Fund	35.00	
Standing Stone	<u>5.00</u>	104.49

**SALES**

Badges	<u>5.00</u>	5.00
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**SUNDRIES**

Bank Interest	8.79	
CC Deb. Int.	188.50	
Int. Trust		
Fund Deb.	3.76	
Trans. Trust		
Funds from		
S.I. A/c	<u>350.00</u>	551.05
Dr. Bal. C/F		
31 Dec. 89		<u>197.06</u>

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**EXPENDITURE**

**GENERAL EXPENSES**

Postage	22.77	
Telephone	13.68	
Printing & Stationery	17.39	
Fed. Tax on Debit	3.05	
Stamp Duty	<u>6.40</u>	63.29

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**TRANSFERS TO SAVING INVESTMENT ACCOUNT**

Clan per capita		
1988	295.54	
1989	<u>303.92</u>	599.46
Clan Capital Fund	35.00	
Standing Stone	5.00	
Trust Fund	<u>8.76</u>	648.22

**MISCELLANEOUS**

SAHC Membership	20.00	
Donation Clan P'ment Exp.	58.95	
Aust. Highlander Sub.	8.00	
AGC Deb. (Trust Fund)	350.00	
Deposit 8th BGM	<u>50.00</u>	486.95

\$2294.78  
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**FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS AS AT 31 DEC 89**

**General Fund**

Cheque A/c	87.26	
-o/s Cheques	<u>284.32</u>	197.06 Dr
Sav. Inv. A/c		28.68
C/Credit Debentures		
( 2 Jun 90)	<u>1300.00</u>	
	<u>\$1131.62</u>	

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**Trust Fund**

Sav. Inv. A/C	641.99	
+ transfers	<u>8.76</u>	650.75
AGC Deb (3) (1 Apr 91)*		750.00
ASB 24 (1 Aug 90)		160.00
ASB 29 (1) (1 Jul 93)		320.00
ASB 29 (2) (1 Oct 94)		<u>500.00</u>

\$2380.75  
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\* Trust Fund AGC Debentures (1) of \$400.00 matured 31 Mar 89. This was reinvested along with an additional \$350.00 in AGC Debentures (3).

*L. McPhee*  
Lorraine McPhee  
Treasurer

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

BALANCE SHEET 1 JAN - 31 DEC 89

RECEIPTS

Balance B/F 1 Jan 89:  
 Trust Fund 544.74  
 General Fund 26.39  
 Per Capita Levy 603.44  
 Clan Capital Fund 395.99  
 Standing Stone 45.00 1615.56

Trust Fund

AGC (1) Interest 273.59  
 ASB 24 " 19.60  
 ASB 29 (1) " 41.60  
 ASB 29 (2) " 65.00  
 A/c Interest 47.46 447.25

General Fund

A/c Interest 2.29 2.29

Per Capita Levy

1988 per capitas 295.54  
 1989 per capitas 303.92  
 A/c Interest 60.80 660.26

Clan Capital Fund

A/c Interest 34.24 34.24

Standing Stone Maintenance

A/c Interest 3.91 3.91

\$2763.51  
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EXPENDITURE

Trust Fund

AGC (3) Investment 350.00

Balance C/F 31 Dec 89:

Trust Fund 641.99  
 General Fund 28.68  
 Per Capita Levy 1263.70  
 Clan Capital Fund 430.23  
 Standing Stone 48.91 2413.51

\$2763.51  
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HOLDING IN SAVINGS

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT

Clan Capital Fund 430.23  
 + transfers 35.00 465.23  
 Clan Per Capitas 1263.70  
 Standing Stone\* 48.91  
 + transfers 5.00 53.91

\$1782.84  
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*Lorraine McPhee*

Lorraine McPhee  
 Treasurer

FOR THE DIARY

- \*19/22 October 1990 McPhee Family Clan Society of New Zealand quadrennial Gathering at Gladstone north of Wellington.
- July 1991 Clan Macfie Gathering at Grandfather Mountain, North Carolina, U.S.A., hosted by the MacDuffee Clan of America Inc..
- July 1992 The Thorburn-Macfie Family Union triennial Gathering near Uddevalla, Sweden.
- September 1993 Clan Macfie Gathering and Clan Parliament on Colonsay.

\*Likely starters for New Zealand this October should contact our secretary Helen, at the earliest opportunity for details. A good team visiting, even if only for a day, would return the New Zealand McPhee's visit to Sydney (and elsewhere) in November/December 1988.

# BEHIND THE MACE

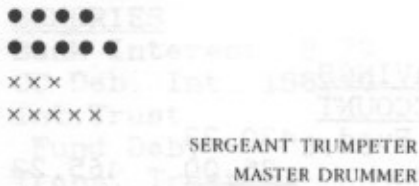
by *Drum Major Norman Vaughan*

## GROWTH AND FORMATION OF BANDS:

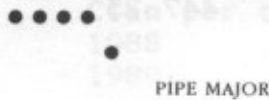
The first bands were groups of drummers, 4-6 in number, under the direction of a MASTER DRUMMER. These bands were responsible for supplying the beat on the march and for leading troops into battle, and when carrying out this function were always near the colours. This military role appears to have started about the time of the crusades and drummers were recorded as being used at the Battle of Halidon Hill in 1333.



By 1547, the bands had grown in size and the ranks SERGEANT TRUMPETER and MASTER DRUMMER were in usage in the Army.



Pipe Bands originated with pipers only. Each Clan Chief had his own piper with him. The other officers were also drawn from the clan "heirarchy" and many of these also had their own personal pipers and naturally they followed their master into the Army. These pipers banded together under the leadership of the Clan Chief's piper who became known as the "Piper Major", later called simply the "Pipe Major". These bands were small in number and were originally without drummers.



Pipes and Drums first joined together around the time of the Anglo-Scottish Wars (NV: This is a matter for great conjecture although most authorities agree that they were certainly banded together some time shortly after the '45 Jacobite Uprising), and were established in the British Army by the time of the American War of Independence. The Drum Major had various positions during these early formative years, until finally he slotted into his now traditional spot — front and centre of the band.

By the turn of the century, Pipe Band formations had settled down to their present day shape and, from 1904 onwards, nearly all drum majors carried long maces, some five feet long. The short cane had been, by this time, almost totally discarded, except by the Gurkha Regiments and by British Army bands in war-time service.

Highland Dancing is essentially solo dancing, no partners being involved. The real Highland Dances, of which there are only three — the Highland Fling, the Sword Dance and the Seann Triubhais — were most definitely NOT a lassie's game in their original form. Of the three, the Fling is the oldest, considered to be based on the rutting movements of the stag in season, a kind of fertility dance.

Malcom Canore, King of Scots, is credited with the Sword Dance. The story goes that in 1058 he slew an opponent in a pitched battle. He had only recently been converted to Christianity and, with this in mind and overjoyed at his victory, he placed his own sword and that of his enemy on the ground in the form of a cross, and danced in triumph over them.

The Seann Triubhais pronounced "shan trews" is the youngest of the Highland Dances. It was devised as a dance of derision during the period after Culloden, when the wearing of the kilt was proscribed, often under penalty of death. The name Seann Triubhais means ugly or unwanted trousers, and the movements of the dance, the shake, shake down of the leg, are a visible attempt to discard the hated garment. The dance is the most graceful of the trio because of its tempo and movements, and many men dance it in tartan trews for greater effect.

## COUNTRY DANCING

Country Dancing is by its nature a group dance form, consisting mainly of strathspreys and reels, in which sets of two, three and four couples — or even more, perform the steps together. The movements are few and simple to learn, the beauty and enjoyment being in the design woven by the dance, and its leisurely tempo. It has nothing to do with the country or rural scene, being a corruption of the French contredanse — dancing opposite one another.

We are in debt to the Australasian Highlander for the above article. Vol 20, 1 Sep 89 in fact.

The item below is one of those odd sorts of things you find in the press from time to time.

## 'Extinct' fish found by electronic haggis

A fish thought to be extinct for 600 million years has been found alive and well thanks to an "electronic haggis".

The movements of the prehistoric coelacanth off Madagascar are being tracked by scientists using an electronic bleeper wrapped inside sausage-shaped mackerel bait.

Scientists hope to mon-

itor the elusive fish in its natural habitat by enticing it to swallow the device dubbed the "electronic haggis" and then tracking its progress by computer.

The coelacanth was thought to have died off with the dinosaurs but one was caught off Africa in the 1930s and several sightings have been reported since.





## THEY'VE MOVED

(Some quite a while back, in fact,  
and others two or three times even!)

- Jim McPhee (V86-561) from Doncaster, Vic., to Blackburn, Vic., and now  
to Lot 6, Olinda Rd., Monbulk, Vic. 3793.
- Graeme McPhee (V74-041) from 10 Varcoe St., to 5/15 Swallow St.,  
Shepparton, Vic. 3630.
- Sqn. Ldr. Glen McPhee (N77-357) from Hawker, A.C.T., to 88 William  
Webb Drive, Evatt, A.C.T. 2617.
- Mrs. Maurine Cunningham (N76-214) from Mona Vale, N.S.W., to  
90 Shannon Pde., Berkley Vale, N.S.W. 2259.
- Mrs. Shirley Dickson (V83-515) from Murray Bridge, S.A., to Lot 169  
Stokes Court, Kingscote, S.A. 5223.
- Neil McPhie (N74-071) from Ashburton, Vic., to Burwood, Vic., and now  
to 19 Orrong Cres., Camberwell, Vic. 3124.
- Bill and Bobbie James (Z87-583 and 584) from Delray Beach, Florida to  
4935 Pine Tree Drive, Boynton Beach, Fl., 33436  
U.S.A.
- Miss Susie McPhee (N84-547) from Karrinyup, W.A., to 48 Myaree Way,  
Duncraig, W.A. 6023.
- Colin and Joy Macfie (N74-015 and N75-110) from Pacific Palms, N.S.W.,  
to 9/301 Galston Rd., Galston, N.S.W. 2159.
- Keith McPhee (R77-328) from Tarragindi, Q., to 19 Moorland St.,  
Moorooka, Q. 4105.
- Ron and Mert MacPhee (Z78-405 and 406) from Aiea, Hawaii, to 73 4439  
Paiaha St., Kailua, Kona, HI. 96740 U.S.A.
- Andrew, Glenys, Matthew, Scott and Tanya McPhee (N74-024, 081 and W77-378,  
W76-208 and 207 resp.) from Whitby, N.Z., to  
11 Kelly Close, Baulkham Hills, N.S.W. 2153.
- Rev. William and Gillian Cathie (S88-611 and 612) from Redwood Park,  
S.A., to 160 North Terrace, Mt. Gambier, S.A.  
5290.
- Murray McPhie (S78-432) from 41 Flora Tcs., to 2/15 Kintore Ave.,  
Prospect, S.A. 5082.
- Dr. Ewen McPhee (Q78-424) from Charleville, Q., to Emerald Hospital,  
Emerald, Q. 4720.
- Miss Lorraine McPhee (Q77-287) from 103 Mackenzie St., to 15 Maple St.,  
Toowoomba, Q. 4350.
- Mrs. Lisa Frost-Foster (N86-558) from Cremorne, N.S.W., to 2 Tumbi Rd.,  
Tumbi Umbi, N.S.W. 2261.

Bruce, Karen, Hamish and John Macfie (N74-086, N89-709 and N77-342 and 343 resp.) of St. Ives, N.S.W. to 22 Koombalah Ave., North Turramurra, N.S.W. 2074.

Mrs. Lorna Smith (N74-068) of Killarney Heights, N.S.W., to 8 Dante Court, Ernest, Q. 4214.

Mrs. Joan Stow (V88-605) from Junortoun, Vic., to c/- P.O. Box 511, Bendigo, Vic. 3550.  
(Hope there's not too much of a crush in there Joan, what with the TV and lounge etc., and P.O. boxes being as small as they are these days --).

Dr. Jocelyn McPhie (Z86-568) from Ainslie, A.C.T., to Department of Geology, University of Tasmania, Hobart, Tas. 7001.

(This is like working through an Air Force end of year posting list! We trust all moves were happy and successful with the minimum of fuss [unlike some of our Air Force moves] - - Helen).

#### LOST CONTACT

Mrs. Catherine Watson (Q75-125) formerly of 71 Neilsen St., Chermside, Q. 4032.

Mrs. Margaret Gate (Q74-051) formerly of 1/13 Sutton St., Chelmer, Q. 4068.

Mrs. R. Phee (N88-608) of 327 Morphett Rd., Raworth, via Morphet, N.S.W. 2321.

Malcolm McPhie (V77-370) of 89 Summer Hill Rd., Glen Iris, Vic. 3146.

Father Bernie McPhee (V75-118) of Sacred Heart Presbytery, 68 Clare St., Newtown, Tas. 7008.

If you have a new address for any of the above I would like to know, please. - - Helen.

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#### NEW MEMBERS

We warmly welcome the following two new members who have joined the Clan Society since the last Newsbulletin.

N89-718 Mrs. Marie Tattam of "Tuncooey" Moree, N.S.W. 2400

Q89-719 Mrs. Jean Macfie of Unit 28-3C Thornton St., Surfers Paradise, Q. 4217

(Jean is continuing the membership of her late husband Dr. Donald Macfie, Q74-025)

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#### LAST BUT NOT LEAST

Prompt attention to the attached membership subscription accounts will be appreciated - especially by those who have overlooked paying last year's subs.

For those members who paid subscriptions in advance, a note is enclosed requesting you to please consider forwarding the additional amount now that our annual subscriptions have been increased.

And don't forget the Clan Raffle, drawn 1st April 1990 - you can buy tickets at the same time as paying your subscription - just add oodles of \$ to your cheque!

Raffle details are on page 3.