

# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3 May 1974)



## Newsbulletin

MEMBERSHIP of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia is open on application to the Society Executive, to all interested men and women who have surname spellings as listed below; are connected by marriage with, descended from, or are adopted by persons qualifying under this list; or are members of a Sept of Clan Macfie as sanctioned by the Lord Lyon King of Arms.

Cathey	Cathie		
Duffie	Duffy		
Fee			
MacAfee	MacAfie	McAfee	McAfie
McCafferty	McCaffrey		
McCathie	McCathey		
MacDuffee	MacDuffie	McDuffee	McDuffie
MacFee	MacFie	McFee	McFie
MacGuffie		McGuffie	
Magoffin			
Machaffie		Mchaffie	
Mahaffy	Mehaffey		
MacPhee	MacPhie	McPhee	McPhie
Phee	Phie		

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## From Your President



Our Biennial General Meetings seem to be coming around far more quickly than at a two yearly interval and yet each ushers in a new period of progress for our Clan Society.

The last BGM in Perth was well organised by West Australia Vice-President Trevor McPhee and wife, Rhonda - a top week-end! Meeting minutes and reports etc are included with this News-bulletin. It was a long way across there for the nine eastern Staters who attended, but well worth the trip to be in such a magnificent setting for a city and in the enjoyable company of

the Clan members there.

Helen and I travelled across in our pop-top campervan. We were away for three weeks and covered some 10,000km without undue drama. We thoroughly enjoyed the trip and meeting Clan members in Adelaide and Perth. The Nullabor is not as fearsome as its cracked up to be - once across to Norseman we turned left and ran down to Esperance and followed the coast around to Perth. Quite the highlight of the trip from a touring point of view.

Ted and Judy Smythe were amongst the other seven making the trip from the east, Ted on his final appearance as Vice-President for the Australian Capital Territory. The contribution made over the years by these two, and retiring Victoria V-P Bruce McPhie, has been most significant. Their interest and support in all areas of our activities was always most helpful and welcome. While I welcome the new faces to the Executive, Ted and Bruce will be missed though I am sure the two of them and Judy will remain active members of our Clan Society for many years yet.

This year and next year will be two quite significant years for Clan Macfie. We have a strong contingent planning to be on Colonsay in September '93 when the Clan returns to its ancestral Homelands for the first time as an organised body in 370 years. I would like to see a similarly strong group turn out for the International Gathering of the Clans in Sydney at the end of November this year. The tentative programme is outlined opposite, full details will be included in the next Newsbulletin. Helen and I will be down for the first week-end and taking part in the Clans march to Darling Harbour - what about joining us then and at the barbeque?

A.C. (Sandy) McPhie  
President and  
Commander of Clan Macfie

Toowoomba.  
10th June 1992.

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### THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS: \$6.00 per person or \$12.00 per family resident at the one address, per calendar year. Fully paid membership is available.

## INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF THE CLANS

SYDNEY N.S.W. - 29 NOV/6 DEC 92

An International Gathering of the Clans will be held in Sydney later this year to coincide with Sydney's Annual Scottish Week festivities. Clan Macfie will, as always, be participating. But there are some changes this year and a full programme will appear in our next newsbulletin in November.

The dates, however, are definite from Sunday, 29th November to Sunday, 6th December inclusive. Clan Macfie activities will centre around the first week-end which Clan Commander Sandy McPhie will be attending.

Saturday, 28th November: Clan Macfie barbeque at the home of N.S.W. Vice-President Bill Tyrrell at 18 Yeran Street, Sylvania, commencing at 11.30 a.m.

Sunday, 29th November: A.M. Kirkin' of the Tartan;  
Clans Picnic, Hyde Park;  
P.M. Clans March to Darling Harbour for Open Air Concert.

Monday, 30th November: Official Opening in Martin Place and Luncheon at Parliament House.

The Grand Scottish Ball will be held on the Friday night as far as we know, and the Rawson Park, Mosman, Highland Games on the final Sunday. Any members interested in making up a party for the Ball or manning a Clan Tent at Rawson Park should contact Bill Tyrrell on Sydney 522 6420.

The move of the Open Air Concert from the Opera House to Darling Harbour is interesting. The Clans March will, we understand, be along Liverpool Street instead of Macquarie Street. More details in our next newsbulletin -

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President: Glen Machee (177-377) of  
President: and Jocelyn McPhie (266) of  
COLONSAY 1993

Some accommodation could still be available on Colonsay for September 1993 if you wish to be there. Details are at page 7, in the included Clan News.

A strong team of our Clan Society members will be making the trip to Colonsay next year. At this stage nineteen members have reserved accommodation and are expecting to attend - most of them staying at the Hotel.

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### CHAPBOOKS

The most popular reading matter in the late 18th and early 19th centuries was the paper-back - not as we know it to-day but a small paper-covered booklet known as a 'chapbook'. Cheaply produced on coarse paper by jobbing printers, these chapbooks told simple tales of turbulent love and passion, of bold, patriotic heroes and of foul crime and violence - all told in broad unsophisticated terms spiced with rough humour. Collections of primitive verse and songs were enormously popular too.

The chapbook cover usually carried the title and a brief description of the contents

over a crude woodcut illustration. The prose chapbook generally had twenty-four pages and the verse, or 'garlands' as they were known, had eight.

Scottish education in those days was such that a high percentage of the population was literate, and prodigious quantities of these little books were published, running into hundreds of thousands. They were sold up and down the countryside by the itinerant pedlars, the chapmen, who always carried a good stock of chapbooks to offer at one penny each at village and farm.



## A SONG FOR AUSTRALIAN MACFIES

(Tune: "Widgiegowera Joe", from the musical "Reedy River")

We are wandering Aussie clansfolk -  
Not ones that you'd normally see -  
But we're full of pride, deep down inside,  
To be part of the CLAN MACFIE!  
The Keepers of the Records of the Lords of the Western Isles!  
An ancient name that resounds with fame  
And echoes across the miles!

Hurrah! m' lads and lassies too,  
We've gathered here in the West  
To join with TREVOR and all his crew  
From the Clan that we call best!  
When you get MACFIES together  
There's nothing that they can't do -  
Whatever the task, whoever you ask,  
They'll spring a surprise on you!

### HOWEVER!

The commonest name in Scotland,  
Believe it or not, is SMITH!  
And a branch from that great tree-trunk  
Is now what you're lumbered with!  
Yes! "Keepers of the Records" is a title of proud MACFIE -  
An ancient name that resounds with fame!  
AND SOME OF IT LIVES IN ME!  
So - G'day, m' blokes and sheilas! I'm proud to be here with you!  
I'm partly "MAC", part "SASSENACH" -  
But AUSTRALIAN, through and through!  
Let's hail our good COMMANDER  
And salute his LADY, too!  
May they long ensure that the Clan endure  
And to its folk be true!

Ted Smythe

Perth, W.A. Anzac Day 1992

## STRANGE OLD SCOTS CUSTOMS & SUPERSTITIONS.

### *Never ignore Fiery Cross!*

When a chieftain wished to summon members of his clan in an emergency he killed a goat. Next he made a cross of light wood, burned its extremities in the fire, then extinguished the flames in the animal's blood.

This was called the Fiery Cross, also *Creau Toigh*, or the Cross of Shame, because disobedience to what the symbol implied incurred infamy.

The cross was transferred from hand to hand, and sped through the chief's territories with incredible speed. At sight of it every man, from 16 to 60, was obliged to go to the appointed meeting place.

Anyone who ignored the summons exposed himself to the penalties of fire and sword "which were emblematically denoted by the bloody and burned marks, upon the fiery herald of woe."



*Summons of the Fiery Cross!*

## NINTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

PERTH W.A. - 25th & 26th APRIL 1992

Minutes from the Ninth Biennial General Meeting held in Perth, W.A., on Saturday, 25th April 1992, are enclosed for members with this Newsbulletin. The reports by President, Sandy McPhie, and Treasurer, Lorraine McPhee, and financial statements for the 1990-1991 years are included in this Newsbulletin at pages 12 to 15.

In accordance with paragraph 15 of the Clan Society constitution, the motions passed and the resolutions adopted at the Ninth Biennial General Meeting are now submitted to the membership as a whole for ratification. Ratification will be considered automatic provided not more than five objections are received in writing from financial members within four weeks of the mailing of this Newsbulletin - estimated to be 24th June 1992. The Notice of General Meeting in Newsbulletin No. 62 (March '92) and the minutes with this Newsbulletin contain supporting reasoning for the decisions taken.

An excellent Clan Dinner at the Western Australia Cricket Association Club Rooms was organised by W.A. Vice-President Trevor and Rhonda McPhee. Some forty five members attended. Amongst the Eastern State visitors was retiring A.C.T. Vice-President Ted Smythe who contributed "A Song for Australian Macfies" (opposite) but unfortunately (or is it fortunately?), did not sing it on the night.

On the Sunday, Clan members joined members of Clan Donnachaidh (the Robertsons) at an interesting and enjoyable Ceilidh and genealogical day at the Cannington Town Hall.

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### CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE

Following the General Meeting, three new members joined the Clan Society Executive and two retired. A full list of Executive Members and Office Bearers is on page 2.

New faces are Kay Macphee (V74-023) of Ferntree Gully, Vic., as Victoria Vice-President; Glen McPhee (N77-357) of Evatt, A.C.T., as Australian Capital Territory Vice-President; and Jocelyn McPhie (Z86-568) of Hobart as our first ever Vice-President in Tasmania. All are most welcome, continuing the trend for younger members on the Executive and significantly, giving the Clan Society its first lady. State Vice-Presidents. Jocelyn by the way, has a "Z" indicator on her membership number as she joined the Clan Society while studying in the U.S.A.

The two old hands farewelled from the Executive were Ted Smythe (N74-064) of Canberra and Bruce McPhie (V75-096) of Melbourne. Ted was appointed as Vice-President in the A.C.T. on 2nd January 1981 while Bruce served from 20th August 1975 to 26th January 1980 and again from 30th January 1982 onwards. The contributions by both members over the years was significant and their support for the Clan and Clan Society was always of the highest order.

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### ADELAIDE DINNER - 16th APRIL 1992

Thirteen members sat down to the Clan Dinner in Adelaide on 16th April 1992. Numbers were unfortunately down due to the date being the eve of the Easter week-end. However, the excellent venue in the Aft Cabin on the replica of HMS BUFFALO ensured a most enjoyable evening for the thirteen. Just as well there were no planks to walk though, as some would have survived - they wouldn't have managed it!

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### VALE

We record with deep regret the passing of Clan Society member Mrs. Carmel Cogle (V76-152) of Wendourie in Victoria.

Deepest sympathy is extended to her family.



## CULTURE

# It's Time to Pay the Piper

## New interest swells in a very old instrument

Here's a musical quiz for the new year. What did Nero most likely play while Rome burned? (A) fiddle (B) bagpipe (C) lute (D) horn. If you chose (B), you either made a brilliant guess, cheated by looking at the picture on the right or are already a member of the swelling ranks of bagpipe lovers.

For reasons not entirely clear, there's a new burst of interest in the bagpipe—an ancient instrument that probably had its beginnings not, as is commonly thought, in the Scottish highlands but in the Sumerian plain. Aristophanes mentions it in some of his plays. Manufacturers in Scotland say they can't meet the demand from Europe and Hong Kong. Germany is a hotbed of *Dudelsack* enthusiasm, and Czechoslovakia has devoted an entire festival to the instrument. And in America, Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University has now made it possible to major in the bagpipe. The idea came from Elden Gatwood, retired principal



SAUL MARKOWITZ—CARNEGIE MELLON

Exercising the lungs, hands, heart and mind: Fiant

oboist of the Pittsburgh Symphony and admirer of renowned piper James McIntosh, who was already teaching at CMU. Marilyn Thomas, head of the university's music department, says the faculty saw a chance to lend a much ridiculed instrument "the credibility it needed." To date, only one person has successfully completed the rigorous audition process for the new field of concentration: Jon D. Fiant has just completed his first semester.

The 25-year-old freshman from Reading, Pa., already has a college degree (he studied finance and economics). He gave up his banking job to start over again in music. To help pay his tuition (more than \$15,000 a year), Fiant works full time as a restaurant busboy. His academic regimen includes music theory and history, keyboard studies, solfège (syllable singing) and eurythmics. He sings in the chorus and must practice the bagpipe at least three hours a day. "He was shocked at that, and the progress I expected from him," says McIntosh, "but he has responded well."

Mastering the bagpipe requires more than just strong lungs and enormous manual dexterity, although those of course are essential. The bag is inflated either by air pushed through a blowpipe or by a set of bellows. The player fingers the chanter—the pipe that looks something like a recorder, though it's fitted with a reed—to produce the melody. (Each of the drones, the pipes protruding from the top of the bag, produces one continuous fixed tone.) "Playing is very technical, very precise, but tone value is equally important," says McIntosh. Much depends on the piper's powers of interpretation. "It's virtually impossible to write the

music as you wish it to be played. Many students don't understand what's in the music." Shapely legs aren't a requirement, but they help. "I don't want to say it's part of the act, but if you don't look good in a kilt you might as well not start," says Fiant.

In part because the bagpipe has a very narrow range—only nine notes—most serious composers have ignored it. Fiant would like to see the repertoire expand beyond the traditional marches and reels for which it's best known. He wants to write bagpipe music himself and encourage others to do so. "I see a great untapped synthesis of bagpipes and other instruments and other music, maybe electronic." He hopes one day to teach. "Predominantly," he says, "I'm interested in doing the work Jimmy McIntosh is doing, being an evangelist, preaching the gospel of bagpipe." This is a man with a mission. With a name like Jon D. Fiant, could he be anything else?

KATRINE AMES

### Book Review:

THE JACOBITE CLANS OF THE GREAT GLEN (1650-1784). By Bruce Lenman (Methuen, £14.95).

WHILE it is probably true even today, that Culloden Moor and Glencoe, steeped in bloody tragedy, reflect the dashed hopes of the Young Pretender and the sinister gloom of a bungled massacre, the same cannot be said of the country about Loch Laggan or Loch Lochy, which lies at the geographical and political heart of Bruce Lenman's work. I have just come from these peaceful, strikingly lovely places, whose high hills photographed by placid waters veil the confusion of dilemma and intrigue, blood feud and shameless exploitation, which alternately fortified and undermined the Highland clan system.

This intensely complicated, comprehensive study of clan life in the Great Glen, between the mid-17th and late 18th centuries, is provocative and hard-hitting. As an example, root-and-branch supporters of Prince Charles Edward Stuart will recoil in horror from Mr Lenman's view that the Bonnie Prince's impractical, arrogant and ultimately disastrous attempt to overthrow the Hanoverian succession also destroyed the vigorous complex of semi-autonomous, evolving communities powered by the clans. Indeed, the only inspiration from those dark days may have been the romantic saga, latched onto by popular novelists, of Prince Charles Edward's flight through the heather, pursued by Cumberland's troops.

Oddly enough, the prince had been the main beneficiary of General George Wade's roadmaking endeavours. His army used Wade's classic highway, designed to link three Highland garrisons.

Mr Lenman builds a tightly-compacted history, yet, despite the clarity and force with which he unravels the personalities and character of the Great Glen clans, the book makes slow, if impressive, reading. We are shown the diversity and resilience of the great Jacobite houses, whose scions changed from a defensive role to that of skilfully manipulating the Hanoverian régime, whose army they stocked with clansmen during the North American Indian wars and the War of Independence.

There are pithy accounts, some verging on crudity rather than cruelty, of the private lives of clan chiefs: for instance, a 17th-century Lord Lovat, who, assisted by a roomful of servants, stripped and raped his swooning wife, using a dirk to slit her stays. Even the heroic Rob Roy MacGregor's image tarnishes a little under the acid rain of Mr Lenman's prose. Rob Roy, a penurious, failed cattle-dealer, strong in his own territory, was nonetheless *persona non grata* among the power-wielding Scots upper class.

In 1899, the then Lord Lovat, whose ancestor had been a pioneer of Highland regiment-raising technique, revived the practice by gathering his own Lovat Scouts, officered by other Highland lairds, who fought with distinction against the Boers. Lord Lovat's force confirmed a process by which the chieftains' families had become identified with the English ruling aristocracy. And so they have remained.



# CLAN MACFIE NEWS

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## COLONSAY - SEPTEMBER 1993

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie will be on Colonsay in mid-July this year to finalize as much as possible, arrangements for the Clan's Return to Colonsay in September next year. He will also be meeting with Bob, Iain and Fiona MacFie in Glasgow to fine tune the programme for the week on Colonsay. Updated information will appear in the next Clan News.

Accommodation. Through a misunderstanding some accommodation could still be available on Colonsay for our week - 1st to 8th September '93. If you haven't previously booked and wish to attend, write or telephone as soon as possible:

Mrs. Eleanor McNeill  
Isle of Colonsay Holiday Cottages  
Machrins Farm  
Colonsay, Argyll. PA61 7YP  
Scotland  
Telephone: (09512) 312

If the available accommodation has been booked, ask to be placed on the waiting list as some beds could well become available when deposits are due to be paid later this year.

CAN YOU HELP? George Roussos is seeking biographical information on two poets, Ronald Campbell Macfie and Ronald Andrew Macfie. They lived in Scotland in the early to mid 18th century and had work published. George is also looking for poetry, songs and/or any such work written by a bard or bards of any Macfie spelling - plus associated biographical information. If you are able to help, please contact George direct at "Tigh-Na-Greine", 2143 Baywood Rod., Fayetteville, N.C., 28301, U.S.A. (Tel: (919) 484 1127).

David Morgan is seeking genealogical information on his mother's side, a McFee. He feels the family must have originated from the Ayr district of Scotland, probably, Kilmarnock, but was centred on the Isle of Man with recent generations. The first McFee listed in IGI in the Isle of Man is James McFee who married Elinor Shimmin in Kirk Michael P.C. on 6th July 1816. Any information on the Manx Clan McFee will be appreciated by David direct at 11 Arden Drive, Dorridge, Solihull, West Midlands, B93 8LP, England. (Tel. or Fax (0564) 77 4020).

Death of Oronsay owner. With regret we record the death earlier this year of Mr. Ike Colburn of Boston, U.S.A., owner, with

wife Francee, of Oronsay since 1984 where they have been responsible for a great deal of restoration work.

A change of Name. At their Annual General Meeting last year the members of The MacDuffee Clan of America Inc., changed the Clan Society name to The MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America, to better reflect its status.

Tartans. Nothing further from The Scottish Tartans Society following a request, and the payment of the necessary fees, for a report on Clan Macfie tartans registered with the Society.

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie, acting within his authority as Ceann-Cath and Commander of Clan Macfie, has decreed that he is the sole authority within Clan Macfie for approving the design and/or naming of Clan Macfie tartans or for applying to such authorities or organisations as exist for the registration, recording or commercialisation of Clan Macfie tartans.

Now there are four - Clan Commanders that is - Clans MacArthur and MacGillivray have joined Clan Gunn and Clan Macfie with a Ceann-Cath or Clan Commander appointed as Clan leader.



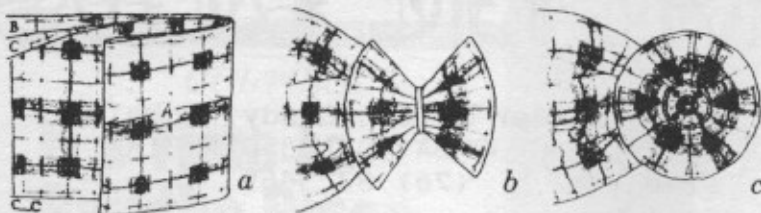


Figure 25. a) The doubled end of the sash folded back. b) The rosette pleated and fastened with a rubber band. c) The corners brought together to complete the rosette.

### THE SASH ROSETTE

To make a rosette of the lady's evening sash, it must be folded double, and the folded end turned back on itself as in figure a. The ends B and C may be equal, but if not, the longer end must be B, the end on the bottom as the rosette is made. The longer the turn-back (A), the larger the rosette, but if A is more than two-thirds of the width of the sash, the rosette cannot be made to lie flat. Midway of the turn-back must be one of the turning points of the sett of the tartan. That is, a mirror set across the sash at the midpoint of the turn-back should see the same thing both ways. If you have a non-reversing tartan, like Buchanan, the midpoint of the turn-back should come between two of the lightest stripes (yellow in the Buchanan).

Now the turned back portion must be gathered into pleats, and a heavy rubber band put around to hold it (see fig. b). This may take two people, one to hold the pleats, and the other to slip the band over all of it. The pleats must be adjusted under the rubber band so that it is exactly at the midpoint of the turned back portion, right on the turning point of the sett of the tartan.

Finally the corners of the turned back portion are brought together to complete the rosette. They may be pinned, or if the rosette is to be permanent, they may be sewed. A decorative Celtic pin hides the rubber band, though another pin must be used from the underside to attach the rosette to the lady's dress. It is pinned to the shoulder much as the sash shown in figure 4b.

### APOLOGIES TO JUNE.

On page 2 of Clan News No 2 we had a photo of three of the Alberta Clan Society leaders with Clan Commander Sandy and Helen McPhie. Their President was incorrectly identified as Jean Bulat whereas we all know it is June. Apologies June! Seems a certain typist still can't read someone's writing.

PHOTO RIGHT: Clan Commissioner in New Zealand, Leith Brew, with wife Yvonne and daughter Moira. They live at Wanaka well down in South Island.



Clan Macfie Associates Ltd., the company formed to hold the land surrounding the Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone on Colonsay, has been re-registered thanks to the dedicated efforts of retired solicitor, Robert Macfie Young, of Inverness. Current Company Directors are Bob McFie, Glasgow (Chairman), Ulf Hagman, Sweden, and Kaye Macphee of Australia.

Donations towards the upkeep of the Standing Stone will always be most welcome and should be sent to Bob at 26 Verona Avenue, Scotstoun, Glasgow, G14 9EB, Scotland.

### THE ISLAND OF EIGG IS FOR SALE.

One of Scotland's most romantic islands is up for sale with a price tag of more than Stg1 million (\$A2.41 million).

The 2,995-hectare Eigg, in the Hebrides, boasts spectacular cliffs, deep caves, beaches, green fields and heather-clad moors.

The main house, Eigg Lodge, is so sheltered it is surrounded by a sub-tropical garden.

Former Olympic bobsleigher Keith Schellenberg bought the island for Stg270,000 (\$A650,592) in 1976.

He remained as laird after he and his wife, the former Margaret de Hauteville Udny Hamilton, divorced in 1981.

After a lengthy legal battle between them over the island's future,

a Scottish court ruled last year that the island should be put up for sale.

No price has been set.

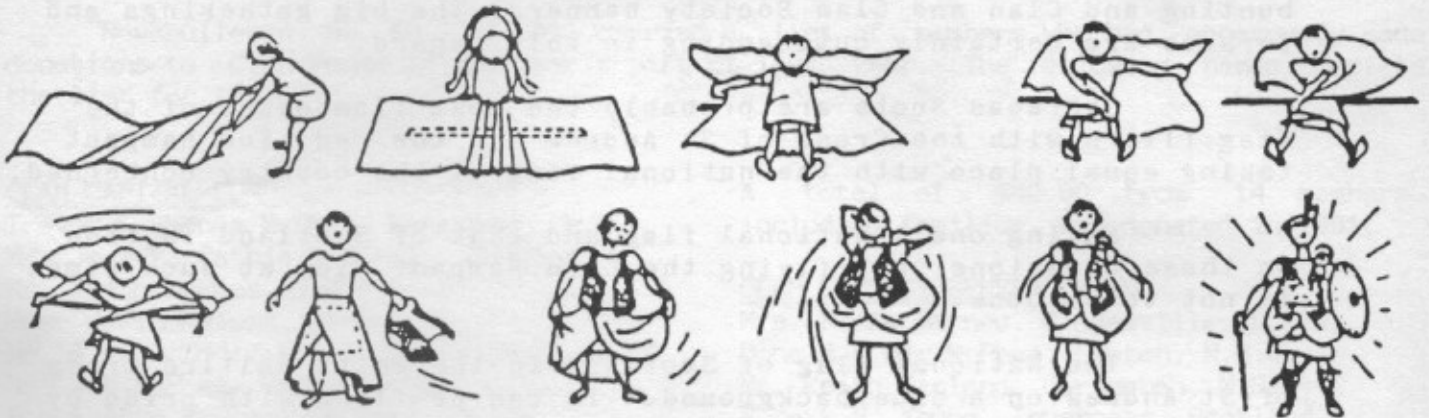
Eigg has a population of 70 including a doctor, postman and school-teacher, two churches, a school, a shop and a post office.

The island has been inhabited since the Stone Age and for 400 years was one of the centres of the Viking occupation of the Hebrides.

Its entire population of 400 was massacred in a cave in the 16th century, during a clan feud.



## KILT WEARING



The kilt is a Highland garment distinguished by the tartan weave (the kilt as worn by the Gallovidian savage of primitive history is another matter) and it reached its full sartorial splendour at a time when the Lowland Scot (including the father of Robert Burns) was wearing, as had been worn for many decades, a variation of the tunic, knee breeches and hose of the English.

The Great kilt was not just slipped on. The donning of it took some time, some care in the arrangement. Consequently, it was not taken off all that often.

With the help of the accompanying diagram the reader may like to experience, as a pastime how it felt to wear it. First, lay a belt on the floor and on top of it place a large blanket or other generous length of cloth in such a position

that when you lie down on it, as lie you must, the belt is underneath your waistline, your head is on a level with the top edge of the "kilt" and the back of your knees touch around the bottom edge. Now stretch out your arms and grasp the outer edges of the cloth and pull them across your body. Each end of the belt should now be exposed. Take those ends and buckle the belt around your waist. Now stand up.

If instructions have been faithfully followed, you will have the "kilt" supported round your waist, with the under part of the cloth hanging down to about knee level and the outer fold touching the floor in a rather fetching tent-door effect. Bend down and lift each bottom corner of this tent door up round your back, pinning the ends on to the left shoulder (thus leaving your sword arm free).



Clan Commander Sandy, and Helen McPhie had an excellent opportunity (they thought) for a practical demonstration of Kilt donning at the Stone Mountain Highland Games last October. At the Cathey Reunion Association family day in August they met Charlie Cathey Rhodarmer, curator of the Scottish Tartans Society Museum Extension at Highlands, N.C., in the United States - and at Stone Mountain there was Charlie showing how it is done. But far more gentlemanly they found than rolling round on the ground, Charlie (pictured almost dressed) gave a fascinating demonstration of Kilt donning starting with the large blanket around his waist and finishing completely enfolded with an optional hood included.



Those attending Scottish functions of any nature will always be impressed by the colourful display of tartans, flags, bunting and Clan and Clan Society banners. The big gatherings and parades are certainly outstanding in this regard.

Overseas Scots are probably the most flamboyant of the flag fliers with the Cross of St Andrew and the red Lion Rampant taking equal place with the national flag of the country concerned.

Flying one's national flag and that of Scotland is fine on these occasions, but flying the Lion Rampant flag at such times is not to be done.

The National Flag of Scotland is the white saltire Cross of St Andrew on a blue background. It can be flown with pride by all people with Scottish connections on all appropriate occasions. The red Lion Rampant flag with its gold background is, on the other hand, the exclusive property of the Sovereign and with rare exceptions, must not be flown except in the presence of the Queen or King.

In his book "Scots Heraldry" (1956) the then Lord Lyon, Sir Thomas Innes of Learney, stated:

"...the ruddy lion in his field of gold has been the Royal Arms or Ensigns of Dominion and Sovereignty of Kings of Scotland since the days of Alexander II and probably even of William the Lion....." and further, "...our Kings have carefully preserved the sacred character of the emblem of Scottish Sovereignty and at the institution of the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings of Scotland in 1672. Charles II declared the Treasured Lion Rampant the exclusive property of the Sovereign."

"When the Royal Lion is flown as a flag (by other than the Sovereign or those authorised by the Sovereign), or in place of the Scottish National Flag, St Andrew's Cross, a statutory offence is being committed against the ordinary Parliamentary Law of Scotland, as well as being a peice of heraldic bad taste."

The present Lord Lyon has indicated however, that there is no objection to the Lion Rampant forming part of a decorative display along with other flags. It is the flying of it as a flag which is not acceptable. It is a distinction of which we should all be aware and one which I expect everyone to respect, regardless of what others might do with their flags.

Royal approval to fly the Lion Rampant flag has been granted to the Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, who is the Queen's representative, during the week in May each year when he is residence at the Palace of Holyrood House as Lord High Commissioner. The flag is also duly authorised to be flown by the Secretary of State for Scotland above New St Andrew's House in Edinburgh and above his office in Whitehall, London. It is thus used daily as a flag in the correct manner....Let's leave it that way.

Hagar the Horrible





## 1991 DONATIONS TO CLAN FUNDS

Newsbulletin No. 60 (Jul 91) carried a list of members who had generously made donations to Clan Funds in the early part of last year. The following names complete the list for 1991.

### CLAN CAPITAL FUND

Trevor & Rhonda McPhee, Karrinyup, W.A.  
Mr. Jock MacCathie & Family, Chewton, V.  
Mr. Keith McPhee, Niddrie, V.  
Mrs. Merle Kaluza, Benowa, Q.  
Mr. & Mrs. Eddie Fee & Family, Kenmore, Q.  
Mr. Bob McPhee, Vermont, V.  
Bob & Anne McPhee, Windsor, Q.  
Colin & Sally McPhee, Mildura, V.

In all, 51 members including families, donated \$169.00 to the Clan Capital Fund.

Additionally, in response to the Clan Commander's request to the Clan Societies for support for this Fund, the Executive made a donation of \$100.00 from General Funds.

### CLAN SOCIETY TRUST FUND

Mr. Jock MacCathie & Family, Chewton, V.

A total of \$40.00 from 14 members, including families, was donated in 1991.

### CLAN SOCIETY GENERAL FUND

Mrs. Flora Barnes, Gladesville, N.S.W.  
Donald & Mac McPhee, Leeton, N.S.W.  
Mr. Keith Warland, Caringbah, N.S.W.  
Robert M. Young, Inverness, Scotland.  
Mr. George Roussos, Fayetteville, NC.  
U.S.A.

Mrs. Beth Sainsbury, Gosnells, W.A.

In all 17 members, including family members, donated \$52.15

### STANDING STONE MAINTENANCE FUND

Mrs. E. Scales, Burwood, V. (sole donor).

In addition, the Clan Society allocated \$25.00 as its annual donation on behalf of members for the upkeep of the Standing Stone and other Clan memorials on Colonsay and Oransay.

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## GENERAL NOTES

- \* Our First Macfie? One Owen Duffie aged 30, a Government Servant (!) arrived in Australia in 1825 on the "Henry Porcher", sentenced to 7 years. His religion is recorded as Catholic and he was employed as a farm servant by W. Forsyth and L. Miller of Newfield. (This information in the November 1828 Census of N.S.W. Reference No. D 1706). Is he the first Clan Macfie member to arrive in Australia?
- \* Apologies to Keith McPhee (V88-613) of Girrawheen, W.A. We had his photo on the back of our last newsbulletin at his mother's 80th birthday, but incorrectly identified him as being Keith McPhee (V88-637) of Melbourne. In fact - apologies to both Keiths.
- \* Clan Piper (and Clan Society Vice-President in Queensland) Bob McPhee (Q77-353) of Brisbane competed in the National Pipe Band Championships in Hobart over the Easter week-end. His lot came a creditable fifth in the Grade 1 competition.
- \* Congratulations and best wishes to Roger McPhee (Q77-350) of Ascot, Q., and Diana Trounce of Glenn Innes, N.S.W., on their marriage in February.
- \* Shirley Dickson (V88-515) has moved recently to Keith in S.A. and is teaching French at the Bordertown High School.



Perth interior designer Jacquie McPhee (left) featured on the front of, and in the lead article, in "The West Australian's" Friday Liftout "Habitat" on 14th February this year. A former schoolteacher in New Guinea, Jacquie ran an antique business in Subiaco for 14 years before moving into the interior - and exterior - design area. To-day her work takes her around Australia to many of our top homes.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO THE NINTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING  
PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA - 25th APRIL 1992

Fellow Clan Society Members,

I am honoured to present my report as President of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia for the 1990-1991 term of office.

During the period of the report the Clan Society has continued to function strongly. Membership numbers have increased steadily to an all time high of 448. Finances continue in a sound position, although ever increasing costs have made it difficult to hold our position without increasing membership fees which were set at their present level in 1990. The Executive innovations of introducing Fully Paid Membership and of encouraging other members to pay membership fees in advance have met with a moderate response by members.

The Clan Society has continued to maintain its level of contribution to the costs of running Clan Macfie internationally, contributing annually and usually at a greater level than any other Clan Society. While we are happy to carry our share of the load in this regard, I believe it is time to review our contributions in order that the burden is more equally shared by all Clan Societies.

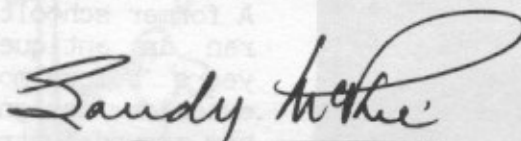
The Clan Society does not have a very energetic record of attendance at functions, Highland Games, etc. With rare exceptions, our members do not appear to be involved in Piping, Scottish and Highland Dancing or other things Scottish. Yet I know from personal contact that your hearts are in the right place.

Attendances at Sydney's Scottish Week functions have been low except for a small core of loyal supporters - most of whom enjoyed an excellent Clan Dinner at the Royal Automobile Club last November. This year is another International Gathering of the Clans year in Sydney. Clan Macfie will be participating in most events, especially at the beginning of the week, and I ask those who can to make a special effort to participate.

Next year will see Clan Macfie return to its historical homeland, the Islands of Colonsay and Oronsay, as an organised body for the first time in 370 years. As Clan Commander it will be my honour to lead the Clan on its return and I am delighted to see the number of Australians making the journey across the world for this significant occasion.

I congratulate and thank your Society Vice-President in Western Australia, Trevor McPhee and wife Rhonda, for their excellent arrangements for this General Meeting weekend. A real milestone for the Clan Society - we will be back! I thank too, the number of supporters who have travelled from the East Coast for the weekend and local members, many of whom have recently joined the Clan Society as a result of Trevor's efforts and leadership, for being here to-day.

Finally, I thank members of the executive, the office bearers, and the membership as a whole, for their support over the past two years. I believe we can all be proud of our Clan Society's record of achievement as an integral part of Clan Macfie.



A. C. (Sandy) McPhee  
President, and  
Commander of Clan Macfie

12 April 92.



TREASURER'S REPORT TO NINTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING  
PERTH, W.A., 25th APRIL 1992

Mr. Chairman, Members,

During the past two years the Clan Society has continued to consolidate its financial position and still fully meet its commitments to Clan Macfie.

The introduction of Fully Paid Memberships has proved successful, though not greatly utilised by members. The drop in interest rates and the classification of the Clan Society by the Australian Taxation Office as a non-profit organisation (i.e. we pay income tax at a specified level on investment earnings), since the introduction of this scheme has made it less attractive than it was originally. The position is under review.

Members have responded well to the call for payment of membership fees in advance. We even have one member paid-up until 1999! Again the problems of lower interest rates and possible taxation assessment make this a less attractive proposition than it was originally - but please keep paying your subscriptions well in advance if you wish to help your Clan Society.

Clan Per Capitas have continued to be paid at the rate of 20% of membership subscriptions collected, \$269.25 in 1990 and \$419.46 in 1991. In addition, the Clan Society has paid \$25.00 a year for some years to the Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone Maintenance Fund and a donation of \$100.00 has been approved for the Clan Capital Fund, payable in 1992. These amounts are exclusive of donations made by many members to the above funds as well as to the Clan Society Trust Fund and the General Account.

Printing and posting Newsbulletins remains our biggest single cost, but a necessary one to keep Members in touch. The 1990/91 cost was \$3153.55 compared with \$1946.54 in 88/89.

Since 1990 Membership subscriptions have remained at \$6.00 per member or \$12.00 per family resident at the one address. I believe this to be a realistic figure for the present although costs of Newsbulletins and postage continue to rise.

I consider the finances of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia to be in a sound position and accordingly, I move my report be received.

12 April 1992

*L.McPhee*  
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Lorraine McPhee (Q77-287)  
Treasurer

**Hagar**







**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
**SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR PERIOD 1 JAN 1990 TO 31 DEC 1991**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Balance B/F 1 Jan 90</b>		
Trust Fund	641.99	
General Fund	28.68	
Per Capita Levy	1263.70	
C/Capital Fund	430.23	
Standing Stone	<u>48.91</u>	2413.51

<b>Trust Fund</b>		
ASB 24 Int	19.60	
ASB 24 Redempt	160.00	
ASB 29.1 Int	83.20	
ASB 29.2 Int	130.00	
Donations 1989	8.76	
1990	14.00	
1991	40.00	
A/C Interest	<u>100.78</u>	556.34

<b>General Fund</b>		
C/C Deb Redempt	300.00	
C/C Interest	.15	
A/C Interest	<u>27.37</u>	327.52

<b>Per Capita Levy</b>		
1990 Levy	269.25	
A/C Interest	<u>112.62</u>	381.87

<b>Clan Capital Fund</b>		
Donations 1989	35.00	
A/C Interest	<u>37.70</u>	72.70

<b>Standing Stone</b>		
Donations 1989	5.00	
1991	4.00	
Clan Soc. Cont.89	25.00	
Clan Soc. Cont.90	25.00	
Clan Soc. Cont.91	25.00	
A/C Interest	<u>8.90</u>	92.90

<b>Fully Paid Membership</b>		
1990 (3)	240.00	
1991 (9)	720.00	
A/C Interest	<u>31.58</u>	991.58

<b>Membership Paid in Advance</b>		
1992	229.41	
1993	96.00	
1994	64.00	
1995	36.00	
1996-99 (4x\$6.00)	24.00	
Amount credited		
twice	42.00	
A/C Interest	<u>10.50</u>	501.91
		<u>\$5338.33</u>
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**EXPENDITURE**

<b>Transfer of Clan Funds Previously held in Trust</b>		
Per Capita Levy	1645.57	
C/Capital Fund	502.93	
Standing Stone	<u>111.65</u>	2260.15

<b>Transfer to General Account</b>		
General Funds	290.00	
Trust Funds		
Invested	999.83	
M/ship paid in advance - credited twice	<u>42.00</u>	1331.83

<b>Balance Carried Forward 31 Dec 91</b>		
Trust Fund	198.50	
General Fund	66.20	
Fully Paid		
M/ship (12)	991.58	
M/ship paid in Advance	459.91	
Standing Stone	<u>30.16</u>	1746.35
		<u>\$5338.33</u>
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**SCOTLAND**  
**AND HER**  
**TARTANS**

Tartan is a living fabric and is today being adopted all over the world as a mark of corporate or kindred identity. The Scottish clan or family tartan is of comparatively recent origin, but its genesis and development are inextricably linked with the colourful and dramatic story of Scotland herself.

*Scotland and Her Tartans* traces the history of the clan system and the origins of Highland dress and of the tartan, and gives advice as to how and when they should be worn. The main section of the book includes an extensive list of sept and family names, accounts of all the main clans of Scotland, and details of the leading families which have tartans, illustrated by photographs of 265 authentic tartan sets.

There are numerous other illustrations (some from the Royal Collection), maps of clan and family lands and of the campaign and escape of Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) in 1745-6, and a genealogical chart of the succession to the thrones of Scotland and England.

Selling at around  
 \$19.95

*An Editor's Dilemma*

Getting out a journal is no picnic.  
 If we print jokes, people say we are silly.  
 If we don't, they say we are too serious.  
 If we clip things from other magazines  
 We are too lazy to write them ourselves.  
 If we don't, we are stuck on our own stuff.  
 If we don't print every word of all contributions,  
 We don't appreciate genius.  
 If we do print them, the columns are filled with junk.  
 If we make a change in another fellow's article  
 We are too critical.  
 If we don't, we are blamed for poor editing.  
 Now, as like as not, someone will say  
 "He swiped this from some other source".  
 We did.

**Those sneaky Scots salvaged the Scotch**

**THOSE canny Scots** would never pass up a free drink. Wartime documents just made public in Britain show the good citizens of South Uist, in the Hebrides, struck a particularly good deal when the freighter SS Politician hit a sandbank in 1941. The ship was crammed with high-quality Scotch whisky and the British Government placed guards on the wreck while salvage operations went ahead. But bureaucrats only work 9 to 5, while wartime Scots starved of a drop of the good stuff are willing to work in the dead of night. The official papers say the islanders got away with 12,000 bottles.

### NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following members who have joined the Clan Society since the last Newsbulletin was published in March.

W92-775 Ronald McCathie, 10 Yolawde Place, City Beach, Perth, W.A. 6015  
W92-776 Edwin Taylor, 3-17 Pollard Street, Glendalough, W.A. 6016  
Z92-777 Ken McFee, P.O. Box 86 Moreland, GA. 30259 U.S.A.

### THEY'VE MOVED

Judith Matthews (Q90-740) from Ayr in North Queensland to c/- P.O. Box 2358,  
Bundaberg, Q. 4670  
Alan McPhee (N88-610) from Whitebridge, N.S.W. to 1318 Bell's Line of Road,  
Kurrajong Heights, N.S.W. 2758  
Shirley Dickson (V83-515) from Kangaroo Island, S.A. to 54 Hill Avenue, Keith, S.A. 5267  
Murray McPhie (S78-432) from Prospect, S.A. to c/- P.O. Box 874,  
Victor Harbour, S.A. 5112  
Rae Wear (Q76-148) from Toowoomba, Q. to 37 Dovercourt Road, Toowong, Q. 4066  
Dr. Ian McPhee (N88-640) from Wentworthville, N.S.W. to 15 Hopetoun Close,  
Port Macquarie, N.S.W. 2444  
Brian McPhee (S74-005) from Stonyfell, S.A. to 15 Figreee Court,  
North Adelaide, S.A. 5006  
Bob Mahaffey (N89-717) from Rosemeadow, N.S.W. to Fairway Park, 18A : 22 Archibald  
Street, Lyneham, A.C.T. 2602  
Andrew Macafee (A81-502) from Narrabundah, A.C.T. to 14 Woralul Street,  
Warramanga, A.C.T. 2611  
Joyce Hook (V83-533) to 990 Padman Drive, Riverwood Retirement Village,  
West Albury, N.S.W., 2640

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### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Accounts are enclosed for members who have yet to pay their 1992 Subscriptions. For those few who are still unfinancial for 1991, a letter is enclosed pointing out that membership rights will be withdrawn if they remain unfinancial - don't let it happen to you!

Members Under 18 years of age. In several instances over the years parents, who have made their young children members of the Clan Society, have let their own membership lapse through becoming unfinancial. The Clan Society has been continuing these children as members until their eighteenth birthday at which time they are expected to pay normal membership subscriptions. Almost invariably they fail to do so and their membership lapses through their being unfinancial.

In several cases these children received Newsbulletins regularly for ten years or so and yet were apparently not the least interested in being members. Accordingly, the Executive has decided that where parents' membership lapses through being unfinancial, children over eight years of age will be written to seeking confirmation that they wish to continue their membership - if no reply is received their membership will be deemed to have also lapsed. Children under eight years of age will be written to following their eighth birthday.

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The local bus was trundling along the Hebridean road with a full complement of Gaelic-speaking natives and one silent Sassenach. Politely, one of the Gaels turned to him and enquired, "Do you have the Gaelic?"

"No, I'm afraid I don't speak it," replied the Sassenach. "But I can understand it."

"Chust so, chust so," the Gael commented civilly. "I have a dog that is the very same."

\* Clan member John McPhee of New York is known to many of us as the author of "The Crofter and the Laird" - but in his home country he is known for a wide range of books - 23 in all - covering such things as the Swiss Army, geology, oranges and the merchant marine and no doubt, more are on the way.