

# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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## Newsbulletin

### THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT.



Time flies - already we are almost a sixth of the way through the year, and what a year it will be for Clan Macfie with the "return" to Colonsay scheduled in the first week of September.

We can look back on another successful year for the Clan Society with membership numbers steadily increasing, finances reasonably sound and support at all levels for our operations. If an improvement is required anywhere, it is in the area of attendance at functions. While I am most appreciative of the support given to us at various functions throughout the year, it would certainly be great to see attendances increased with greater member participation. Opposite are details of several

Clan Society functions in the coming year - what about coming along with a strong voice for Clan Macfie?

Enclosed with this Newsbulletin is an Ancestor Chart for your attention. One of these charts was mailed to members previously in Newsbulletin No 55 (Nov 89) and many responded with details. It is distributed this time as a separate sheet in order that you may update details if previously sent, or submit details if not previously sent. And...the wheels have commenced to turn ever so slowly for the mooted history of Clan Macfie members in Australia in the nineteenth century and your inputs will be a basis for much of the final copy. More on that in a later Newsbulletin.

Two items in our last Newsbulletin (No 64, Nov 92) have not attracted any response to date - Firstly, members' comments(or objections, if any) were sought to a proposal to place Clan Society genealogical records on the Mormon computer in Salt Lake City in Utah, U.S.A.. No one responded - does that mean everyone is happy with the proposal? There are some difficulties, however, and they are currently being examined by Boyt Cathey and Fritz McDuffie in America. So more on this in due course - but in the meantime, comments please. - The second item was the request from George (291-757) and Mary Roussos of Fayetteville, N.C., in America for photographs and brief details of family members for a Clan Scrapbook for the Clan Gathering in September. To date George has not received anything from anyone in Australia. Contributions from every family are requested - not just the hierarchy or those going to Colonsay. So what about it? Their address is 2143 Baywood Rd., Fayetteville,,N.C., 28301, U.S.A.. Contributions to reach George by 1st June at the latest please.

Planning for the Clan return to Colonsay in September is proceeding apace. A number of loose ends to tie down in the near future but all looks on course at present. Those attending receive separate briefing information giving greater details of arrangements. Some 150 Clan members from around the world will be there for a wonderful week with 26 Australians on the list....someone suggested an extra container or two of whisky will be need for the Island, but what about some Bundy and XXXX too, I'd like to know? Seriously though, this "return" of the Clan as an organised body for the first time in 370 years is a most significant milestone and one all participants will remember with a full programme of Clan Parliament, Island tours and ceilidhs etc.. It will be the foundation on which the Clan can build for the future and one which should be supported by all members whether they are able to be there in September or not.

Back on the home front, Helen and I will be at Maclean and Bundanoon in April but we are not planning to be in Sydney for Scottish Week this November - we're becoming a little travel weary I guess..and broke! We will, however, be in Canberra next January for the Tenth Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society and look forward to catching up with many of you then if we dont see you at Maclean or Bundanoon.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sandy McPhie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

A. C. (Sandy) McPhie  
President.

24th February 1993.

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# Perth

- SUNDAY, 4th APRIL. An All Clans Picnic has been arranged by W.A. Vice-President, Trevor McPhee (W88-662) and Mrs Shirley Oliver (Clan Donnachaidh) for McCallum Park, near the Causeway, on Sunday 4th April from mid-day onwards. It is a BYO everything for a mid-day lunch type of affair with enjoyable company.

Please ring Trevor on (09) 447-8270 if attending.

# Maclean

- FRIDAY 9th & Saturday 10th APRIL. Clan Commander Sandy McPhie and wife Helen will be attending the 89th Maclean Highland Gathering on the Saturday and that evening, presenting the prizes in our John Dunmore Lang Poetry Competition at the Ceilidh at the Maclean Bowling Club. A good turn out of local Clan members is anticipated given the Clan Macfie population in the Northern Rivers area.

# Bundanoon is Brigadoon

ON SATURDAY, 17th APRIL. A.C.T. Vice-President Glen McPhee (N77-357) has arranged for a Clan Macfie tent to be at Bundanoon for the Highland Gathering on Saturday, 17th April. This will be the Clan's first organised outing at Bundanoon's One Day of The Year. Clan Commander Sandy McPhie and wife Helen will be there in their campervan, coming on from Maclean the previous week-end. A good rollup of local Macfies is anticipated. Those travelling down from Sydney might like to make the journey there and back by special train - contact N.S.W. Rail for details.

# MELBOURNE

SUN, 25 APRIL. As this Newsbulletin goes to the printer we have yet to be given a firm date for this function. Hopefully, it will be available for insertion before mailing - no date, no function! The function is a barbeque luncheon being arranged by Victoria Vice-President Kaye Macphee (V74-023) from mid-day onwards at the home of Margaret Mulherin (V75-115), 24 Iirilbarra Road, Canterbury, 3126. It will be a BYO everything and please ring Kaye on (03) 758-4428 if attending, or for further details.

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FUTURE DATE CLAIMERS.

SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK. Sunday 28th November to Sunday 5th December. Clan Macfie representatives will be in attendance. Further details will be included in the next Newsbulletin in July, or may be obtained from the SAHC Secretary on (02) 50-8455.

CLAN SOCIETY TENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING. In Canberra, A.C.T., on the week-end of 29th and 30th January next year. Note, this is not a long week-end, Australia Day being on a Wednesday in '94. Planning is well advanced for a Clan Luncheon followed by the General Meeting on the Saturday, an informal evening that night and a Clan Picnic on the Sunday. A.C.T. Vice-President, Glen McPhee (N77-357) suggests early booking of accommodation would be a wise move at that time of the year. Further details next Newsbulletin. (No comments were received from members re a preferred date)

PAST FUNCTIONS. SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK last year had better Clan support the first week-end, over-all numbers appeared down on previous years and the final day at Rawson Park was washed out. BRISBANE PICNIC in early Dec. had 22 members and friends along for an enjoyable outing.

PHOTO RIGHT: (1. to r.) at the Clan barbeque at NSW V-P Bill Tyrrell's home at the start of Scottish Week. (rear) Judy and Ted Smythe (front) Geoffrey



McPhee (Lugarno), President Sandy McPhie (Toowoomba), Lucille Marcoulis (Croydon Park) and Ruth McPhee (Lugarno)

## HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES



Newsbulletin writing is not easy - often the necessary motivation only materializes at the last minute and then acceptable items are assigned to available space as quickly as possible to meet deadlines. Thus some worthy items can be put to one side for "next time" as space becomes limited or some editing is required. Inevitably some of these "next time" articles have remained in the "next time" folder as Newsbulletin writing time continues at a premium with each successive edition. For this reason apologies are due to a number of members who sent contributions over the past two or three years only to find them not published. They have not been cast aside and the "next time" folder will be steadily reduced commencing with this NB.

Chairman of the Clan Parliamentary History Committee, Belinda Mahaffy (Z87-581) from Ireland reports having accompanied a busload of American O'Donnells on a local tour which/ended at Mongavelin Castle - which has a Macfie connection -

"The castle is now a ruin but was built for the second wife of the twenty-fourth chieftain circa 1570. She was Finola, daughter of James, Lord of the Isles, and her step-grand-mother was a McPhee of Colonsay. Finola was said to be very beautiful and ambitious and is known in Irish history as Imion Dubh, which means the "Dark Daughter". Her son, the celebrated Red Hugh is the hero of Disney's film "The Fighting Prince of Donegal".

Gwen Jarvis (V83-527) of Dandenong, V., wrote sometime ago:

"Last year (1990!) a cousin, Margery (McPhee) Murphy and I visited the area in Victoria where our grandfather, Robert McPhee, was born, also two of our parents. We passed through a small town between Maryborough and Dunnolly called Bowenvale. Knowing that our great-grandparents had a Baker and Pastrycook shop there, we went into the small cemetery. (Once this had been a thriving gold-mining community). To my delight I found the grave of both great-grandparents, Alexander and Agnes McPhee. They died in 1899 and were both natives of Paisley in Scotland, Agnes on 3rd January, aged 69 years and Alexander on 20th June, aged 70 years. Also buried with them was their eldest son, Alexander, who died 26th October, 1917, aged 60 years. Alexander jnr was the eldest brother of my grandfather, Robert McPhee, and he went out to Meekatharra, W.A., to work and live, returning to Victoria when he became ill, as told through the family. My father met a cousin, William McPhee, in Perth on the way home from the 1st World War in 1919. This cousin had also been a prisoner of war."

Marie Tattam (N89-718) of Moree, N.S.W., also wrote quite a while back.

"My ancestor, Robert Mahaffy, was born 14th August 1834, at Loughbrickland, County Down, Ireland, the son of farmer Isaac Mahaffey and his wife, Sarah Haywood. He was not baptised in the local Church of Ireland Church until 26th May 1850. He emigrated to Australia during the 1850s and was the storekeeper on "Newfreugh" Estate near Singleton when he married Mary Ann Mansfield at the Church of England Church, Singleton, on 30th August 1861. Robert always told his family that he had a vivid dream of meeting a pretty young lady at the Singleton Show so he dressed himself in his best array and went to the Show, and there he found Mary Ann, just as he had in his dream.

"Mary Ann was born in Balsham, County Cambridge, England, on 7th June 1845, and was the daughter of Charles Mansfield and his wife Catherine Radford. Charles and Catherine and their family of 3 sons and 2 daughters arrived in Australia on the "Joshua" on 6th April 1858. Robert and Mary lived in the Singleton area for a number of years and then moved to Tamworth where Mary Ann died in childbirth on 18th March 1875. They had the following children:

William John	b. 19 May 1862	Isaac Charles	b. 28 April 1864
Malvina	b. 4 March 1866	George	b. 28 Dec 1867 - d. 12 May 1868
Robert James	b. 26 April 1869	George Henry	b. 30 June 1871
Mary Ann	b. 24 May 1873	Sarah	b. 16 Mar 1875 - d. 2 May 1875

"After Mary Ann's death, Robert moved to Moree about 1882 where he worked as a hawker

carrying supplies to outlying stations and carting their produce on the return journey. He was a member of the Church of Christ congregation in Moree.

"On retiring he lived with his daughter Malvina, firstly in Balo Street, Moree and then in Gunnedah. He died at Gunnedah on 29th November 1922."

Marie's line of descent from Robert Mahaffey is as follows:

Robert Mahaffey m. Mary Ann Mansfield;  
their son William John Mahaffey m. Catherine Emily Brown;  
their daughter Mary Ann Mahaffey m. Henry Burydine Cross;  
their daughter Edna May Cross m. Manus George Sweeney;  
their daughter Marie Kathleen Sweeney m. Terrance Charles Tattam  
to become Marie K. Tattam.

A Clan Cameron Query. In the Genealogy section of the December 1992, Clan Cameron Australia, Newsletter, is the following request for information on one Duncan Cameron who was married to an Anne McPhee:

"Mr John C. Redman of 52 Raglan Street, Wallsend, N.S.W., 2287, requires information on the following:

CAMERON, Duncan. Anne McPhee (d/o Donald & Catherine McPhee per "Brilliant") had children John (1841), Allan (1843), Anne (1844), to Duncan Cameron at Nelson's Plains, Lower Hunter River, N.S.W.. John might be John Bowthorn Cameron who married Jane MacPherson. Sister Anne married "Red John" McPhee. Who was this Duncan Cameron?"

Replies direct to Mr Redman please, but a copy to Secretary Helen or Historian Norah if you would be so good.

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#### POETRY AND ALL THAT.

Our John Dunmore Lang Poetry Competition. Over twenty entries have been received for this competition and more are expected. Adjudicators are Messrs Robert Davidson, Jim Howard and Mark Genery of the Henry Lawson Memorial and Literary Society. The winners will be announced at the Ceilidh on Saturday night 10th April, at the Maclean Highland Gathering - which also celebrates the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Lower Clarence Scottish Association Inc..

Doug McPhee (V77-318) of 16/3-5 James St., Mordialloc, V., 3195 and friend Ray Jacobs responded to the query by George Roussos (Z91-757) of Fayetteville, N.C., U.S.A., in Newsbulletin No 62 with their own thoughts on our unhappy migrants in Australia - the connection with George's query re some Scottish Macfie poets is not clear - but to the tune of "Bound For Botany Bay" try their ... "Back From Botany Bay" .... i.e. Sydney's International Airport.

Now all you new arrivals are welcome  
But your old hatreds you must leave behind  
And any old foes that you meet here  
To them you must be most kind.

Chorus  
Else get out of our country forever  
For its only Australians can stay  
Get out of our country for ever  
You can leave from Botany Bay

Now if you want to call yourself Australian  
There's one or two things you must do  
You've got to stop all your wailing  
And forget you're a Pom a Pat or a Jew

Repeat Chorus  
Chorus can also include chorus from Bound  
For Botany Bay

Doug also spotted this exchange in the local press - Score Ireland 1, Scotland 0.

I, TOO, object to racism and sexual harassment. As an immigrant Scot, of some 26 years' residence, I object to being dubbed "Jock" or "Haggis", being mistaken for a "Pom" or being called "Scotch" (although I *am* fond of it). When I wear my national costume I object to wolf whistles from building workers, being asked what is worn under my kilt, and sideways glances from the gay community. — **Scotland the Brave** (West Footscray).

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TO **Scotland The Brave** (*Herald-Sun*, March 11), you poor, wee soul! Try being Northern Irish, like me. You object to being called Jock. Why? I get called "Paddy" all the time. If you can't hack it, go home. — **Simon Sanderson** (McKinnon).  
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## COLONSAY VISITORS

A first visit to Colonsay is certainly an unforgettable experience. Those who have been there know why many go back whenever possible. Two of our members made the trip for the first time last year and their reports are below....Accommodation is still available on the island for the Clan's "return" in September this year if you wish to attend - contact Secretary Helen for details.

Joyce Caldwell (Q89-692) of Annerley, Q., wrote:

"At the end of September I was fortunate to be able to spend two days on Colonsay. It was a delightful experience to go to the island. The ferry was very pleasant and dinner at Colonsay Hotel excellent. On the first day I enjoyed an orientation trip by Hotel vehicle with Kevin Byrne (Hotel Manager), noticing particularly the remains of an old RAF radar station as we had a Scottish-Canadian gentleman on board who served there about 50 years ago. In the afternoon I crossed the Strand (to Oronsay) with help of wellington boots loaned by a very kind English lady who was also staying at the Hotel. It was such a thrill to see the Priory and enjoy all features along the way.

"On my second day I went with newly acquired friends to Dun Ghallain another wonderful place. The wind was so strong there I found it difficult to stand. On both this and the Oronsay trip I encountered heavy rain squalls but apart from a couple of these the weather was clear and we had some sun. In the afternoon my friends drove me through the gardens at Colonsay House but it was too late for any Rhododendron flowers. We then went to Kiloran Bay again and I walked a distant up the hill on the southern side of the bay to the two houses which remind me for some reason of lighthouse houses. After a few little excursions around the Scalasaig area my two days ended all too quickly as there was so much more to see but I do have my map and the book by Norman Newton which was a gift from my friends. I had a very late crossing to Oban that evening."

Joyce enclosed a number of photos of her visit which were so typically Colonsay.

John McPhee (Q77-330) of Devenport, T., undertook one of those once in a lifetime trips overseas with his family and in addition to visiting Colonsay, spent some time with his sister Jean Davies (Q77-329) and her family in Ghana. He wrote:

"We recently spent about five months overseas, which took in visits to Sweden and Norway, Ghana and the UK. Scotland, in late August, was one of the highlights of our trip, including a chance encounter with my parents (Ted and Dorothy McPhee Q77-326/327 of Bell, Q., who had also visited Jean) on the battlefield at Culloden. Whilst in Scotland, we managed to spend a couple of days on Colonsay.

"We were warmly welcomed by the locals, and had the pleasure of spending two nights on the island on a croft overlooking the Atlantic. We hitched and walked over to Oronsay, being very fortunate to strike the low tide at a convenient time of day. It was poignant to see the number of graves dedicated to "Unknown Seaman", casualties of the Second World War, whose last resting place was the shores of the island.

"On our second night on Colonsay, we went to a ceilidh at the community hall. The band was made up entirely of visitors, holiday-makers who frequent Colonsay for their summer break. Many have done so for years. The ceilidh was excellent, as we knew many of the dances. It was great to see people of all ages, including young children, getting into the swing of it all. The weather was very kind to us on Colonsay, as it was throughout the whole trip, and on our last morning we walked down to Kiloran Beach to watch the waves roll in. All in all, we had a very relaxed time and thoroughly enjoyed our visit.

"Our other adventures in Scotland included visits to Skye (home of my wife Trish's Scottish lineage), Edinburgh, Glasgow, the Glenfiddich distillery, and the north-west highlands. In amongst it all, we did some lovely walks among the heather and the lochs. A destination to be recommended."

No mention of the geese in the pond at the Glenfiddich distillery - they must still be there - but what of the big, fat and very contented marmalade cat inside the distillery which probably has whisky and milk for breakfast, is it still there?



# CLAN MACFIE NEWS

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## LOOK AFTER YOUR CLAN COMMANDER!

The following extract is from a recent article in the American magazine, "The Highlander". Written by Alastair Campbell of Airds, Unicorn Pursuivant of Arms at the Court of the Lord Lyon, it carries serious implications for Clan Macfie. At present the Clan has seventeen Scottish Armigers - none of them resident in Scotland.

Another important announcement has come from Lyon, regarding the procedure for the appointment of a Chief or Commander through the petition of *ad hoc derbhfine*. This concerns the modern procedure by which a clan may petition Lyon for the appointment of a Chief or a Commander if no heir to a previous Chiefship can be identified. It is derived from the ancient Celtic practice by which those of a set degree of kinship to the chiefly line were entitled to make such a decision. The following is the text of the announcement.

1. As from the 1st of May 1992 where a Chiefship or Commandership is to be determined by means of an *ad hoc derbhfine* it will be necessary for any candidate selected and recommended to the Lord Lyon King of Arms to have been domiciled and habitually resident in Scotland for a period of three years before such recommendation and submission and he, or she, must be so domiciled or resident at the time recommendation and submission is made.

2. To avoid any last minute packing of an *ad hoc derbhfine* I have decided that before any person can take part in a *derbhfine* a Warrant authorising the preparation of Letters Patent of Arms, or an Interlocutor authorising Matriculation of Arms, must have been signed in favour of such a person at least a year and a day before they take part in the *derbhfine*.

3. It should be borne in mind that membership of the *derbhfine* shall consist of those who are in right of a Scottish Coat of Arms (matriculated within the last three generations to cover the holding of the Armorial bearings on apparenancy), or owning at least a small holding of land outwith a Burgh but which is not a mere building plot. The owner of the Armorial Bearings, or of the land, will not require to be domiciled/resident in Scotland.

4. It is emphasised that the Armorial Bearing must be Scottish and that those with a Scottish surname, but with Arms granted by the English Kings of Arms, or by the Heraldic Authority of any other State, will not be acceptable.

5. With regard to those with compound surnames, it is the last name of the compound surname that will determine the family or Clan to which the owner of the surname belongs (see Findings in Fact (14) and (15) and Findings in Law (2) and (3) in the Petition of Sir Hugh Vere Huntly Duff Munro-Lucas-Tooth, Baronet, 1965 - Scots Law Times - Lyon Court Reports p. 3).

6. Eldest sons of armigers who have a right to the Arms differenced by a label of three points may not vote. The position is frequently found where a tutor or guardian has matriculated Arms for a younger pupil/minor child and in such circumstances such tutor or guardian will not be in a position to record a vote on behalf of their child. Keeping in mind the terms and provisions of 'The Age of Legal Capacity (Scotland) Act 1991' the vote of an armigerous child will be receivable on that child attaining 16 years of age. If Armorial Bearings have been matriculated for such a child for a period of a year and a day before the sixteenth birthday that child will be in a position to vote on attaining the age of 16 years.

7. Lyon will only receive a nomination following a *derbhfine* provided that *derbhfine* has been supervised by an Officer of Arms or by another person approved by Lyon who will submit to Lyon a Report on the conduct of the proceedings.

8. Where a person has been appointed a Commander for a period of time following a recommendation of an *ad hoc derbhfine* such a person may be re-selected under the old regulations. It would seem unreasonable for such people to have to seek re-submission under the new rules.

As can be seen, this decision does not affect the existing position, or re-appointment when their initial term is up, of existing Clan Commanders, two of whom, Mr. Sandy McPhie and Colonel George MacGillivray, presumably would not have qualified under the new regulation since they are not domiciled or resident in Scotland. Needless to say, this move in no way reflects on the qualities of these two gentlemen or on the outstanding leadership they are giving their clans in place of a Chief but it does reflect the decision that such leadership of a Scottish Name or Clan in future should come from Scotland.

The decision also only affects the case where a totally new Chief is appointed by election of a *derbhfine* - it in no way affects the recognition of a Chief who is the Chief by descent, regardless of where he or she may be living.

A *derbhfine* must consist of at least nine qualified persons before a decision can be made, and there is little change here, at present, apart from the time bar of a year and a day for possession of arms.

There seems to be some misapprehension over the standing of the Clan Society in these situations as evinced recently in reports in several of the Scottish Newspapers. A Clan Society in fact has no standing as such in the election of a Chief or a Commander. It is a part of a clan only - albeit an important and indeed vital part - and cannot presume to talk for the clan as a whole of which it represents only a small proportion.

The question arose in court proceedings over the succession to the Chieftaincy of Maclean of Ardgour in the 1930s where the attempted intervention of the Clan Maclean Society was

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firmly ruled as inadmissible. A clansman is a clansman whether or not he belongs to the Clan Society and it is only those properly qualified as members of an *ad hoc derbhfine* who have a say in choosing the candidate for submission to Lyon as Chief or Commander. As things are, it seems likely that Commanders are to be preferred over new Chiefs particularly when the Name or Clan may have had a Chief in the past whose heir might still exist although as yet unidentified.



The adjacent article was written in late 1982 but is still pertinent to-day. As a direct result of the work carried out by Dr MacPhee, Clan Macfie was again recognised as an active Clan with effect 27th May 1981.

The Armigers petition in favour of Dr MacPhee was successful and he was appointed our first Ceann-

Cath or Clan Commander on 6th November 1981. Dr Earle died on 25th September 1982.

## THE LORD LYON, KING OF ARMS

Malcolm Innes of Edinburgh is Lord Lyon, King of Arms of Scotland. In an interview given to the Sunday Post, 11th July, 1982, he was asked if his job serves any useful purpose in this modern age. His answer was as follows:

"It must do because we're busier than ever. Two hundred people a year make petitions to have a coat of arms granted to them. They come from all over the world, from all walks of life. One of its great beauties is that it's available to anyone who is "virtuous and well deserving" as an Act of the Scottish Parliament of 1672 puts it. That's literally everyone from a dustman to a duke.

Many people from abroad who want a Scots coat of arms have to trace back their ancestry in Scotland to someone who could be granted one, have arms made out of their ancestor, then have them legally transferred through the Lyon Court to themselves."

The Lord Lyon explained that one of his major jobs is to decide who is the rightful Clan Chief. He said:

"My most recent case was to the Macfies, who lost their clan chief many years ago and have just had a Commander of the Clan appointed through my office.

There's been a big surge in interest in the clans, particularly in the Commonwealth and America. All sorts of clan societies and organisations have been formed. Through them, many of the clans who've been without a chief for generations are finding either the true chief or the clan commander."

In the case of Clan Macfie the Lord Lyon had agreed that the successor of Malcolm (1623) could not be found.

The Lord Lyon was approached by representatives of the five Clan Societies and he advised that this matter should be examined by the Albany Herald, Sir Iain Moncreiffe.

Reports by Sir Iain favouring the proposal that Earle Douglas MacPhee should be appointed the Commander were examined by the Lord Lyon.

To make sure that this decision was correct, the Lord Lyon required that at least seven armigerous persons, should file petitions to him, supporting the recommendation of Sir Iain Moncreiffe.

This whole process must be repeated each time a commander dies or resigns.

Those of us who have seen the care with which the Lord Lyon reviews each petition are assured that the choice of a leader, whether he be nominated as a Chief or as a Commander, has been carefully vetted by his office.

Clan Macfie Associates. Following the re-activation of this company which was formed to hold the land on which the Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone is sited on Colonsay, two new directors have been appointed. They are Mr Douglas Macfie Young of Inverness and Clan Commander Sandy McPhie of Australia. Mr Robert Macfie Young, who was responsible for setting the company up as a going concern once more, continues as company secretary/manager. Company funds have been transferred to the Dunfermline Building Society in trust in a Gold Account. Annual registration fees amount to £ 32.00 and the return is handled by Messrs Innes & Mackay, solicitors, Inverness. Annual payment to Mr Brian Smith on Colonsay for Standing Stone maintenance is under review - in the past he has been paid £ 35.00 but this has not been reviewed for many years. The balance of funds in the Gold Account as at 29th July 1992 was £ 446.80. The fund is solely dependant on members' donations and account interest for its well being. Donations can be made through your Clan Society or forwarded direct to Mr Robert Macfie Young at 13A Culduthel Road, Inverness, IV2 4AG, Scotland.

Clan Patron Jennie MacPhee has moved from her unit in Vancouver, Canada, and is now living with her daughter Mary and son-in-law Larry Root. If you would like to write to Jennie her address is: c/- P.O.Box653, Invermere, B.C., Canada. Clan Commissioner Sylvia McPhee of Toronto, Canada, has been in the wars, experiencing a bad fall before Christmas. Latest reports indicate that Sylvia is well on the road to recovery. Last reports from Clan Commissioner Ulf Hagman of Uddevalla, Sweden, are good with Ulf progressing well on his recovery from a heart attack in New York late last year. A Christmas Letter from Mert and Ron MacPhee in Hawaii gave the first real details of the dreadful ordeal they have been through since Mert was stricken with Guillian Barre Syndrome in October 1990. At time of writing Mert was still in a wheel chair but expecting leg braces before Christmas to enable her to commence walking again. Ron's devotion to Mert during this time has undoubtedly been responsible for her recovery but it has made severe inroads into his business and health. They look ahead though, with confidence in the future.

Good wishes of all Clan Members go to Jennie, Sylvia, Ulf and Ron and Mert for a far better year in 1993.



Arrangements and planning for the Clan's return to Colonsay in the first week of September this year are on course at this time. A number of items have yet to be nailed down but no undue difficulties are expected. A Colonsay Brief will go out to those attending sometime in April with updated details - the programme is virtually unchanged from that distributed earlier to would-be starters. The Agenda for Clan Parliament business sessions should be distributed at this time also.

Accommodation is still available for anyone thinking of going but it will be in the cottages or flats as the Hotel has been booked out for sometime now. Further details can be obtained from the Co-ordinator in Scotland for the Clan Gathering:

Iain McFie, Telephone: 0540 65-1391  
Coulintyre, Fax: 0463 24-4338  
Kinraig, Kingussie, PH2 1LX,  
Scotland.

If you are undecided as to whether or not to bring a car across to the island for the week, please do so as this is one area in which we might have difficulty - transport. Another area where we are having some problems at present is in knowing just who is going to be there - Iain knows of bookings for cottages and flats and party numbers, but often names and addresses of party members other than the one actually making the booking are unknown. Help in this regard by notifying Iain will be appreciated.

One Agenda Item certain to attract a lot of interest will be a proposal to move to establish a Clan Macfie Heritage Centre in Scotland. A costly exercise if it is done properly, but something we need and can provide if all Clan members work positively to make such a project a success.

#### MONTREAL WORLD SCOTTISH FESTIVAL AUGUST 1992.

The Festival had its moments. Clan Macfie was extremely well represented by Doug, Eric and Francuise Macfie who manned the Clan booth at the Clans Centre - and became a major focus of organisation and information there (Photo right). Doug and Eric moved the Clan display and others to the outdoor arena for the week-end Games and again proved a mainstay. Eric kept our name well to the fore in the Parade. Well done all! (Doug's report and photos just missed last Clan News and this is regretted.



Congratulations Coleman McDuffee Snr on election last year as President of the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America. A life member of the Clan Society since 1977, Coleman served as Recording Secretary and Registrar for the past eight years and will bring a wealth of knowledge to the job as President. Coleman succeeds Dr Bruce McDuffie who had been Clan Society President for the past eight years and of course, continues as Commissioner for Clan Macfie in the United States. Bruce's contribution as leader for eight years was one of outstanding significance.

Wayne McAfee of Custer, South Dakota, is to be invested as a Knight of the Imperial Constantinian Military Order of St. George on 14th March this year. Congratulations to Wayne and good wishes, you will be a worth representative of Clan Macfie within the Order.

Acting Clan Treasurer Nev McPhee of Australia visited with Boyt and Mary Grace Cathey in Jamestown, N.C., on a visit with wife Linley, to the U.S. last autumn.

CLAN FINANCES

Financial Statements for Clan Accounts other than for Clan Macfie Associates Ltd., appear below. The Clan Capital Fund virtually represents the sole wealth of the Clan, while interest from that Fund is available for projects. Both amounts are pitifully small and ways must be found to increase them, especially the Capital Fund, in the immediate future. Donations received from Clan Members and the Clan Societies themselves during the past year were most welcome. Please keep them up.

The Working Account deals with the day to day running expenses for Clan administration. Its sole source of income is from per capita levies paid by the Clan Societies plus members donations specified for the working account. In the latter context, any Clan members wishing to contribute to the costs of printing and mailing Clan News, should make a donation to the working account. The Clan Commander is required to submit a budget to Clan leaders at the beginning of each year - for 1992, income receipts exceeded estimate by \$275.79 and expenditure exceeded estimate by \$265.21. The year ahead, however, will be a difficult one as there will be unexpected costs likely from the Clan Gathering in September even though every effort will be made to ensure it is self funding. The draft budget allows for a loss of just over \$900.00 in 1993.

Donations will always be most welcome to the Clan Capital Fund, the Working Account and the Standing Stone Fund administered by Clan Macfie Associates. The important area, however, for continued financial viability of Clan administration rests with the Clan Societies and their annual payment of a per capita levy. With several exceptions, their record has not been good in this regard.

1992 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

WORKING ACCOUNT

<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Expenditure</u>		
Balance b/f 1 JAN 92		2168.25	Postage		421.18
Per Capitas - C/S Ontario	71.50		Telephone		106.01
C/S N.Z.	140.00		Printing & Stationery	91.46	
C/S Aust.	<u>445.37</u>	656.87	Fax		30.00
Donations - Clan Members		260.51	Clan News Printing		205.00
Account Interest (*)		<u>10.16</u>	Clan News Postage		221.00
		<u>\$3095.79</u>	Colonsay '93 Advance		250.11
			Aust Income Tax 91/92	<u>90.45</u>	1415.21
			Balance c/f 31 DEC 92		<u>1680.58</u>
					<u>\$3095.79</u>

CLAN CAPITAL FUND

		<u>Capital</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Balance b/f 1 JAN 92		1602.15	534.37
Donations - Clan Members		694.18	
- C/S Ontario	35.75		
C/S N.Z.	150.00		
C/S Alberta	108.83		
C/S Australia	<u>100.00</u>	394.58	
Account Interest (*)		<u>32.56</u>	114.87
Balance c/f 31 DEC 92		<u>\$2723.47</u>	<u>\$649.24</u>

(\*) Account Interest was allocated as follows: March/June \$95.25 to Capital Fund Interest; September \$32.56 to Capital Fund; and December \$29.78, \$10.16 to Working Account, \$19.62 to Capital Fund Interest.

We Spread The Net - Clan News goes to (amongst others) two Bill McAfees in the USA. One wrote with an onforwarding address as he will be wintering in the Antarctic and will be unable to attend Colonsay's Gathering this September....but we don't know which one! He will be one of 27 wintering at the Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station and is due out in November. Most likely the first Clan member to be down there. Bill can be contacted c/- 1826 Bowie St., Orange, Tx, 77630, U.S.A. if you would like to write - letter delivery is no trouble it comes in by fax throughout the winter.

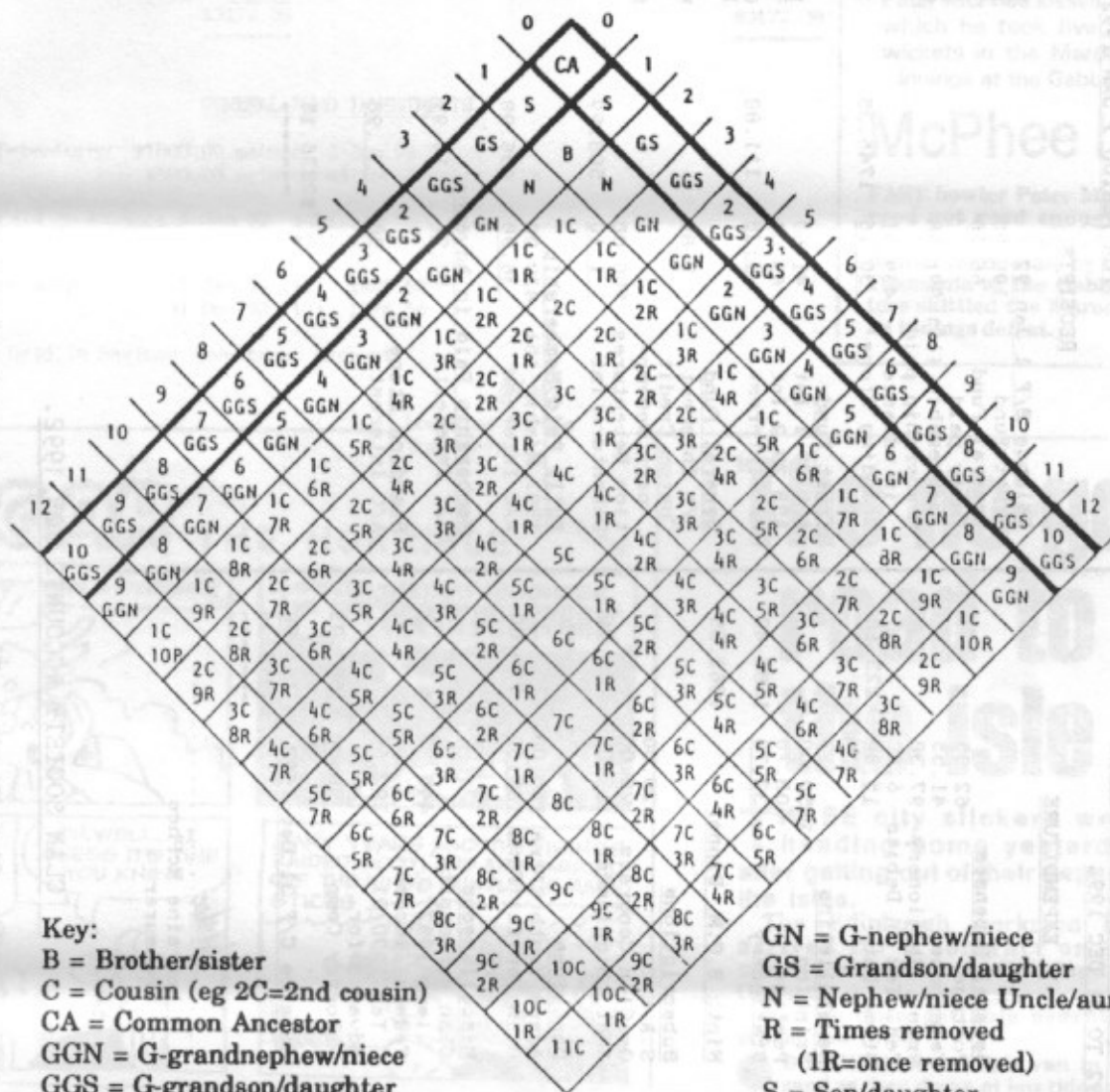
CLASSIFYING THOSE RELATIVES-

Any interesting exercise below if you are into genealogy and wonder just what sort of a cousin you are to some of those distant relatives and just how many times you might be removed from them - sometimes not far enough, perhaps....though that's a bit unkind!

Clan Campbell Australia borrowed it from Clan Campbell U.S.A. and I am sure neither of them mind our doing the same....

## COUSIN WHO?

*Adapted and condensed from the Clan Campbell Society (USA) Journal*



**Key:**

- B = Brother/sister
- C = Cousin (eg 2C=2nd cousin)
- CA = Common Ancestor
- GGN = G-grandnephew/niece
- GGs = G-grandson/daughter

- GN = G-nephew/niece
- GS = Grandson/daughter
- N = Nephew/niece Uncle/aunt
- R = Times removed  
(1R=once removed)
- S = Son/daughter

Have you ever wondered what is meant by the term, *1st cousin, once removed*? Or exactly who is a *second cousin, Dad's 1st cousin* or *Mum's 1st cousin's children*? Well wonder no more, by using the chart above, you can plot exactly how you are related to anyone in your family.

**HOW TO USE THE CHART**

Note that the two upper columns are heavily outlined; these are the *Common Ancestor (CA)* and his/her descendants. By following columns 1 from each side of the chart until they meet, we enter the **B** square, showing the sons of the CA

are brothers/sisters. Follow columns 2, they will meet at **1C**, indicating that the **CA's** grandsons are 1st cousins — and so on down — **g-grandsons = 2C** (2nd cousins).

**Example:** You want to find the relationship between yourself and a distant relation. You are 8 generations and your relative is 6 generations from the CA. To determine your exact relationship, simply follow column 8 on one side of the chart and column 6 on the other until they meet at **5C 2R**, meaning that you are 5th cousins, twice removed.

**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
GENERAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR PERIOD 1 JAN 1992 TO 31 DEC 1992**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Balance B/F 1 Jan 1992</b>	129.08
<b>Subscriptions</b>	
1990	13.00
1991	144.00
1992	1558.20
1993	178.56
1994	54.65
1995	24.00
1996	9.90
1982.31	1982.31
Fully Paid Subs(12)	72.00
'92 Subs in adv.	229.41
<b>Members Donations</b>	
Trust Fund	42.00
General Fund	36.90
Clan Capital Fund	50.00
Standing Stone	17.00
	145.90
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
T/fer ex Trust A/C	150.00
Custom Credit	142.50
Debenture Int.	142.50
Custom Credit	550.00
Redemption	1485.10
9 BGM Clan Dinner	24.10
Poetry Competition	7.94
A/C Interest	2359.64
	4918.34

<b>General Expenses</b>	
Postage	62.05
Telephone	41.55
Print. Stationery	97.38
Fed. Tax on Debits	6.90
Stamp Duty	15.30
	223.18
<b>Newsbulletins</b>	
Printing	1050.00
Postage	603.70
Stationery	32.70
	1686.40
<b>Ninth B.G.M. Dinner</b>	1863.85
<b>Subscriptions</b>	
S.A.H.C.	20.00
O. Clan Congress	20.00
Aust. Highlander	12.00
	52.00
<b>Donations</b>	
Agape Youth C'tre	150.00
Clan Capital Fund	100.00
	250.00
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
Clan per capita levy 1992	445.37
Federal Income Tax 1990/91	192.66
Advance for Poetry Comp.	50.00
	688.03
<b>Balance C/F 31 Dec 1992</b>	154.88
	4918.34

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Lorraine McPhee  
Treasurer

**CLAN SOCIETY ACCOUNTS FOR 1992.**

Above and opposite are the Clan Society Financial Statements for 1992. The books are currently with our Auditor and his report will be recorded in due course. While the cost of Newsbulletins remains our major outlay, the Clan Society continues to meet its obligations to the Clan with a donation to the Clan Capital Fund and the payment of a per capita levy each year at the upper rate of 20%.

**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE  
FOR PERIOD 1 JAN 1992 TO 31 DEC 1992**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Balance B/F 1 Jan. 92</b>	
Trust Fund	198.50
General Fund	66.20
Fully paid membership (12)	991.58
Membership paid in advance	459.91
Standing Stone	30.16
	1746.35
<b>Trust Fund</b>	
ASB 29.1 Int	41.60
ASB 29.2 Int	65.00
A/C Interest	5.28
	111.88
<b>General Fund</b>	
A/c Interest	7.89
Custom Credit part Redemp-tion Debentures	500.00
Debenture Int.	1.10
	508.99
<b>Fully Paid Membership 1992</b>	
M/ship (5)	420.00
A/C Interest	36.98
	456.98
<b>Membership Paid in Advance</b>	
A/C Interest	10.97
	10.97
<b>Standing Stone</b>	
A/C Interest	.98
	.98
<b>Balance C/F 31 Dec 92</b>	2836.15

<b>Trust Fund</b>	
Donation to Youth Centre	150.00
<b>Transfer to General Account</b>	
General Funds	550.00
1992 subs in advance	229.41
1992 Fully paid membership	72.00
	851.41
<b>Balance C/F 31 Dec 92</b>	
Trust Fund	160.38
General Fund	25.19
Fully Paid M/ship (17)	1376.56
M/ship paid in Advance	241.47
Standing Stone	31.14
	1834.74

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Lorraine McPhee  
Treasurer

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31st DECEMBER 1992

RECEIPTS		EXPENDITURE	
Balance B/F 1 Jan 92		Donation to Youth C'tre	150.00 150.00
Saving Inv A/c	198.50		
ASB 29.1	320.00	<b>Balance as at 31 Dec 1992</b>	
ASB 29.2	500.00	Sav. Inv. A/c	160.38
AGC Debentures	2000.00	ASB 29.1	320.00
	3018.50	ASB 29.2	500.00
<b>1992 Receipts</b>		AGC Debentures	2000.00
Interest ASB 29.1	41.60	General A/c	42.00
ASB 29.2	65.00		3022.38
Interest - SIA	5.28		
	111.88		
<b>General Account</b>			
Donation for T/fr	42.00		
	42.00		
	\$3172.38		\$3172.38

GENERAL FUND INVESTMENTS

Custom Credit Debentures	\$1000.00	matured 2 Jun 92
	\$500.00	reinvested for 2 years 7.1%
Subscriptions Paid in Advance	1 Jan 92	\$451.91
	31 Dec 92	\$241.47
Fully Paid Membership	1 Jan 92 (12)	\$991.58
	31 Dec 92 (17)	1376.56

Both amounts held in Savings Investment Account

*Lorraine McPhee*  
Lorraine McPhee  
Treasurer

**HAGAR THE HORRIBLE** *by DICK BRONNE*



# The no-go road to the isle

**T**HREE city slickers were heading home yesterday after getting out of their depth in the isles.

The Edinburgh workmen had arrived for a contract on the small Inner Hebridean island of Oronsay.

And an unforgettable overnight ordeal saw them:

- **BOGGING** down their van in the sand as they drove at low tide from neighbouring Colonsay.
- **GETTING** lost in darkness and drizzle after the tide covered their trapped vehicle.
- **WALKING** towards a light which they thought came from a rescuer's torch ...
- **WHICH** turned out to be a light-house ... nearly 20 miles out at SEA.

Estate manager Joe Larter said: "They hadn't a clue where they were. It was by sheer luck they eventually managed to find our house."

Mr Larter said the men's van was so damaged by three successive tides that it had to be towed on to the ferry to Oban.

And he added the trio had lost their way as they returned from time off on Colonsay ... which boasts a licensed hotel.



I love it . . . Tasmanian speedster Peter McPhee kisses the ball with which he took five Queensland wickets in the Maroons' second innings at the Gabba yesterday

## McPhee hero

**FAST** bowler Peter McPhee, considered not good enough to play for Queensland, yesterday destroyed his former home state by taking 5-48 for Tasmania at the Gabba as the visitors skittled the Maroons, inflicting an innings defeat.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS (as at 16 FEB 93).

	Ord Mem	Fully Paid	Over 75	Under 18	Total Mems
NSW	121	5	6	12	144
VIC	103	4	4	15	126
QLD	80	4	4	1	89
SA	28	1	-	2	31
WA	24	-	3	1	28
ACT	13	2	-	-	15
TAS	4	1	1	-	6
	<u>373</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>439</u>

Overseas Honorary 3 (Sweden 1, Canada 2)

Ordinary 12 (Ghana 1, Canada 1  
Ireland 1, USA 7  
Scotland 1, NZ 1)

Over 75 1 (New Zealand)

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TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 455.

## WE GO NAUTICAL.

This photo appeared in Clan Macfie (Scotland) Magazine recently and is of a converted lifeboat heading towards Loch Ness on the Caledonian Canal. We know too, that there was a freighter named "Clan MacPhee" before the war (the second one, that is), but we have no details of it or the boat below. Can anyone help with information?



## CROCHET A MACFIE TARTAN RUG FOR THIS WINTER!

Commence 352 chain makes 174 spaces - pattern 21 rows -

8 patterns	168	plus	
6 plain	<u>6</u>		
green	<u>174</u>		5 ply crepe wool

## PATTERN

6 rows green	)	
1 red	)	
1 green	)	
5 red	)	
# 1 off white	)	21
5 red	)	
1 green	)	
1 red	)	

6 green end of rug

# alternate 1 yellow with the 1 off white

1 treble in 6 chain from hook (makes 1 chain) miss 1 chain of foundation chain treble in next chain # - repeat from # to end of row. 2nd row 4 chain for (1 space) 1 treble in 2nd last treble of preceeding row (taking the stitch through both sides of loop at top of treble) then 1 chain repeated throughout except the first space of row when changing colour which is worked then make loop in hook wool over needle and work first treble into last treble of preceeding row. Sew all ends back into their own colours and finish off edge in what will be the right side of the rug with one row worked thus- 1 chain 1 double crochet into a space and leave one end which can be taken with fringe 5" long.

The rug is worked in crochet wool in a foundation mesh.

To get the tartan you do the chain the same way and thread it through.

»» 1993 SUBSCRIPTIONS ««

Accounts for 1993 Membership Subscriptions are enclosed for those who have not already paid - please give them your prompt attention. Payment of subscriptions in advance (any number of years is acceptable to Treasurer Lorraine!) will be welcomed.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined the Clan Society since our last Newsbulletin was published in November last year:

W92-785 Philip Douglass	P.O. Box 1975	South Hedland	WA	6722
W92-786 Rob McPhee	P.O. Box 1640	Bunburry	WA	6230
W92-787 Mrs Rosemarie McPhee	P.O. Box 1640	Bunburry	WA	6230
W92-788 Miss Kristi McPhee	P.O. Box 1640	Bunburry	WA	6230
A92-789 Angus Cameron	25 Fuhrman St	Evatt	ACT	2617
A92-790 Mrs Helen Cameron	25 Fuhrman St	Evatt	ACT	2617
A93-791 Mrs Glenda McPhee	88 William Webb Drive	Evatt	ACT	2617
A93-792 Miss Darlene McPhee	88 William Webb Drive	Evatt	ACT	2617
A93-793 Miss Kelly McPhee	88 William Webb Drive	Evatt	ACT	2617
V93-794 Frank McPhee	11 Jessamine Avenue	Windsor	Vic	3181
Q93-795 Mrs Coralyn Gerhardt	9 Allawah Court	Logan Village	Qld	4206

Decoding Those Membership Numbers The letter indicates the home state at time of joining with R for Northern Territory members and Z for those living overseas. The first two letters give the year of joining and the next three, the numerical sequence of joining. Honorary Members are denoted by an H followed by the numerical sequence of appointment and the year of appointment e.g. Ulf Hagman in Sweden is H2-78...he was our second appointed Honorary, being appointed in 1978. Fully Paid Members of the Clan Society have an F added after their numerical sequence number.

Members Nos 1 to 23 incl. are the Original Members of the Clan Society when it formed in 1974. Members joining in that year (Nos 1 to 90 incl. ) are considered to be the Foundation Members of the Clan Society.

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### THEY'VE SHIFTED CAMP.

Queensland Vice-President and Clan Piper, Bob McPhee (Q77-353) and wife Anne (Q77-354) from Windsor in Brisbane to 94 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, Q., 4342.  
Bruce McPhee (N77-319) from Soldiers' Point, N.S.W., to the RSL Homes, P.O. Box 350, Ballina, N.S.W., 2478.  
Rev. Jeffrey McPhee (Q74-046) from Ascot, Q., to c/- P.O. Box 168, Ipswich, Q., 4305.  
Alex McWilliam (Q74-076) from Admiralty Drive to 17 Midshipman Court still in Paradise Waters, Q., 4217, on the Gold Coast.  
Mark McPhee (W91-753) from Padbury, W.A., to 2 Craybush Court, Woodvale, W.A., 6026.  
Mrs Alison Hale (Q89-689) from Chisholm, A.C.T., to 12 Comet Street, Bayview Heights, Cairns, Q., 4868  
Mrs Judith Matthews (Q90-740) from Ayr, Q., to P.O. Box 2358, Bundaberg, Q., 4670.

### LOST CONTACT

Mail to the following members has been returned marked "Not known at this address". If anyone can help with a new address, please contact Secretary Helen.

Hunter McPhee (R88-641) last address 172 Smith Street, Darwin, N.T., 5790.

Mrs Margaret Gate (Q74-051) last address c/- Freemason's Home, Wakefield Street, Sandgate, Q., 4017.

John Palmer McPhee (V89-695) last address 5/14 Hanby Street, Brighton, V., 3186.

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### GENERAL NOTES.

\* Get well wishes to Cass McHaffie (S77-396) of Adelaide who is progressing well after a spell in dock late last year - her progress is undoubtedly due to the TLC from husband Brian (S77-280) our V-P in South Australia who, by the way, retired just before Christmas - from work that is, not the Vice-President job!

\* Studying in Germany for a year to enhance her standing as a rock cracker, is Tasmania Vice-President Dr Jocelyn McPhie (Z86-568) of Hobart, who is on an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship. Jocelyn had to learn the language first and is now based in Kiel. She will be home about September.

\* Former Clan Society Member Brother Matthew McPhee of the Carmelite Monastery at Whitefriars Park in Melbourne is now at Bridgetown W.A. where his brother Pat is better known as Father Anascar up at Kalumburu Mission in the Kimberleys.

GENERAL NOTES cont.

\* Congratulations to Clan Society Member, Bill James (Z87-583) of Boynton Beach, Florida, who was elected last year as Vice-President of the Macfie Clan Society of North America.

\* British born, Hollywood based, actress Jackie Bisset is not a Macfie, but she has recently finished filming "Crime Broker" in which she plays Holly McPhee, a magistrate who leads a double life running a lucrative business on the side selling blueprints for master crimes to the underworlds' highest bidders - who also are not Macfies, we trust!

\* The Spit McPhee TV series was given a re-run on local stations late last year. Starring Sir John Mills and Phillip Hancock as Spit, it also made the grade overseas on the French TV Ontario channel, being shown on Sunday mornings before Christmas with French dubbing.

\* In July last year we ran a piece in Newsbulletin No 63 on the book "Scotland and Her Tartans". Janet Silk (N81-494) of North Bondi, N.S.W. spotted this thought provoking item on the book in a November (last year) Sydney Morning Herald. Perhaps there is more to this tartan business than we had realised.....

WHEN she got a copy of Angus & Robertson's sale catalogue, Mary Unwin, of Westmead, was tickled by the copywriter's blurb for Scotland and Her Tartans :

Look up your clan's kilt and see where you came from.

\* Jean Davies (Q77-329) and family are still busy in Ghana with the Wycliffe Bible Translators. But two separate thrills for her this year when her parents, Ted and Dorothy McPhee (Q77-326/327) of Bell, Q., and brother John (Q77-330) and his wife Trish of Devonport, T., visited in September and July respectively.

The computer Jean and husband Colin use in their work has given up the ghost - if the translators will excuse an expression - and funds are very short for a replacement. If you would like to lend a hand in this regard, contributions can be sent to Wycliffe at Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground, V., 3097, marked for the "Davies Computer Fund".

\* Best wishes to one of our senior members, Mrs Bah McWilliam (Q74-031) of Toowoomba who is recovering from a nasty road accident before Christmas - progress is good however, as home dressing of a leg wound is being attended to by Secretary Helen!

\* Clan Commissioner Sandy McPhee (N74-012) of Mt Vincent, N.S.W., and wife (our Historian) Norah (N74-052) were at Dubbo before Christmas for the 50th Anniversary of RAF Bomber Command Base during the war. Sandy was a pilot with 149 Squadron and Norah a WRAF on the Base. Sandy's comment from Dubbo "I wish someone had told me I would be at this 50th Anniversary celebration when I was over Cologne in 1944 on my fifteenth trip into enemy territory and another fifteen to do to complete my tour. It would have been a great comfort!"

\* Gordon and Cathy Hughes of the Crieff Cinema Bookshop in Scotland have migrated to Australia where they have opened a similar business, Antiquariat, in the main street of Bowral, N.S.W., (Address P.O.Box 1317, Bowral, 2576 - Tel.048 62-2192). Their mailing list in Scotland was purchased by David Fleming of Grampian Books, South Monkshill, Fyvie, Aberdeenshire, AB51 8RD, Scotland.....Soooo, if you are into antiquarian books, maps, prints etc., you can contact either - or both for their current lists.

**Wizard of Id** -Without apologies....We deserve the apology for this joke!

