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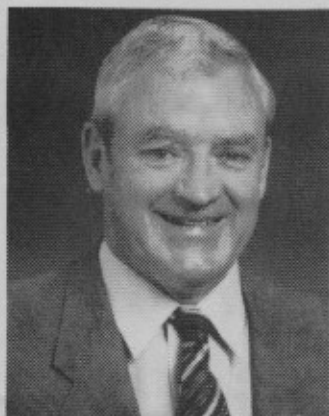


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Plus our Overseas Members who were there also .George Roussos, Ken McFee, Allen Miller, Bob McPhee, Terry Schoolcraft and Rev. James McAfee (U.S.A.), Sylvia McPhee (Canada), Belinda Mahaffy (Ireland), Gary MacPhie (Singapore) and Stella Gallagher (wales).

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



The Clan Gathering on Colonsay in September was most successful and enjoyable with some 160 members attending from around the world.

A report on the Gathering and some photographs are included in this Newsbulletin. Important decisions taken in Clan Parliament include:

- * 27th May each year to be Clan Macfie Day to celebrate world-wide, the Clan's reactivation on that date in 1981;
- * A Clan Macfie Heritage Centre to be established in Scotland;

* The next International Gathering of the Clan to be held at the Stone Mountain Highland Games at Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A. in October 1995; and

* The next Clan Parliament to be held in Scotland in May 1997.

The sense of our being one large family is one of the predominant memories of the week on Colonsay, with everyone getting on so well to-gether. The number of youngish ones there - perhaps 40 in their twenties/early thirties was pleasing to see, as too was their interest in the Clan, Colonsay and being to-gether for this special week. Many friendships were made which augers well for the Clan and hopefully, much from Colonsay can be injected into Clan Society activities here in Australia.

This Newsbulletin has details of arrangements for the Tenth Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Society in Canberra at the end of January next year and a return slip is enclosed for would-be starters. The business agenda is not a long one and the meeting will follow a Clan Luncheon on Saturday, 29th. There is provision for an informal dinner that night at one of Canberra's many clubs and a Clan Picnic the following day. Please be early with your registrations and note it is not a long weekend - the Australia Day holiday being taken on the day, Wednesday 26th, in the A.C.T. I look forward to seeing you on the 29th.

Names of the incoming Executive for 1994-95 are included too. I was particularly pleased to see Peter McPhee's election as Clan Society Vice-President. Peter (V77-373) comes from Nunawading and is a Real Estate Agent and Valuer in Mitcham. He brings with him a wealth of experience from his years as a Jaycee leader including National President in 1986. However, once again we have a shortage in nominations and casual vacancies will be filled by the Executive when they take office at the General Meeting. If you are interested in becoming a State Vice-President and helping your Clan Society, please contact Secretary Helen. It is not an onerous or time consuming task.

Unfortunately time, travel, and family commitments have caught up with Helen and me. We are not planning to be in Sydney for Scottish Week this year and trust this will not prevent members participating in many of the scheduled functions. Details opposite.

Christmas and New Year will be with us shortly. We can look back on another year of sound operation for the Clan Society. Helen and I thank all members for their support, participation and friendship during that time. We wish you and yours the very best for Christmas and the New Year and look forward to keeping in touch in 1994.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sandy McPhie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. C. (Sandy) McPhie
President

26th October 1993

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MELBOURNE FUNCTIONS IN NOVEMBER

CLAN SOCIETY BARBEQUE. Final reminder for the Clan Society Barbeque in Melbourne on Sunday 21st November at the home of Dene Rutledge (V76-200), 21 Bowen Road, East Doncaster from 12.00 noon onwards. It is BYO food and drink - not plates etc. Please let Vice-President in Victoria, Kaye Macphee (V74-023) know on 758-4428 if attending.

A **SCOTTISH REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY** is to be held at The Shrine, on St. Kilda Road in Melbourne at 1.45 p.m. on St. Andrew's Day, Sunday, 28th November. Guest speaker will be Sir John Young, AC KCMG. A procession of Clans and Ex-Service Groups will take place before the Ceremony and it will be followed by afternoon tea and a display of Highland and Country Dancing at the Army Depot in South Melbourne. Please contact Vice-President in Victoria, Kaye Macphee (V74-023) on (03) 758-4428 if attending, or if you require further details.

TENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND CANBERRA, A.C.T. - 29/30 JANUARY 1994

Meeting: The Tenth Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held in Canberra, A.C.T., on Saturday 29th January 1994 at the Burns Club, 8 Kett St., Kambah at 2.00 p.m. following a Clan Luncheon there.

Weekend Social Functions: Vice-President in the A.C.T., Glen McPhee (N77-357) has planning well in hand for the Luncheon at the Burns Club immediately before the General Meeting with members assembling for a pre-luncheon social at 11.30 a.m. An informal evening meal will be held at the Yamba sports club, Irving St., Woden that evening from 7.30 p.m. onwards and on Sunday 30th January, a Clan Picnic will be held on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin, site TBA.

Registration Form: A Registration Form with full details is enclosed. Please complete this and return to Glen at 88 William Webb Drive, Evatt, A.C.T. 2617 as soon as possible.

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

Toowoomba, Q. Saturday 27th November 1993 at St. Stephen's Uniting Church, Neil Street at 7.00 p.m. To be followed by a Ceilidh at 8.00 p.m. in the Caledonian Hall.

Sydney, N.S.W. Sunday 28th November 1993 at St. Benedict's Church, 104 Broadway, Chippendale at 10.15 a.m.
(Part of Sydney's Scottish Week programme, see next page).

Brisbane, Q. Sunday 28th November 1993 at 8.30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Lutwyche, with Anglican Archbishop, Peter Hollingworth.

SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER TO SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER 1993

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council Inc., Scottish Week Programme this year will follow similar lines to those of previous years. Special Guests are The Earl and Countess of Lindsay, and Professor Ross Harper C.B.E.

The Earl was born in 1955, is an expert in landscaping, horticulture and the environment and published two books on these subjects. He is the 16th Earl of Lindsay and a regular speaker in the House of Lords. The Earl and Countess have three daughters and two sons. Professor Harper is a former President of the Law Society of Scotland, author of a number of books, mainly on criminal law, and part-time Professor of Law at the University of Strathclyde.

Programme details are on the following page.

SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

SUN 28 NOV	10.15 a.m.	Kirkin' of the Tartan, St. Benedict's Church, Chippendale.
	12.00 noon	Clan Picnic, Hyde Park (southern section)
	1.30 p.m.	March of The Clans ex William/Elizabeth Street Corner to Tumbalong Park Darling Harbour
	2.00 p.m.	Official Opening of Scottish Week followed by a Scottish Concert.
MON 29 NOV	12.00 md.	Musical and Cultural events, Martin Place Ampitheatre
	1.30 p.m.	Lunch at Parliament House, \$60.00
	7.30 p.m.	Seminar "The Present State of Scotland", CTA Club \$10.00
TUE 30 NOV	8.30 a.m.	Golf Day at Cromer Golf Club, \$50.00 (incl. lunch)
WED 1 DEC	7.30 p.m.	Northern Ceilidh at Mosman Services Club, \$10.00
THU 2 DEC	7.30 p.m.	Southern Ceilidh at Gunnamatta Hall, Cronulla, \$6.00
FRI 3 DEC	8.00 p.m.	The Grand Scottish Ball, Roundhouse, University of N.S.W. Kensington. \$75.00 all inclusive.
SAT 4 DEC	1.00 p.m.	Garden Party at Central Gardens, Merrylands
	7.30 p.m.	Western Ceilidh, Bankstown Scottish Hall, \$6.00, BYO supper
SUN 5 DEC	8.30 a.m.	Highland Gathering and Games onwards Rawson Park, Mosman

For bookings, or further information on the above, or other functions, please contact The Scottish Australian Heritage Council on (02) 232-2473, 11.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. week-days, or write to the SAHC Secretariat, G.P.O. Box 421, Sydney, N.S.W. 2001. At this stage nothing is programmed for the Clan Society, although Clan Commissioner in Australia, Sandy McPhee (N74-012), and wife Norah (N74-052), of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. will try to be there on the first Sunday

SECOND JOHN DUNMORE LANG POETRY PRIZE

Following the encouraging reception of the Clan Society's inaugural "John Dunmore Lang" Poetry Prize earlier this year, the Society Executive has agreed to a second competition to be run next year.

The 1994 competition will again be conducted on behalf of the Clan Society by Vice-President in Queensland Bob McPhee (Q77-353) of Glenore Grove. It was Bob's initiative to introduce the Poetry Prize and he was responsible for the success of the first competition.

The second competition will be conducted very much on the same lines as the 1993 competition with winners being announced at the Maclean Highland Gathering's Ceilidh in Maclean N.S.W. on Easter Saturday, 2nd April. Prize winners will receive a medallion and cash prizes of \$100 first, \$60 second and \$40 third.

Each poem is required to have a SCOTTISH or IRISH or CELTIC - AUSTRALIAN theme and preferably one which accents the contribution made by these people in Australia from colonisation to the present day.

Entry forms and Rules and Conditions relating to the competition may be obtained from Bob McPhee at Lot 94, Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove. Q. 4342 (Tel: 074 66-5269) or from Secretary Helen. Entries close with Bob on Monday, 21st February 1994. An Entry Fee of \$5.00 applies to each poem entered.

This year's competition attracted forty entries from around Australia with two being from Clan Society members. It is expected that both figures will be improved on next year. The competition was named the "John Dunmore Lang" Poetry Prize to commemorate the work done by the Rev. John Dunmore Lang in bringing Scottish immigrants (many of them "Macfies") to Australia last century - see following item.

THE REV. JOHN DUNMORE LANG,
OLD PETTY'S HOTEL AND THE RED CROSS

The Rev. J. D. Lang was born at Greenock, Scotland in 1799. He migrated to Australia in 1823 and died in Sydney in 1878. Minister, Parliamentarian, educationist and anthropologist, he made 21 voyages to and from Australia and is credited with arranging for some 4,000 Highlanders to migrate here in the 1830 - 1840's. The article below from Vice-President in Victoria Kaye Macphee (V74-023) gives interesting details of his Manse which became a Hotel and then the Red Cross Blood Bank in Sydney.



OLD PETTY'S HOTEL

The fiery spirit of Dr John Dunmore Lang, the formidable Scotsman who founded the first Presbyterian church in Jamison Street in 1827, haunts Church Hill. His manse was on the site where Petty's Hotel was subsequently built. Dr Lang fought from the pulpit, from the editorial chair of the newspapers he owned, and from the floor of the new Legislative Council, against every evil in the colony. The range of his polemics stretched from the strumpets of the town to the squattoocracy. He despised the squatters for preferring cheap convict labour to the honest migrants from Scotland specially imported by him. And it must have hurt him to sell his manse with its glorious views to a common tavern-keeper, but bringing in Scots to populate Australia with the right breed had nearly beggared him.

The hotel that the first licensee built on the manse site was enlarged in 1836 by Thomas Petty, who turned it into the most fashionable place in town, particularly patronized by the very squatter families whom Dr Lang had castigated.

Distinguished visitors from overseas were sumptuously looked after. One found it his final lodging. The 21-year-old Prince Louis de Condé, of the Royal house of France, died there in 1866. He was on a health tour of Asia and the Pacific when he visited Sydney and caught a fatal chill. His body was preserved for shipping back to France. Before a Requiem Mass was held in St Mary's the coffin lay in state in Petty's, surmounted by a silver box holding the prince's embalmed heart.

Petty's remained fashionable for nearly a century. In 1950 it was sold to the Red Cross for a blood bank. Although the inside is a warren of offices and the façade is partly disfigured by a sign, it remains the city's last picturesque relic of the palmy days of colonial pub-keeping.



S. S. CLAN MACPHEE

In Newsbulletin 65 (March 93) we asked about the S. S. Clan MacPhee, a Clan Line Ship operating before the Second World War. Last Newsbulletin (No. 66) Keith Caldwell (Q89-693) of Brisbane, provided a lot of basic information in relation to this cargo liner of 6628 tons.

Since then, Keith has carried out further research and in time, we hope to come up with a photograph and further information on the S. S. Clan MacPhee.

Clan Line was started by Chas. Cayzer and partners with the building of their first ship "Clan Alpine" in 1878. When he died in 1916 the company, Cayzer, Irvine & Co., owned 60 ships. Lloyds Register for 1939-40 shows 48 vessels under the Clan Line name and 25 of these (including S. S. Clan MacPhee) were lost during the war.

Cayzer, Irvine & Co., evidently took over the Union Castle Line and merged the companies into the British & Commonwealth Shipping Line in 1956. The B. & C. joined with P. & O., Blue funnel etc., to establish Overseas Containers Ltd., but their interest was bought out by P. & O. in 1986. By 1989 B. & C. (along with the Blue Funnel Group) had diversified out of the shipping industry.

NOTICE OF MEETING
TENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

Notice is hereby given that the Tenth Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held as follows:

Date: Saturday, 29th January, 1994
Time: 2.00 p.m. (Immediately following a Clan Luncheon)
Venue: The Burns Club, 8 Kett St., Kambah, A.C.T.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Welcome to Those Attending
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Ninth Biennial General Meeting
4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the Ninth Biennial General Meeting
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
7. Executive Office Elections
8. General Business
9. Closure

No Agenda Items were received from Members by the closing date of 31st October 1993.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR 1994 - 95

Nominations were received for the following positions on the Clan Society Executive for the 1994-95 Term of Office by the closing date of 13th September 1993:

President:	A. C. (Sandy) McPhie (Q74-001) 8 Panorama Crescent, Toowoomba. Q. 4350
Vice-President:	Peter McPhee (V77-373) 7 Shewsbury Road, Nunawading. Vic. 3131
Vice-President - Victoria	Kaye Macphee (V74-023) 717 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully. Vic. 3156
Vice-President - A.C.T.:	Glen McPhee (N77-357) 88 William Webb Drive, Evatt. A.C.T. 2617
Treasurer:	Lorraine McPhee (Q77-287) 201 Geddes Street, Toowoomba. Q. 4350

As there were no other nominations, the above are declared elected as indicated and will be joined as Executive Members by Armiger and Clan Commissioner in Australia, A. L. (Sandy) McPhee (N74-012) of 10 Rodney Road, Mt. Vincent, N.S.W.

Peter McPhee takes over the role of Clan Society Vice-President from Nevell McPhee (Q74-084) of Toowoomba who has served the Clan Society well as Vice-President since 1990. Our thanks to Nevell for his contribution in this area and good wishes with his continued commitment to Clan Macfie as its International Treasurer.

The incoming Executive assume office at the Biennial General Meeting and may fill the following vacancies on the Executive should they so decide:

Vice-Presidents in the States of Queensland, New South Wales, Tasmania, South Australia and Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

TENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND

The programme for the Tenth Biennial General Meeting weekend is on page 3 of this Newsbulletin. A Registration Slip is enclosed for those attending to be returned to Vice-President in A.C.T., Glen McPhee, who is in charge of arrangements for the weekend.



CLAN MACFIE NEWS

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I regret that time, family commitments and the sheer volume of paperwork post Colonsay Gathering '93 prevent me from including personal notes to all of you - especially the ones who were on Colonsay. Helen and I enjoyed our time with you there, we had a good trip home and we wish you and yours the very best for Christmas and the New Year.

CLAN GATHERING COLONSAY '93

A wonderful time, a great success, the best yet and other similar comments apply to the Clan Gathering and Parliament on Colonsay from 1st to 8th September this year. Certainly all of the 161 Clan members attending will treasure always special memories from that week.

A breakdown of attendances by country is:
Australia 25, Canada 25, France 2, Ireland 1, Netherlands 2, New Zealand 11, Singapore 1, Sweden 2, Switzerland 3, United Kingdom 33, United States of America 56. Members attending received a commemorative medal and a small book by George Roussos (U.S.A.) on Clan MacFie, Colonsay and Oransay. Fourteen Clan members in the U.S.A. helped George with the publishing costs for the book and thanked accordingly.

and new contacts made on the 2½ hour trip to our "homeland".

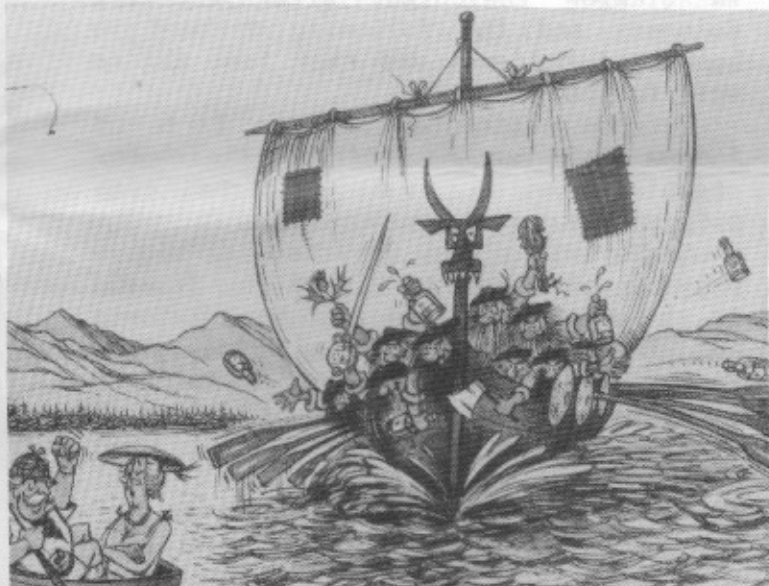
The Island buses and Clan members who brought cars across quickly dispersed members to their cottages, flats and the hotel for the first night.

Thursday saw the start of a hectic week crammed with activity for most of us. The programme was adhered to throughout - with some additions - and all ran close to schedule. The weather was kind and, as always, Clan members set about enjoying themselves and the company of fellow members - a great lot!

Clan Parliament (our sixth) was opened in style on the Thursday morning with personal and Clan Society banners being paraded along with national flags. All sessions of Parliament were well attended and a lot of business was covered. The Record of Proceedings of Clan Parliament will be forwarded to Clan Society Presidents - postage costs prevent mailing to all who attended, but should you wish to receive a copy they are available from the Clan Secretariat at A\$3.00 (or equivalent) for airmail postage.

The major decisions from Clan Parliament were:

- * The MacFie Clan Society of North America is now a member Society of Parliament;
- * 27th MAY has been designated as CLAN MACFIE DAY for Clan members worldwide to celebrate the re-activation of our Clan on that date in 1981;
- * Steps are to be taken to establish a Clan MacFie Heritage Centre in Scotland;
- * The next International Gathering (our eleventh) is to be held in October 1995 in conjunction with the Stone Mountain Highland Games at Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A.;
- * The next Clan Parliament will be held



The Clan arrives on Colonsay - apologies to Mr MacBrayne

The Gathering was off to a great start with most members lunching at MacTavish's Kitchen in Oban before boarding the afternoon ferry for Colonsay. Old friendships were renewed,

in Scotland in late May 1997. The intention is to hold it on the mainland and arrange visits to Colonsay before or after - or both;

* A Clan Secretariat is to be established, initially under my control in Toowoomba, Q. Australia.

The Clan pilgrimage to the Mhic-a-Phi Standing Stone attracted most members. Conducted by Peter McPhee (Canada) with Belinda Mahaffy (Ireland) speaking on Clan History and our last Chief, Malcolm, and Jean MacPhee (Canada) speaking on the great contribution to Clan affairs by our first Clan Commander the late Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee and his wife Jennie. The Standing Stone and its surrounds, plus the path to it from the road, were in excellent condition thanks to Mr. Brian Smith of Colonsay who attends to maintenance on behalf of the Clan.

The visit to Oransay on Friday was a great outing with members crossing the strand between the islands in tractor drawn silage trailers for a picnic lunch at the Priory. Unfortunately, the owner of Oransay, Mrs. Frannie Colburn of Boston, U.S.A., was unable to be with the Clan but we were well looked after by Messrs Ken Tarbet and Robin Watt of Edinburgh who have business contacts with Oransay. We had a good look at the old grave slabs and stones, the beautiful garden and through the buildings the Colburns have restored.

Again the weather was magnificent, and continued that way throughout our visit.

Kevin Byrne the Colonsay Hotel owner and resident Met. man provided the following data for the week's weather:

Average daily sunshine: 5 hr. 40 min.

Average maximum temperature: 16.4°
Average minimum temperature: 10.4°
Highest temperature: 16.9°
Lowest temperature: 5.5°
Rainfall: Nil
Average wind: SSE at 9 knots
Average Visibility: 13 to 24 miles

The first of our three Ceilidhs was held at the Hall on Friday. All provided good entertainment with a surprising array of talent amongst the Clan members. Best act was surely Holley Chant's (U.S.A.) description of her trip from Los Angeles to Colonsay. Bob McFie was M.C. and lead piper at these ceilidhs. On Tuesday night before we left for home we had a special surprise ceilidh kindly put on for us by the young islanders and can they dance!

Too, at our ceilidhs Charlie Rhodarmer (U.S.A.) who is curator of the Scottish Tartan Society Museum in Franklin NC. U.S.A. gave interesting demonstrations of how to fold the old kilt - a most useful garment, good for keeping one warm if you're sleeping in the open of a night, isn't it Charlie?

All these ceilidhs ended about midnight, but the partying didn't - four a.m. would be a more likely time. Probably 40 or 50 of our 161 Clan members were in their twenties or early thirties which augers well for the Clan as they were a great group, and they certainly knew how to enjoy themselves, day or night, in the flats, cottages and hotel - often aided and abetted by some of the oldies - and they even partied on in Glasgow the night after we left Colonsay and the following weekend in London, I believe, and that too, augers well for the Clan.

Saturday afternoon saw the first of Andrew and Vanessa Duffy's flair for organising with a well conducted clay pidgeon shoot and treasure hunt.

Sunday was a busy day starting with a pre-dawn climb to the top of Dun Eibhinn to the site of the ancient Macfie fort. Led by the Ceann-Cath and Piper Gary MacPhie (Singapore), thirty one members witnessed a red sunrise to another beautiful day and celebrated accordingly.

The Church Service on Sunday morning was conducted by the Rev. John Tiernay who was assisted by Rev. Jim McAfee (U.S.A.), was a special occasion too, as Sandy and Roseanne Main (Scotland) had young daughter Ailsa, baptised into the Church.



We gave Col Kitto's descendants a good Macfie greeting



Dreghorn Macfie descendants Jen Main (Scotland) Aggie and Bengt Ohman (Sweden) Roseanne, Ailsa and Sandy Main (Scotland)

The Clan picnic on Sunday was rather scattered, but the sports day to follow wasn't, with four teams competing - The Old World, The New World, the Down Unders (who might have won if they hadn't been standing on their heads and an old (?) member hadn't broken down in the 100 yds. dash for men) and the Islanders. The New World were the winners on the day. The Tugs-of-War were the most strongly contested events with New World winning the mens' and the Ladies title going Down Under.

Kevin Byrne from the Hotel gave members an interesting talk on Colonsay on Day 1 and continued with escorted walks to island beauty spots each morning at 6.15 a.m. Those who made the walks with Kevin, and there were many, gained that little extra from their visit to Colonsay. Kevin also took boat trips out to see the Atlantic seal colonies.

On one special trip he took a small group of us ashore to find Chief Malcolm's hiding place on the most south westerly island off the tip of Oransay. History has it that Col Kitto's lot were looking for Malcolm but couldn't find him and were leaving when a seagull started screeching and hovering above some seaweed. They investigated and found Malcolm beneath the weed - and took him away to his death. The ledge is not visible from above or from the sea, it is covered by water at high tide. I found just one such ledge where a man could shelter and am confident it is the place from where Malcolm was taken.

Apart from MacTavish's Kitchen the Clan had two social functions as such. A Clan Commander's Reception at the Colonsay Hotel on the Thursday and a

Clan Luncheon at the Hall on the Tuesday. We had Lord and Lady Strathcona, owners of Colonsay, with us as guests at the Reception. At the luncheon Leith Brew (New Zealand) gave an inspired address to the haggis at the commencement of the meal.

Wednesday the 8th was our departure day. The weather had deteriorated and the sea looked rough for our crossing back to Oban, but the trip was uneventful. Some members stayed a few extra days on the Island, others, after fond farewells aboard quickly dispersed in Oban - after collecting their Sunday Times.

You see the press had been with us during our week. Grampian TV and Scottish World had seen us off in Oban. A German TV crew did too, and then came to the Island for a few days filming - all part of being an E.E.C. country I expect. Then the Sunday Times in Scotland came out by float plane for the day on Friday. We made the front page and two centre pages of their magazine that weekend! Since arriving home I have discovered we were also mentioned on the BBC short wave programmes during the week. We had our own TV crew there filming for our much awaited Video record of the Gathering. Copies of this can be obtained through the Clan Society in Scotland.

Looking back I can't help but feel tremendously pleased with the way all the arrangements worked out. So much can be planned from here, but it was due to fine tuning by the co-ordinators, Iain and Fiona McFie, in Scotland and their helpers that ensured overall success for the Gathering.



Gathering Co-ordinators Fiona and Iain McFie (Scotland)

Too, in this context, we must thank so many of the Islanders for their assistance, acceptance and warm welcome to the Clan. Eleanor McNeill with the

accommodation, Hugh McNeill and Graham Grant our tractor drivers to Oransay, Brian Smith and the Standing Stone, Mary McKinnon and Margaret Smith and others at the Pantry, Kevin and Christa Byrne at the Hotel and Georgina Hobhouse too, Jenny from the Hotel who M.C.'d the Tuesday night ceilidh with fiance Hugh, and our two indispensable bus drivers,

Duncan from the Hotel and Charlie McKinnon with our own (almost) Clan Island bus! And others too --

To all of them, and to all of you, Thank You for making the week's programme come alive and be the success it was. I'll be back - and I'm sure all of you will be too, if at all possible.

Sandy McPhie, Ceann-Cath



Some of all of us with Charlie's Island bus

OUR CLAN SOCIETIES

If you are not already a member of one (or more) of our Clan Societies around the world, what about joining one and supporting Clan Macfie? The following members can help:

SCOTLAND: Bob McFie, 26 Verona Ave. Scotstoun, Glasgow. G14 9EB

CANADA: Miss Sylvia McPhee, Suite 123, 1 Benvenuto Place, Toronto. Ont. M4V 2L1

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SWEDEN: Ulf Hagman, Bavergiljan 12, 451-54, Uddevalla

NEW ZEALAND: Eric Wadsworth, 37 William St., Petone

AUSTRALIA: Helen McPhie, 8 Panorama Cres., Toowoomba, Q. 4350

DONATIONS TO CLAN FUNDS

Following the list of donations from U.S.A. members in the last Clan News, we now list donations received from members in Australia.

Neil McPhee, Lower Templestowe, Vic. (3)

Angus McPhee, Caulfield South, Vic.

Barbara McPhee, Ryde, NSW (4)

Ross McPhee, Red Hill, Vic.

Anne Sundstrup, Launceston, Tas.

Keith McPhee, Niddrie, Vic. (2)

Eddie & Beverley Fee, Kenmore, Q. (2)

Dr. Ian McPhee, La Trobe Univ. Vic. (2)

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Norman & Heather McPhee, Kogarah Bay, NSW

Mrs. Bve Mason, Roseville, NSW

Brian McPhee, Stonyfell, S.A. (2)

Florence Fitzpatrick, Springwood, NSW

Angus McPhee, Blanora, Q.

Dr. Cameron McPhee, Corinda, Q.

Mrs. Aileen McPhee, Toowoomba, Q.

Paul & Susan McPhie, Cooma, NSW

Clyde & Barbara Snythe, Turrannurra, NSW (2)

Mrs. Jessie Bouch, Bast Bentleigh, Vic.

Mrs. Gwen McPhie, Berkeley Vale, NSW (3)

Miss Kay McPhee, Black Rock, Vic.

Miss Lorraine McPhee, Toowoomba, Q. (2)

Colin McPhee, Novar Gardens, S.A.

Russell Mattocks, Balgowlah Heights, NSW (3)

Trevor McPhee, Karrinyup, W.A.

Mrs. Merle Kaluza, Benowa, Q.

Robert McPhee, Vermont, Vic.

Bob McPhee, Windsor, Q.

Colin & Sally McPhee, Mildura, Vic.

Mrs. Heather Cork, Dorrigo, NSW

Mrs. Joan Read, Gladstone, Q.

John & Phyllis McPhee, Lathlain, W.A.

Trevor Phee, Hamilton, N.S.W.

Glen McPhee & family, Svatt, ACT

Miss Beryl McPhie, Croydon, Vic.

Malcolm McPhee, Young, Vic.



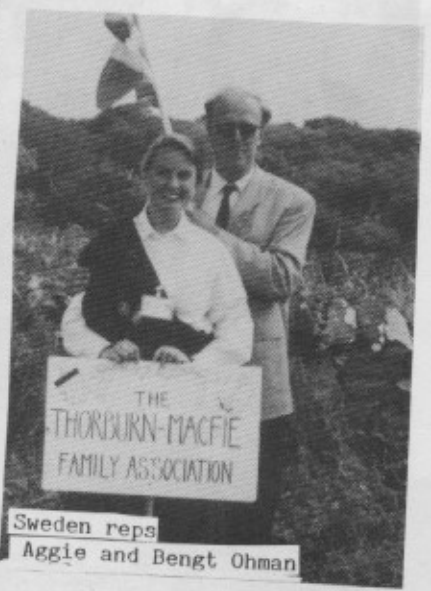
Opening of Clan Parliament (1 to r) George Roussos (USA)
 Ceann-Cath Sandy McPhie (Australia) Sylvia McPhee (Canada)
 Lorraine McPhee (Australia) Bruce McDuffie (USA)



Shirley Pearson and Rev Jim McAfee (USA)



Bruce McDuffie with the MacDuffie Staff at Oronsay



Sweden reps
 Aggie and Bengt Ohman



The New Zealanders



Leith Brew (NZ) giving the Haggis a proper
 addressing at the Clan lunch - Piper Bob
 McFie (Scotland) looks on



The United States contingent



Ceann-Cath Sandy McPhie and Piper Gary MacPhie (Singapore) at dawn on top of Dun Eibhinn



The Canadians



Our most senior visitor, Jessie Devlin (Scotland) with son-in-law George Roussos (USA) and daughter Anne Cameron (Scotland)



Ceann-Cath Sandy McPhie on the ledge where Chief Malcolm was hiding when captured in 1623



Jean McPhee and Peter MacPhee (Canada) at the Standing Stone ceremony

Let illegal migrant stay — chaplain

THE WEST AUSTRALIAN WEDNESDAY JULY 31 1991

By LEEROY BETTI

A PRISON chaplain has appealed to Federal Immigration Minister Gerry Hand to allow an illegal migrant threatened with deportation to stay in WA.

John Harte, a chaplain at Canning Vale remand centre, appealed to Mr Hand yesterday morning on behalf of James Boyd McPhee.

Later in the day, McPhee was convicted by a Perth District Court jury of illegally entering Australia in November.

Mr Harte asked Mr Hand to consider granting McPhee permanent residency.

He said McPhee had been denied natural justice and criticised the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs for its handling of the matter.

Judge Nigel Clarke said McPhee, 35, of Kathleen Avenue, Maylands, had a strong case on moral grounds to be allowed to stay in Australia.

But the judge said McPhee had committed a crime against the Australian people by illegally entering the country.

He said a sentence was needed which would deter others.

McPhee, a British citizen who spent his early childhood in Australia, was sentenced to a year in jail, but will serve only one month because of time he has spent in custody.

Judge Clarke ruled that McPhee would then be released on a two-year good behaviour bond, until immigration authorities decided his fate.

McPhee, who has been fighting for Australian resident status since his parents took him to Britain in 1971, has been deported twice before and the Department of Immigration, Local Government and Ethnic Affairs wants to deport him again.

McPhee, who defended himself, told the court his parents had taken him from Australia when he was 16, against his will and without the government permission required because he had been made a ward of state.

McPhee said he was not proud to be a British citizen and had tried to withdraw his British citizenship status in 1989.

"My crime is I wanted to come back to my country, my home and my sister," he said.

McPhee had told the court how he paid to be brought to Australia by boat from Thailand and was dropped on a beach near Darwin under cover of darkness.

Judge Clarke said anyone hearing McPhee's case would have a great deal of sympathy for him.

VALE

With regret we report the death of Ena McPhee (Q77-234) of Dalby, Q. on 13th August this year. Ena was the widow of the late Victor McPhee (Q74-013) our first Clan Armiger in Australia. The Clan Society's condolences have been extended to the family.

(Our March '93 Newsbulletin (No. 65) carried a pattern for crocheting a Macfie Tartan Rug. The pattern was worked out by Ena and sadly, this was not acknowledged at the time.)

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription Notices are attached for those members who remain unfinancial for 1993. Please give them your prompt attention. 1994 Rates remain at \$6 per person or \$12 per family resident at the one address.

Payment of any number of years in advance is always acceptable. Fully Paid Membership is still available too, if you are interested - \$80.00 for those over 50 years of age and \$100.00 for those under 50.

SAD STORY - HAPPY ENDING

The stories left (July 1991) and below (May 1993) record a happy ending to the traumatic battles over the past 22 years by one James McPhee now (legally) of Perth, W.A. to be a resident of Australia.

Deported man back for good

W.A. Sunday Times 23 May 93

By MARTIN SAXON

THREE-TIME deported migrant James McPhee flew into Perth yesterday, having won his 23-year fight with immigration authorities for permission to live in Australia.

It was a victorious homecoming for Mr McPhee, 37, who had vowed when he was last deported in October 1991 that he would return.

"Indescribable," gasped Mr McPhee as supporters cheered him into the arrival lounge at Perth airport.

"I'm very, very happy. My dream's come true. It's been worth the wait. Finally I got what I wanted."

Supporters said it was a moral victory for the British-born battler they say has been crucified by the Immigration Department for more than 20 years.

Sporting a specially-made Australian crest on his jacket, Mr McPhee proudly showed his stamped passport to supporters.

He said he could not have succeeded without their help and the help of several politicians.

Georges Tee without the fear of someone tapping me on the shoulder," he said.

"I can't describe it. I've always felt Australian in my heart. Now I'll be able to prove it."

Mr McPhee said his first task would be to find a job.

In England, he has worked as a manager in the hospitality industry, has run a Radio Lollipop station in a major London hospital and has been a bingo caller. He is also good with computers.

He said he was considering setting himself up in business as an independent immigration adviser.

"I'm also going to get Australian citizenship as soon as I can," he added. "And I'm going to write a book - as soon as I can get a word processor."

Mr McPhee came to Australia as a child and was a permanent resident and WA ward of state until his parents took him illegally out of the country and back to England - against his wishes - when he was 15.

Since 1971, he has been trying to get approval to return to the place he calls home.

He has been back three times and deported three times.

After his first deportation, he camped outside outside Australia House in London for several months mounting a hunger strike in protest.

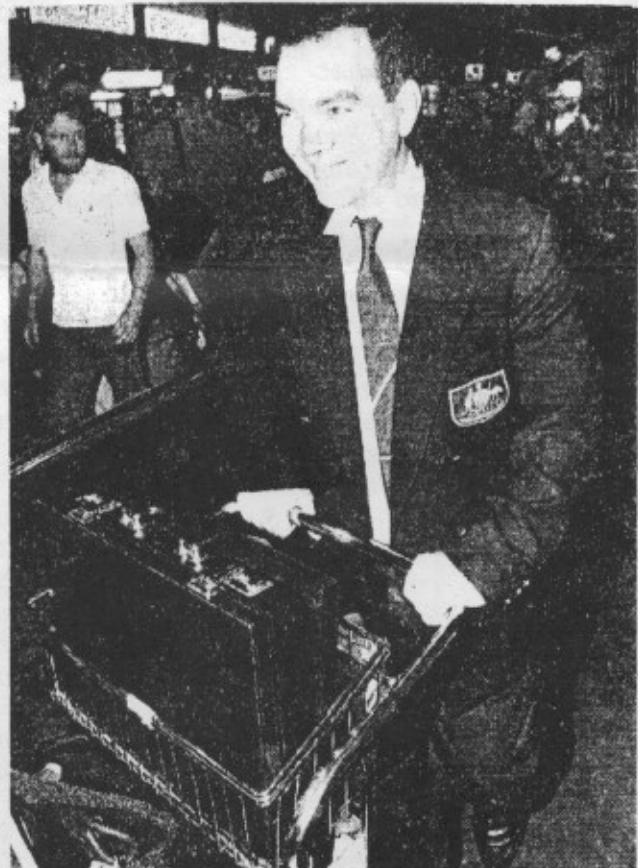
In 1987 he returned a second time on a false passport.

After two unsuccessful legal challenges, in which a Federal Court judge criticised the Immigration Department, Mr McPhee was deported again in August 1989.

Immigration officials admitted at the time there were humanitarian reasons to allow Mr McPhee to stay. But they continued to refuse permission.

In late 1990, in desperation, he entered Australia illegally again, hiring a boat in Thailand to drop him on a secluded Darwin beach at night.

He was arrested a few months later and spent months in jail before being deported again despite a protest demonstration outside the Immigration Department by WA's Catholic, Anglican and Uniting churches.



□ Home sweet home... James McPhee turns a delighted smile on support at Perth Airport yesterday. Picture - NORM BAILLY

HISTORY OF CLAN MACFIE SETTLERS IN AUSTRALIA



A little progress has been made here, but not much. With the Clan Gathering on Colonsay and all the additional paperwork it generated both before and after the event, it's not surprising the History took a back place.

Timing now is for letters seeking contributions on your family's history to go out early in the new year to known descendants of "Macfies" who arrived last century. A list of those contacted will be included in the next Newsbulletin No. 68 - (March '94) - if we miss you, please feel free to join in and contribute.

COLONSAY BOOKLETS

George Roussos (Z91-757) of Fayetteville, N.C., U.S.A. put together an interesting booklet on Clan Macfie, Colonsay and Oronsay for members attending this year's Gathering. It covers Clan History as well as dealing with the two islands and includes maps and photographs for walks to points of interest. Secretary Helen has copies available at \$6.00 posted if you would like one.

THEY CAN'T BE FAIR DINKUM!

This item appeared in a Veteran Affairs publication and might or might not be true -

"Aboon Them A" Ye Tak Your Place" - Robert Burns

"The British Medical Journal", a publication famous for its science but little known for whimsy, has broken new ground in both fields.

In a recent issue, the scholarly journal carried a report on the health effects of haggis, Scotland's national dish. The researchers concluded that Scots should continue to eat it, in spite of its high fat and salt content. Whether foreigners should do so was left unclear.

The scientists described their work modestly as "ill-conceived and badly designed, but brilliantly executed... We studied 16 healthy male volunteers (that is, conscripted medical colleagues), including six expatriate Scots and 10 Sassenachs," the report said. Sassenach is a somewhat pejorative Scottish word for the English, the Highlands equivalent of Pom.

Each "volunteer" ate 200 grams of haggis for breakfast, with apple or orange juice "to help swallowing, but whisky was withheld until the end of the study", the report said.

The experimental dose of haggis was made from a traditional recipe and contained lambs' heart and lungs, pigs' liver, beef suet and coarse oatmeal. The mixture is cooked, minced and seasoned with salt, black pepper, coriander and ginger, then boiled in a sheep's stomach.

The volunteers' blood was then tested periodically for fat content. The tests indicated that within 90 minutes of the meal, the level of certain blood fats rose sharply in the Sassenachs. But the Scots seemed resistant, the researchers said, adding that "the reasons are now the subject of intense speculation".

"The Scot who showed the greatest postprandial fall in triglyceride concentration spent the interval between the 30 and 90 minute samples performing cardiac surgery, which suggests that this may have a protective effect," the report said. "But the practice of cardiac surgery could hardly be advocated as a mass preventive measure."

The author speculated that Scots may have evolved a genetic tolerance to haggis and that this might be implemented by "autoregulation of intestinal haggis receptors (should they exist) or depression of alternative catabolic pathways for haggis".



**JANET REAKES
FAMILY
TREES**

THE ITEM LEFT is from the Queensland Sunday-Mail of 18th July 1993. Janet Reakes runs a most useful Family Trees Column each Sunday for genealogy buffs.

**Go west
for gold,
was cry
of 1800s**

THIS past week I have been lecturing in Western Australia.

WA was the third state to be settled (NSW in 1788, Tas 1803 and WA 1829). It was also the last convict state, receiving its first batch of convicts in 1850.

Due to the gold strikes throughout the latter part of the 1800s many people from the eastern states and overseas poured into the area.

If your great-grandfather "disappeared" in the late 1800s consider searching the WA death indexes.

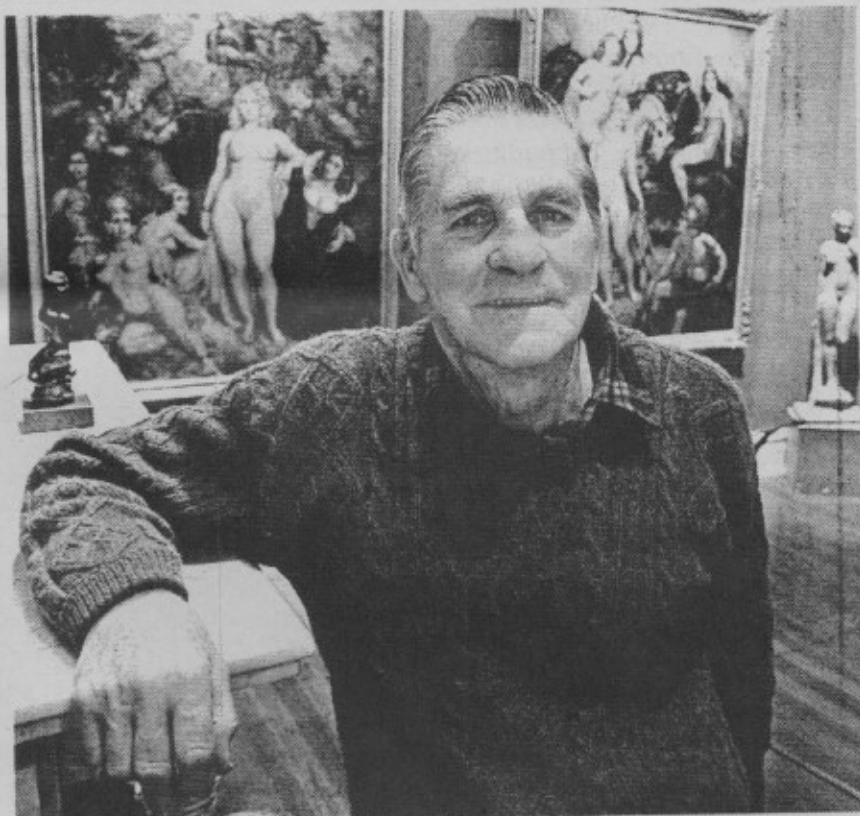
The main genealogical society (WAGS) is at Unit 5/48 May Street, Bayswater, 6053.

The State Archives and State Library are both in the Alexander Library, Francis Street, Perth, 6000.

The WA birth, death and marriage indexes are not as informative as our Queensland ones. However, their certificate information improved in 1896 to bring the details required to be registered in line with information on Queensland certificates.

There is also an excellent set of books called *The Dictionary of Western Australians*, which you can access through larger council libraries and genealogy societies. It gives a pocket biography of the early residents of WA.

**When
Harry
met
Norman**



Harry McPhee . . . "I was just lost for words"

It is not everyone who gets to work with nude women all day and then receive an Order of Australia Medal for it.

Yet that has been the lot of Harry McPhee, 71, the long-serving caretaker of the Norman Lindsay Gallery at Faulconbridge.

His efforts in caring for the art collection of his former employee and friend were recognised in the Queen's Birthday honors list.

"I just took the letter in with the mail as normal and read everything else first — when I got to it I was just lost for words," he said.

The award followed nearly 21 years of maintaining the gallery lawns, making

frames and, most recently, conducting guided tours of the site and welcoming visitors.

He and his wife Gloria also hosted the film crew producing the movie *Sirens*, a fictitious account of the Lindsay family's life.

"The crew were marvellous," Mr McPhee said. "We met all the stars — Elle [McPherson] did not affect

me the way she does some of them."

Classed as crew members, the McPhees received a call sheet each day and had meals with the cast and production crew.

The relationship with Lindsay and his wife Rose began after the Lindsays came to the area in 1912, a year after the McPhees moved to Springwood.

A regular visitor to the town,

the artist was described by Mr McPhee's mother as "that rude Mr Lindsay who painted nudes".

"He was so controversial galleries would not show his paintings — they would turn them to the wall," he said.

But now, after 21 years of tending to paintings, gardens and Lindsay's home, Mr McPhee has decided to retire.

THEY'VE MOVED

Ronald McCathie (W92-775) from City Beach in Perth, W.A. to 8/108 Broome Street, Cottesloe, W.A. 6011 — which is still in Perth.

Trish Wall (Q85-556) from Curzon Street to 6 Roderic Court in Toowoomba, Q. 4350.

Shirley Dickson (V83-515) from Hill Avenue to 3 Orchard Avenue in Keith, S.A. 5267.

Claire McGuffie (N74-061) from Haberfield in Sydney, N.S.W. to 4/59 Wrights Road, Drummoyne, N.S.W. 2047 — another Sydney suburb.

Colin and Elizabeth McPhee (N74-069 and N88-650) from Kalkite in Southern N.S.W. to 28 Kanangra Crescent, East Jindabyne, N.S.W. 2627 — still in the snow country.

GENERAL NOTES

* FOR SALE Martha McPhee (V76-226) of 3 Russell Street, South Caulfield (Vic) 3162 (Tel: 03 578-9980) has two Macfie kilts for sale, made by John Morrison (Edinburgh) and have never been worn.

- a. Highland Dancing Kilt 30" long on a bodice Price \$50
- b. Ladies Full Kilt 26" waist, 23½" length Price \$60

Contact Martha direct if you are interested or require further details.

* A COINCIDENCE. In our last Newsbulletin we reported the wedding of Barbara McPhee (N74-079) and Jim Knowles on 24th April this year. Long standing member Heather (McPhee) Knowles (Q76-222) of Brisbane wrote that there was an earlier McPhee-Knowles wedding on 20th October 1947 to be exact, when she was a sister at Roma Hospital, Q. and married George (Sandy) Knowles (Q84-545) in Roma.

* Cheryl Threadgold (V77-289) of Black Rock, Vic., has produced a second volume of The Riddle-o-Pedia, an entertaining encyclopedia of riddles for all ages. Cheryl appeared on national T.V. to promote the volume - this one in a blue cover, the first volume has a yellow cover.

* In Newsbulletin No. 64 (Nov '92) we had a cartoon of Hagar the Horrible about to attack Colonsay House - Ulf Hagman in Sweden sent this cartoon of the follow-on for their Hagbard's surprise reception.

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* Congratulations to Darlene McPhee (A93-798) of Canberra who has graduated with a Degree in Nursing from the University of Western Sydney and to Katrina McPhee (Q76-165) formerly of Toowoomba, Q., but now working in Sydney and living in Petersham, who was 21 on the 16th October.

* A Mrs. Kath Baker of Berwick, Vic. has really enlarged on the late Ena McPhee's initiative (page 13) with her Macfie tartan crochet pattern. Kath has developed over 180 different patterns for tartan rugs and crocheted over 52 of them herself! Most rugs measure about 125 cm. square and are fairly easy to make provided the pattern is followed. Now she has published them in a 91 page book - which may be ordered from her at P.O. Box 136, Beaconsfield, Vic. 3807. Cost is \$12.00 posted.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who have joined the Clan Society since the last Newsbulletin - four of them joining while on Colonsay for the Clan Gathering in September.

- S93-814 Mrs. Judy Moore, 34 Lakeview Crescent, Highbury, S.A. 5089
- Q93-815 Mrs. Winifred Gilchrist, 161 Stanhill Road, Chevron Island, Q. 4217
- Q93-816 Mrs. Aileen Tucker, 17 Pebble Beach Drive, Runaway Bay, Q. 4216
- Z93-817 Rev. Jim McAfee, 7501 Hickery Ridge Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 U.S.A.
- Z93-818 Terry Schoolcraft, Box 115, Lower Salem, OH 45745 U.S.A.
- Z93-819 Allen Miller, 518 North Walnut, Olathe, KS 66061 U.S.A.
- Z93-820 Robert McPhee, 409 Douglas Avenue, Richland, WA 99352 U.S.A.
- W93-821 Mrs. Margaret McPhee, 5 Elizabeth Street, Nedlands, W.A. 6009
- V93-822 Mrs. Karen Lynn, 4 Stephen Street, Montmorency, Vic. 3094