

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3rd May 1974)

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Australian Macfies at the Atlanta Gathering Oct '95, Merilyn (Ann) and Brian McPhee of Adelaide with Clan Commander Sandy McPhee



AT SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK 1995. ABOVE: Historian Norah, and Clan Commissioner in Australia, Sandy McPhee (Mt Vincent). TOP RIGHT: Commissioner Sandy McPhee, Clan Commander Sandy McPhee and wife Helen at Rawson Park. BELOW: Clan Macfie Tent at Rawson Park (l to r) Clan Commander, Norah McPhee and Gwen MacLennan



Remembrance Day Service, Melbourne, Nov '95, Clan Soc V-P Peter McPhee with his wife Barbara and Bernie McPhee



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Enclosed with this Newsbulletin is an invitation to all Clan members to assist with the purchase of some land on Colonsay for the Clan.

This unique opportunity came up late last year and is one, I believe, we should act upon if at all possible. As far as I can determine the price, though dear by our standards, is a competitive one.

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Unlike the Hotel proposal last year which was for expressions of interest to form an ownership company through the issue of debentures, this is a straightforward request for donations by Clan members worldwide to buy land on our "Home"

The land will be held by a Trust in perpetuity for the Clan. The ultimate aim will be to build there, and yes, a lot of money will be required. Please give the request every consideration and ensure your Macfie relatives, friends and acquaintances who are not Clan Society members, are made aware of this significant project.

The Newsbulletin contains details of arrangements for our Biennial General Meeting weekend in Brisbane on 25th and 26th May. A comprehensive and moderately priced programme has been worked out with interesting (and suitable) venues for the major functions on the weekend - the Meeting, Clan Luncheon and Ceilidh on Saturday 25th and the Clan Picnic on the Sunday. Please complete the attendance registration slip on page 3 of the Newsbulletin and return it, with your cheque, at your earliest convenience for a great Clan oriented weekend. Prior bookings are essential by the RSVP date in early May to secure our reservations.

Also included in the Newsbulletin are details of several proposed constitution amendments which have been brought forward by the Executive following a review of our Society constitution. They are fairly routine in nature.

Helen and I had an enjoyable, though at times hectic, visit to Sydney for Scottish Week last November. We attended some 19 functions in 10 days. Regrettably, Clan support was, very thin on the ground in most instances. My sincere thanks, though, to those who did rally to the cause and especially to Clan Commissioner Sandy and Norah McPhee, and N.S.W. Vice-President Geoff and Ruth McPhee for their unflagging efforts throughout the whole week to ensure we were looked after Clan-wise at all times.

A.C.T. Vice-President Glen McPhee - who was in Sydney too - held a Picnic Day for local Members at the Botanical Gardens in Canberra on 3rd February - a beautiful day with 50% of the A.C.T. membership present. Well done Glen! I wonder if we can match that over the BGM weekend in May?

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

A. C. (Sandy) McPhee
President and
Clan Commander

12 Feb 96

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The Secretary
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ELEVENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND BRISBANE, Q., 25th and 26TH MAY 1996

SATURDAY 25th
MIDDAY

Venue:- The Coach House, Early Street Village, 75 McIlwraith Avenue, Norman Park, East Brisbane, 4170. (Tel: 398 6866)
UBD Ref Map 27 K 6 - Gregorys Ref Map 155 D/E 4
Parking entrance in Katherine Street off McIlwraith Avenue.
Or take BBC Bus Nos 125, 145, 155 or 255 to stop 28A. Bus leaves from Ann St., King George Square, City.

Programme. 11:00 a.m. Assemble for tea, coffee
11:30 a.m. 11th Biennial General Meeting
1:00 p.m. Official Clan Macfie Luncheon (with Haggis and video of the offered land on Colonsay.)
2:30 p.m. Finish



SATURDAY 25TH
EVENING

Venue:- Queensland Irish Club, 179 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane City. (Tel. 221 5699) Parking Station opposite.

Programme:- 8:00 p.m. We join the Brisbane Combined Clans Pipes and Drums Pipe Band at their Annual Highland Debutante Ball, which is run much on the lines of a ceilidh with dancing, singing, bands etc. - an excellent and well attended night of entertainment plus a three course dinner.

SUNDAY 26th
ALL DAY

Venue:- Picnic and visit to historic St. Helena Island National Park in Moreton Bay, a former penal station. We will travel by large catamaran from Manly (Q. - not N.S.W.!) to and from the Island (30 mins each way).

Programme:- Depart Manly 11:00 a.m. on the "Cat-o'-Nine-Tails", return 4:00 p.m. Manly is 25 minutes drive from the city. Cost includes National Park entrance and two different conducted tours with horse drawn transport on the inland. **Note** Food and Refreshments are not available on the Island, but can be provided at a reasonable cost by the ferry operators. (See Attendance Slip)

DIARY DATES

18 FEB Scottish Gathering, Berwick, Vic.
9/10 MAR Pullen Family Reunion, Toowoomba, Q. (For information: Fred Pullen, Taree, N.S.W. Tel: 065 52-3520)

24 MAR Highland Games, Geelong, Vic.

31 MAR Highland Carnival, Ringwood, Vic.

5/8 APR Highland Gathering, MacLean, N.S.W.

13 APR Bundanoon, N.S.W. is Brigadoon that day. A.C.T. V-P Glen McPhee (Canberra) and others will be manning the Clan Macfie tent there. It is one of Australia's largest Scottish Gatherings.



20/21 APR McTaggerty Clan Weekend (see adjoining box)

4/5 MAY Aust. Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, N.S.W.

25/26 MAY The Macfie Clan Society of Australia Biennial General Meeting weekend, Brisbane, Q. See page 3 for details and attendance slip.

27 MAY

CLAN MACFIE DAY WORLDWIDE

24 NOV/1 DEC Sydney N.S.W. Scottish Week.

McTaggerty Clan Weekend & Ceilidh

20-21st April 1996
Yarrolyn Van Park, Taggerty
(Taggerty is about 18k south of Alexandra
and 51k north of Healesville.)

Accommodation: Yarrolyn Van Park has on-site cabins, on-site vans, powered and non-powered sites
Riverland Lodge (next door) has bunk-type accommodation

Planned Entertainment: Ceilidh/dance Saturday night, Other activities available: Tennis, swimming (pool), mini-golf, trampoline, golf, fishing, bush-walking, canoeing and horse riding

Enquires: Bob Johnston
66 Murray Road, Croydon VIC 3126
Ph: (03) 725-6016 or see Bob at the Clan Johnston tent at the Berwick, Nunawading, Ringwood or Geelong Gatherings.

Accommodation bookings:
Yarrolyn Park and Riverland Lodge
Ph: (057)74-7263
(Mention "McTAGGERTY" when booking)

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Eleventh Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held at The Coach House, Early Street Village, 75 McIlwraith Ave., Norman Park, Brisbane, Q., on Saturday, 25th May 1996, commencing at 11:30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Greeting and Welcome to Those Attending
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 10th BGM (1994)
4. Business Arising from the Minutes of the 10th BGM
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
7. Election of Executive Members for 1996-97 Term of Office
8. Proposed Amendments to the Clan Society Constitution (see page 6.)
9. General Business
10. Closure

- Notes**
1. Arrangements have been made with the Early Street proprietors for members attending the General Meeting to take tea or coffee at the Coach House from 11:00 a.m.
 2. The General Meeting will be followed at 1:00 p.m. by the Official Clan Luncheon.
 3. Full details of arrangements for the General Meeting weekend, and an attendance slip, are on page 3.
 4. No Agenda Items were notified to the Secretary by Members by the closing date, 2 Feb 96.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 1996/97 EXECUTIVE OFFICE

In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Clan Society Constitution, nominations for the following Society Executive positions for the 1996-97 Term of Office, are now called for:

President

Vice-President

State Vice-Presidents for

New South Wales

Victoria

Queensland

South Australia

Western Australia

Tasmania

Australian Capital Territory

Northern Territory

Treasurer

* Nominations close with the Clan Society Secretary at "Colonsay", MS 191, Cambooya, Q. 4358, on 23rd March 1996 and are to be in writing stating the nominee's name and nominated office. Nominations are to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination, and by the proposer and seconder.

* Only financial members of the Society are eligible to accept nomination for office, or to propose, second or vote for nominees for Office. In the case of State Vice-Presidents, a nominee for Office, the proposer and seconder, and all members voting, must be residents of the State concerned.

* Should a ballot be required for the election of any Executive Member, ballot papers will be mailed by 5th April 1996 and be returnable by 3rd May. Results will be notified at the Eleventh Biennial General Meeting on 25th May 1996 and the incoming Executive will take office on that date.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAN SOCIETY CONSTITUTION
FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE ELEVENTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING

The following proposed amendments to the Clan Society Constitution have been brought forward by the Executive following a review of the Society constitution.

1. Paragraph 8 Insert new sub-paragraph (6) to read:
"(6) Trustees: To be appointed as required by the Society Executive"
Renumber existing Sub-paras (6) to (8) incl. as (7) to (9) incl.
Reason: To include the Trustees already provided for in para 25 of the constitution, in the list of Office Bearers.
2. Paragraph 10 (i) Amend sub-paragraph (6) to read:
"(6) Clan Chief, Chieftains or equivalent appointments resident in
in Australia, and"
(ii) Amend Note i to read:
"When there is no Clan Chief, Chieftain or equivalent appointment
resident in Australia, the Society Executive may appoint a Seneschal to
act as Clan Leader in Australia"
The remainder of the note remains unchanged.
(iii) Amend Note ii in the second last line by inserting "Chief" before
"Chieftain" and "or equivalent appointment after "Chieftain".
Reason: To provide for other appointments in addition to a Chieftain.
3. Paragraph 11 (i) Renumber existing Para 11 to 11 (1)
(ii) Insert a new para 11 (2) to read:
"(2) When a meeting of the Society Executive is held, a record of
discussions is to be forwarded within 14 days to all members of the
Executive for ratification. A quorum at a meeting of the Executive is
to consist of not less than four members".
Reason: To formalise the distribution of Executive Meeting minutes and
provide for a quorum at such meetings.
4. Paragraph 13 (1) Add the following words:
"at a date and centre decided by the Society Executive"
Reason: To formalise the determination of the date and venue for a
General Meeting.
5. Paragraph 22 In line one before "Chieftains" insert "Chief" and after
"Chieftains" insert "or equivalent appointments"
Reason: To provide for other appointments in addition to a Chieftain.
6. After Paragraph 23 (i) Insert a new paragraph 24 to read:
"24. A Travel Fund is to be established to assist the Clan Leader to
attend sittings of Clan Parliament, and, when resident overseas, to
visit Australia on invitation from the Clan Society. The fund is to be
administered by the Clan Society Executive and contributed to by
approved methods including, if agreed, the allocation in any year of up
to 10% of annual subscriptions collected."
Reason: To give the required authority to establish and operate a Travel
Fund to assist the Clan Macfie leader with travel expenses to attend
sittings of Clan Parliament, or to visit Australia.
(ii) Renumber existing paras 24 to 28 incl. as 25 to 29 incl.

NEWSBULLETINS

Suggestions are trickling in for our Newsbulletin but "Newsbulletin" seems to be preferred. We'll summarise the suggestions and run them past you in the July issue. So if you have any ideas on what it should be called, there's still time to write. We exchange Newsbulletins with the following Clans in Australia: Armstrong, Cameron, Campbell, Donald, Donnachaidh (Robertson), Douglas, Elliott, Ferguson, Fraser, Henderson, Jardine, Johnston, Leslie, MacFarlane, MacKenzie, MacLean, MacLennan, MacNicol and Murray, plus all Clan Macfie Societies worldwide.

CLAN MACFIE NEWS



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March 1996

A busy 1996 is already underway for Clan Macfie. Claiming major attention this year will be the proposed purchase of land on Colonsay for our Clan. This rare opportunity arose late last year. It can only be achieved through generous donations by Clan members worldwide as Clan Macfie does not own any property and has virtually no funds of its own. The ultimate aim will be, of course, to build a Heritage Centre and accommodation on the land. I expect an appeal to be launched later in the year for donations and I commend it to all of you for generous support please.

In this latter context, I sincerely thank all Clan members who strongly supported our various activities last year - a further list of donors is on page 4 of this Clan News, along with financial statements for 1995 on page 3.

Last November Helen and I were official guests, along with the Earl of Haddington, at Sydney's Scottish Week - a unique honour for us, and for Clan Macfie, as it was the first occasion on which the Scottish Australian Heritage Council has had an Australian as an official guest. We had a busy but enjoyable time attending some 19 functions of one sort or another during the extended week.

This Clan News carries its usual variety of Clan oriented items. Amongst them I once again record the deaths of Clan elders - sadly missed, always remembered and their contributions to the Clan and Clan Societies thankfully acknowledged. The challenge is there, though, for next generation members to take up where these elders left off and to continue the advancement of Clan Macfie affairs worldwide. Please think about it and contribute whenever possible.



Clan Commander Sandy McPhie

Guests (left) at Sydney Scottish Week in November '95. (l to r) our Commander's wife, Helen, Clan Commander Sandy McPhie, Australia, and the Earl of Haddington, Scotland.

12th CLAN GATHERING AND 7th CLAN PARLIAMENT, SCOTLAND 23 MAY/2JUNE 1997

Clan Co-ordinators for the Gathering, Iain and Fiona McFie, Coulintyre, Kincaig, Kingussie, PH21 1LX, Scotland (Tel: 540 651-391) have arrangements well in hand and, when the winter freeze in Scotland finally departs, will be drafting and mailing registration forms to likely attendees. If you are not already on their list of firm or possible starters for '97, please contact them ASAP.

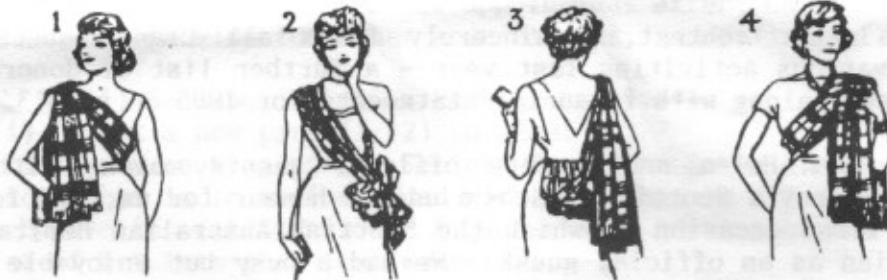
IN MEMORIUM

Dr. Robert Stanley McDuffie of Asheville, NC, U.S.A., the First President of the Macduffie/Macfie Clan Society of America, died on 16 December last year, aged 77. A brother of Bruce, Clan Commissioner in the U.S.A., Bob is survived by his wife, 3 sons and 1 grandson. He retained an active interest in Clan Society affairs following its foundation in 1962. His contribution over the following 33 years was most supportive and significant.

Mary Cathey Summers of Charlotte, NC, U.S.A. died on 24 December last year, aged 81. Mary, along with her cousin Boyt Cathey, had been one of the mainstays and driving forces of The Cathey Reunion Association for many years, handling all the general secretarial work and most genealogical enquiries. Mary is survived by her husband, Jay.

WEARING OF SASHES BY LADIES IN EVENING DRESS

The following illustrations bear the approval of the Lord Lyon King of Arms as an authoritative statement of the four accepted styles. Each style is clearly distinct from the others and by correct usage a lady, upon entering a social gathering, at once signals her status (or her husband's) to the assembled company.



No. 1 Style - worn by Clans-women: the sash is worn over the right shoulder, across the breast and secured with a brooch or pin on the right shoulder.

No 2 Style - worn by ladies who have left their Clan e.g. by marriage, and not entered another, and who wish to use their original clan tartan: the sash is usually longer than the No: 1 style and is worn over the right shoulder, secured there with a pin and fastened in a large bow on the left hip.

No. 3 Style - worn by country dancers or where any lady desires to keep the front of her dress clear of the sash (as e.g., when wearing the ribband of a chivalric order or any orders and decorations): this style is similar to the small belted plaid. It is buttoned on at the back of the waist, or is held by a small belt, and is secured at the right shoulder by a pin or small brooch so that nothing falls frontwards, the ends falling backwards from the right shoulder and swinging freely at the back of the right arm.

No 4 Style - worn by the hereditary Lady Chiefs and Chieftainesses of Clans (e.g. the late Dame Flora MacLeod of MacLeod) and by the wives of Clan Chiefs and Chieftains (e.g. Lady Agnew of Lochnaw). The sash is worn over the left shoulder, across the breast and secured with a brooch or pin on the left shoulder.

This style will but rarely be seen in Australia, as only four wives of hereditary Clan Chiefs or Chieftains reside here. Many, however, will have seen the Queen (the Sovereign being the Chief of Chiefs) and The Queen Mother wearing that style on television.

As can be seen, this is the only style in which the sash is worn over the left shoulder; this is to signal for clear recognition the presence of a lady of great consequence in Scotland's Clan system. Moreover sashes worn by these ladies are of greater proportions, 108 by 24 inches with 12 inch fringes, thus further distinguishing them from the clans-women who wear (in the other three styles) a sash of smaller proportions.

Clan Treasurer, Nevell McPhee (Australia) is in India at present on a three week visit with Toowoomba District Rotarians.

Clan Parliament Genealogy Chairman, Boyt Cathey (U.S.A.) will be attending the Cathey Valley Reunion in California in May and will then be off to Alaska with wife Mary-Grace, via the inshore waterways Canada's west coast.

Belle Brew, convenor of The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand, not the best after some illness last year, but recovering well with great family support.

CLAN MACFIE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 JAN - 31 DEC 95

RECEIPTS

EXPENDITURE

CLAN MACFIE DATES

WORKING ACCOUNT

Balance B/F 1 Jan 95	1425.70	Administration			
Per Capita Levies		Postage	190.30		
MacDuffie/Macfie C/S	136.86	Telephone	120.45		
Macfie C/S Australia	201.80	Print & Stationery	156.45		
MacFie C/S Nth. Am.	350.10	Repairs & Maint.	110.50	577.70	
McPhee C/S of N.Z.	135.06				
Cathey R. Assn. Membs.	159.04	Clan News			
	982.86	Printing (4 Copies)	394.50		
Clan News		Postage	1085.85	1480.35	
Membs. Don. Canada	100.00				
U.S.A.	21.00	Miscellaneous			
	121.00	Aust. Income Tax 93/94	40.90		
Donations		Aust. Income Tax 94/95	50.80		
Members U.K.	60.00	T'fer '94 A/c Interest	30.76	122.46	
Aust.	12.00				
U.S.A.	26.00	Balance C/F 31 Dec 95		465.05	
	98.00				
Account Interest	18.00				
	18.00				
	<u>\$2645.56</u>				<u>\$2645.56</u>

CLAN CAPITAL FUND

Balance B/F 1 Jan 95	17.56	Investment			
Donations		Additional Investment			
Clan MacPhee Alberta	50.00	Cwth Bank Term Dep	400.00		
McPhee C/Soc of N.Z.	94.63				
Macfie C/Soc in Canada	25.55	Balance C/F 31 Dec 95	42.85		
(in Memory of George					
Alfred McPhee of Toronto)					
Members - Australia	22.00				<u>\$442.85</u>
	192.18				
Miscellaneous					
T'fer '94 Int. ex					
Work A/c	30.76				
Term Deposit Int.	200.00				
Account Interest	2.35				
	233.11				
	<u>\$442.85</u>				

NOTE: Current Term Deposit with the Commonwealth Bank is for \$5,000 (Capital Fund \$4,400, Project Fund \$600) at 7.5% for 5 months maturing 10 Jan 96.

PROJECT FUND

Balance B/F 1 Jan 95	926.06	Investment			
Donations		Commonwealth Bank			
Members - Australia	82.00	Term Deposit	600.00		
	82.00				
Account Interest	14.05	Balance C/F 31 Dec 95	422.11		
	14.05				
	<u>\$ 1022.11</u>				<u>\$1022.11</u>

NOTE: Current Term Deposit with the Commonwealth Bank is for \$5,000 (Capital Fund \$4,400 Project Fund \$600) at 7.5% for 5 months maturing 10 Jan 96.

TRAVEL FUND

Donations - Members Australia	294.93	Advance to Clan Commander	216.00		
Repayment unexpended Commander					
Travel Advance 1995	614.41	Balance C/F 31 Dec 95	694.19		
	614.41				
Account Interest	.85				
	.85				<u>\$910.19</u>
	<u>\$910.19</u>				

NOTE: These Travel Fund transactions reflect only those amounts which were passed through the Clan Macfie Bank Account. Other donations by Clan Societies and members made direct to the Clan Commander during 1995 were reported in Clan News No. 14 (November 1995).

27th MAY
IS CLAN MACFIE DAY

23 March Clan Macfie Society Social Gathering, Luton, Beds. England. (Tel: 0540 651 391)

16 April 11 a.m., 250th Anniversary Commemorative Service, Culloden.

17/18 May Cathey Valley Reunion, California. The Cathey Reunion Association based in North Carolina visit their western cousins. Contact Barbara Tuck (209) 586-4012) or Carolyn Price (209) 722-0324) for further information.

25 May Clan Macfie Society Social Gathering, Fort William/Oban, Scotland.

25/26 May 11th Biennial General Meeting, Clan Luncheon, ceilidh and Clan picnic of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, in Brisbane, Q. (Tel: 076 30-9030)

13/14 July AGM MacDuffie/Macfie Clan Soc. of America and Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC, U.S.A.

Mid October AGM MacFie Clan Soc of North America and Stone Mountain Highland Games, GA, U.S.A.

26 October Clan Macfie Society Annual General Meeting and Social Gathering, Glasgow or Edinburgh (to be advised)

Late 1996 Annual General Meeting of Macfie Clan Society in Canada.

Where overseas cheques have been received, the above statements show nett amounts in \$ Australia. A total of A\$25.00 was deducted in bank fees on 5 overseas cheques.

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 Nevell McPhee
 Treasurer

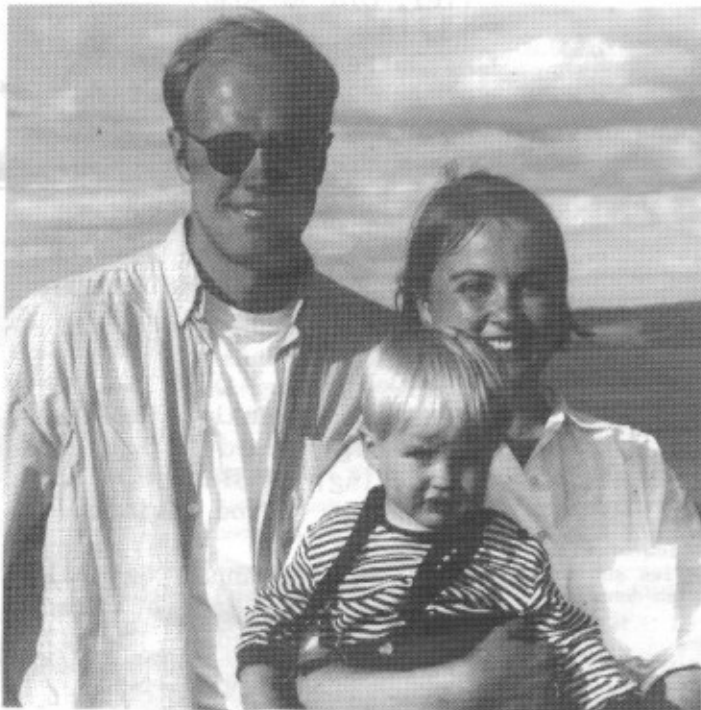
DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED

In addition to the list of donations to the Clan Commander's Travel Fund published in the March and November 1995 copies of Clan Macfie News, the following members and Clan Societies made donations to Clan Funds during 1995. All are sincerely thanked for their generous and welcome support.

Working Fund: Mr. & Mrs. R. C. McGuffie (Eng); Ruth McPhee (Aust); John McPhee (Aust); Allan McCarthy (Aust). Clan News: Mr. & Mrs. L. Root (Can); Ken McAfee (U.S.A.). Clan Capital Fund: Clan MacPhee Alberta; McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand; Macfie Clan Society in Canada (in memory of George Alfred McPhee of Toronto); Gladys McIntosh (Aust). Project Fund: Alec McPhee (Aust); Mrs. Nella Rutledge (Aust); Bruce McPhie (Aust); Philip Mackey (Aust). Commander's Travel Fund: Jan Harper (Aust); Gwen McPhee (Aust). Standing Stone Maintenance: The Macfie Clan Society of Australia; Bill McPhee and family (Aust); Elizabeth Warren (Aust); Peter McPhee (Aust); Beryl McPhie (Aust); Gary MacPhie (Singapore); Mr. & Mrs. Ross McPhee (Aust); Mr. & Mrs. John McPhie (Aust); Carol Cameron (Aust); Miriam McFee (Aust); Don McPhee and family (Aust).

CLAN MACFIE ASSOCIATES LTD INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at 7 Jan 93		350.10
21 Jul 93 The Macfie C/Soc Aust. - Donations		59.63
6 Aug 93 Member's Donation		50.00
6 Aug 93 Maintenance Materials	20.96	
30 Aug 93 Govt. charges, annual fees	32.00	
5 Oct 93 Donation, R. McPhee, Richmond, U.S.A.		6.00
5 Oct 93 Maintenance Material Cartage	27.40	
1 Dec 93 Account Interest		2.97
10 Oct 94 Annual Maintenance	50.00	
1 Dec 94 Account Interest		2.23
18 Jan 94 Govt. charges, annual fees	18.00	
11 Apr 94 Donation J. Macfie Ontario, Canada		10.00
27 May 95 The Macfie C/Soc Aust. - Donations	148.36	70.86
		551.79 -
Balance as at 27 May 1995		<u>£403.43</u>



*Clan Members
Bengt, Aggie and Emil Ohman, Sweden*



Down Mexico Way. Clan Commissioner in the U.S.A., Bruce McDuffie with wife, Winnie, and friend at Cancun, Mexico, for World Championship Duathlon and Triathlon races.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

As previously notified, the Clan Society membership subscription rates increased on 1st January this year to \$10 per member, or \$15 per family resident at the one address.

While it is regretted that these changes had to be made, they are necessary if the Clan Society is to remain solvent and meet its obligations in the wider Clan Macfie community. The last increase in our subscription rates was made in 1990. The new rates compare quite favourably with those of other Clan Societies in Australia.

For those members who paid their 1996 (and later) subscriptions in advance before the increase was announced in Newsbulletin No. 70 (Nov 94), letters are enclosed inviting them to make up the difference in fees. Where members paid 1996 (and later) fees at the old rate after the increase was notified, they will be billed for the difference.

As the family rate is now less than twice the single membership rate, all married couples will in future be billed at the family rate. Accounts for subscriptions are attached, please give them your early attention.

Fully paid membership is still an option should any members wish to avail themselves of this. The new rates are \$180.00 per member under 50 years of age and \$130.00 per member over 50 years of age. Annual Subscriptions at the new rates of \$10 and \$15 respectively for individuals and families can still be paid in advance. This does help the Clan Society with its financial management and is appreciated, thank you.

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Membership of the Clan Society stood at 493 as of 1st January 1996 - a decrease of 3 from the 1 Jan 94 figure, the number of new members just failing to offset those lost for one reason or another during the period. The following is a breakdown, by States etc., of these numbers:

	A.C.T.	W.A.	Q.	S.A.	TAS.	N.S.W.	VIC.	OVER-SEAS *	TOTAL
MEMBERS	15	24	110	30	5	133	98	24	439
UNDER 18	-	3	8	-	-	13	11	-	35
OVER 75 **	-	4	1	-	-	8	5	1	19
TOTAL	15	31	119	30	5	154	114	25	493

* Canada 3 plus 1 Honorary, Ghana 1, Malaysia 1, New Zealand 2 plus 1 over 75, Scotland 1 plus 2 Honorary, Sweden 1 Honorary, Taiwan 1, U.S.A. 10, Wales 1.

** Those over 75 who have claimed an exemption from the payment of annual subscriptions.

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Clan Macfie Gatherings and Clan Parliaments. Next year's Gathering, our twelfth, will be the 20th Anniversary of the first International Gathering of the Clan, which was held in Edinburgh in 1977 - and was the commencement of Clan Macfie's resurgence. Our first Clan Parliament was held in Edinburgh in 1981 with the Clan then being officially recognised once more as "an honourable community".

Clan Commissioner in Canada, Sylvia McPhee, has the unique distinction of attending all six Clan Parliaments and all but one of our International Gatherings.

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES



From our last Newsbulletin (No. 73, Nov 95) there were no claimants for the late Neil McPhee whose grave is at Mt. Cuthbert near Cloncurry, Q. Neil died on 21 Apr 1917. We are indebted to Wayne Tapp of Cloncurry for the adjoining photo of Neil's lonely grave. More luck though with McPhee's Barn at Newstead, Vic. The McPhee concerned was the g. grandfather of Jan Harper (V89-716) and Maggie Mulherin (V75-115) of Melbourne - Alexander (Sandy) McPhee (yes, another one!) migrated from Kinlocheil near Fort William, arriving in Australia in 1852. After a time at the goldfields he purchased land at Newstead. Coincidentally, his parents, Duncan McPhee and Mary Cameron, are amongst those listed on page 9 of NB73 as being buried in the Kilmallie Churchyard in Corpach - and the eldest son, John, listed as having erected their headstone, also migrated to Australia, to Newstead!

* Vicki Brown of Gympie, Q., forwarded brief details of a Captain McPhee who was involved in the Polynesian labour trade late last century. Taken from William T. Wawn's "The South Sea Islanders & The Queensland Labour Trade", there is mention of Captain McPhee and his iron schooner "Chance", formerly a yacht, and the smallest vessel in the trade, losing a boat when recruiting at Tanna Island. And later, of his schooner "Io" striking coral just outside the Great Barrier Reef and foundering in about ten minutes. The "Chance" also had been wrecked on Tongoa Is., in the New Hebrides and the crew narrowly escaped massacre by the natives.

There is no mention of McPhee being captain of the "Chance" at that time, though he may well have been. No mention either of where McPhee came from, or what became of him. Does anyone know?

* We're not always as successful as this - Madoline Hamill of Yelarbon, Q., wrote last year on behalf of a cousin, Flora McLennan of Stranraer, Scotland, aged in her mid 80's. They were trying to trace descendants of Flora's uncle Lachlan MacPhee who came to Australia as a sailor about the turn of the century, broke a leg and was hospitalised in Melbourne, and then became a Harbour Master in Victoria - or perhaps South Australia. There was some additional information, plus the comment that the Port Authorities in the two States had been unable to assist. But Clan Society records showed that a Lachlan William McPhee was Harbour Master at Port Germein in South Australia between the wars - the father of our present S.A. Vice-President, Ian McPhee, and the missing relative of Madoline and Flora.

* More McGuffies. Margaret Presnell of Mt. Gravatt, Q., came forward with brief details of her g.g.g. grandfather, a William McGuffie. His two daughters migrated to Australia, Elizabeth, b. 1803, arrived in 1844 with her husband George Ireland and six children while, Ann, b. 1806, widow of George Pearson, arrived in 1848 also with six children. Tracing these McGuffie descendants through the Ireland lines (5 boys, 1 girl) and Pearson lines (4 boys, 2 girls) would be a massive undertaking in itself.

New Organisation Launched

Comunn Gaidhlig Astrailia, a new organisation, has been formed in Sydney to promote the Gaelic language and Gaelic culture. Their particular concern is the welfare of Scottish Gaels who are a very special part of the wider Scottish community in Australia and indeed of the overall Celtic part of Australia. Their first newsletter spoke of the Celtic Centre being created at Glen Innes where there is to be found an outstandingly fine monumental commemoration of the Celtic contribution to Australia over 200 plus years.

It also highlighted work being done at the University of Sydney where Scots Gaelic is taught as part of the degree course in Celtic Studies. That particular course is very well supported by student enrolments. Regrettably finance is precarious, but the Celtic Foundation (another body) strives to overcome that problem so that courses will continue in the future.

The Celtic Council of Australia (embracing the Scots, Irish, Welsh, Cornish, Manx and Breton communities) is trying to start similar courses in Brisbane, Queensland and Geelong, Victoria. Presently there is a course in operation at Newcastle University.

The address of this new organisation is GPO Box 5289, Sydney, 2001, NSW and the phone contact number is 02 419 5024 (H) or 02 264 6447 (B).

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
STATEMENT OF CHEQUE ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
FOR PERIOD 1 JAN TO 31 DEC 1995

RECEIPTS

Balance B/F 1 Jan 95	175.64	
Subscriptions		
1994	108.00	
1995	1636.00	
1996	335.45	
1997	34.00	
1998	4.00	
Members Donations		
C/Soc General Fund	159.39	
Travel Fund	18.00	
Travel Fund	48.00	
Poetry Comp.	13.00	
Working A/c	12.00	
S/Stone Maint.	106.00	
Project Fund	48.00	
Capital Fund	22.00	
Cdr's Travel Fund	369.93	
Transfers Ex Savings Investment A/c		
18 Fully Paid M/ship 1995	108.00	
M/ship paid in adv '95	232.60	
S/Stone Maintenance	124.65	
** J. D. Lang Poetry Prize		
Receipts Banked	2890.00	
Sale 1 Carton Beer	35.00	
Sundry Items		
Fully Paid M/ship Sydney Scottish Week	80.00	
Raffle	38.00	
IGI Lists	11.00	
Trust Fund Interest	266.65	
Account Interest	12.64	
Debit Balance C/F 31 Dec 95		408.29
	18.88	
	<u>\$5906.83</u>	

THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
STATEMENT OF SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE
FOR PERIOD 1 JAN TO 31 DEC 1995

RECEIPTS

Balance B/F 1 Jan 95		
General Fund		
General Fund	1.64	
Trust Fund	13.20	
Fully Paid M/ships	171.38	
M/ship Paid in Adv.	388.66	
S/Stone Maintenance	36.66	611.54
General Fund		
Account Interest	.08	.08
Trust Fund		
AGC Deb Interest	132.00	
Metway Term Interest	39.82	
Member Donations	14.00	
Account Interest	1.49	187.31
Fully Paid Membership 1 FPM		
Suncorp Deb Interest	80.00	
Account Interest	91.30	
Membership Paid in Advance 1996		
Account Interest	2.47	173.77
Membership Paid in Advance 1997		
Account Interest	222.00	
Account Interest	10.00	
Account Interest	4.09	236.09
Standing Stone Maintenance		
Members Donations	88.00	
Account Interest	.43	88.43
Clan Society Travel Fund		
Members Donations	44.00	
Account Interest	.28	44.28
		<u>\$1341.50</u>

EXPENDITURE

General Expenses		
Postage	194.20	
Telephone	55.65	
Printing & Stationery	232.45	
Repairs & Maintenance	110.50	
Govt. Tax on W/drawals	10.90	603.70
Newsbulletins		
Printing	1110.00	
Postage	696.85	
Stationery	58.25	1865.10
Subscriptions		
* SAHC	20.00	
Australasian Highlander	14.00	
Clan Macfie Tree	16.50	50.50
** J. D. Lang Poetry Prize		
Transfers to Savings Investment A/c		2438.60
Donations -		
S/Stone	104.00	
Trust Fund	18.00	
Travel Fund	48.00	170.00
Fully Paid M/ships	80.00	
Subs Paid in Advance '96/'22 '97/'34 '98/'4	260.00	
Trust Fund Interest	266.65	776.65
Clan Macfie Payments		
Donations -		
Projects	82.00	
Travel	169.93	
Capital	22.00	
Working A/c	12.00	
Per Capita Levy '95	285.93	
	201.80	487.73
Sundry Items		
93/'94 Income Tax	64.90	
S/Stone Transfer	167.65	
Clan C/dr Travel (Members \$200.00 Society \$150.00)	350.00	
IGI Lists	10.65	
Tent Hire Sydney Scottish Week	91.35	684.55
		<u>\$6906.83</u>

INVESTMENTS

Trust Fund
Metway Bank Term Deposit \$2,250 8.5% matures 16 Oct 96
AGC Debentures \$2,000 6.6% mature 1 Apr 97

Fully Paid Membership
Suncorp Debentures \$1,100 8.3% mature 3 Feb 96

Lorraine McPhee
Lorraine McPhee (S77-287)
Treasurer

* Scottish Australian Heritage Council
** 1995 J. D. Lang Poetry Prize Balance Sheet attached

DONATIONS RECEIVED

In addition to the donations acknowledged in NBs 71 (March), 72 (July) and 73 (November 95) we acknowledge with sincere thanks, the following generous financial support for Clan Society affairs during 1995.

General Fund: Henry McPhie, Morphetville, S.A.; Mrs. M. Borkowski, Queanbeyan, N.S.W.; Bruce Macafee, Isaacs, A.C.T.; Heather McLean, Lindfield, N.S.W.; Maurine Cunningham, North Gosford, N.S.W.; Margaret Peters, Lota, Q.; Russell Mattocks, Balgowlah Heights, N.S.W.; Prof. Jack Cross, Underdale, S.A..

Trust Fund: Joan Read, Bulimba, Q..

Clan Society Travel Fund: Mr. & Mrs. Angus Cameron, Evatt, A.C.T..

A separate list of donations during the year to Clan Macfie funds is included in the Clan Macfie News section of this Newsbulletin.

MACLEAN, THE SCOTTISH TOWN IN AUSTRALIA.

Population 3,000, Located 650 km from Sydney, 300 km from Brisbane.
The town is the administrative centre of the Maclean Shire.

Principal Industries: Sugar cane farming, professional fishing, tourism.

The area is the site of the most southerly and one of the oldest sugar mills and refineries in Australia. It is the centre of the largest prawn fishing operation on the East Coast, and site of one of the first prawn farm operations in Australia.

History: The site of the town was surveyed in 1842, and given the name Rocky Mouth, due to the presence of rocks at the entrance to the south arm of the Clarence River. The town was laid out by Surveyor Greaves in 1862 and named Maclean after Alexander Grant Maclean, Surveyor-General of NSW, but the name was not adopted by the Post Office until 1885. The opening day for Free Selection on the Clarence was January 2, 1862, and a substantial number of those who took up land were Scottish Highlanders or their descendants who had come to the Colony of NSW under the scheme of Dr. Dunmore Lang. Many settled originally in the Hunter region but moved north during the 1860's. Most of these settled in the area of the township and north to Palmers Island, the Irish settled mostly in the Shark Creek area, and there was a cluster of Germans at Wombah. The title, Maclean, the Scottish Town in Australia" was adopted in 1987 to recognised Scottish traditions of the area. Maclean has since twinned with the town of Portree on the Isle of Skye, the town from which many of the earliest settlers sailed for their new home.

The Scottish Town: As part of the development of the theme, a small committee has developed a number of projects including the dual naming of a number of streets and parks in English and Gaelic, the construction of a memorial cairn in 1988, which includes some stones sent from Scotland, and the encouragement of local business houses to use the Scottish Town logo and the Maclean tartan on their stationery. The Maclean Post Office has a special cancellation on the same theme.

Major Activities: The town hosts every Easter an annual Highland gathering which will shortly celebrate its centenary. The Chamber of Commerce also mounts a special promotion to mark Tartan Day on July 1. The Annual Cane Harvest Festival, held in late September, is a major tourist attraction, with the whole town staging a wide range of cultural and sporting activities culminating with a shop dress-up day and street parade.

Additionally, thanks are extended to Sandy and Norah McPhee of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. for donating prizes and running a raffle during Sydney Scottish Week to help offset the cost of hiring a tent for the Highland Games at Rawson Park, Mosman, on the second Sunday.

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The marriage of Darlene McPhee (A93-792) and Russell Jones of Drury, New Zealand was celebrated in Canberra on 23 Sep 95. Darlene is the daughter of A.C.T. Vice-President Glen, and Glenda McPhee of Evatt, A.C.T. The newlyweds will be living in Drury.

VALE

With sorrow we record the deaths since the last Newsbulletin of the following members. Sympathy has been extended to the families concerned.

Mrs. Elizabeth McPhee Brady (N95-889) of Dorrigo, N.S.W. who passed away on 13th January this year, aged 89. Although Elizabeth only became a member of the Clan Society last year, her son, Jim Martin (Q95-890) of Wishart, Q., wrote ".....her membership was of great interest to her.....and contentment.....in her remaining months with us. She was a very proud McPhee".

Edward Hugh McPhee father of Doreen Gordon (Q82-512) of Mt. Gravatt, Q., and Duncan Hugh McPhee (Q88-673) of Victoria Point, Q., died in Queensland on 14th October last year, aged 90. Born at Wyrallah Rouse, Southgate, N.S.W., Edward came to Queensland when 19 years of age.

BALANCE SHEET FOR THE 1995 J.D. LANG POETRY PRIZE
AND ASSOCIATED CELTIC DINNER IN BRISBANE
27 MAY 1995

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Advance from General Funds	200.00	Repay General Fund Advance	200.00
Members Donations	13.00	Poetry Prize -	
Sponsorship -		Prize Money	200.00
McPhee Transport -		Medallions	40.18
Cash	200.00	Adjudicators -	
Port	60.00	2 Port @ \$20	40.00
Carlton & United		Raffle Prize	110.00
7 cartons Beer @ \$35	245.00	Dinner -	
Poetry Prize Entries - 43 @ \$5	215.00	Door Prize 1 Port	20.00
Dinner Tickets - 78 @ \$30	2340.00	1/2 Beer	17.50
Sale Raffle Tickets - 300 @ \$1	300.00	84 Meals @ \$18.60	1562.40
Sale 4 1/2 cartons Beer @ \$35	157.50	Sandwiches, Pipe Band	40.00
Pending sale 2 cartons Beer	70.00	Pre dinner savories	55.00
		Pre dinner drinks	149.80
	<u>\$3800.50</u>	Entertainment -	
		Music	200.00
		Dancers	100.00
		Postage -	
		Poetry Prize	101.99
		Dinner Notices	40.50
		Printing -	
		Poetry Prize	161.23
		Beer for resale -	
		4 1/2 cartons @ \$35	157.50
		Beer pending resale -	
		2 cartons @ \$35	70.00
			<u>\$3266.10</u>
Total Receipts	3800.50		
Less Expenses	3266.10		
NETT PROFIT TO CLAN SOCIETY	\$ 534.40		

1996 J. D. Lang Poetry Prize. Arrangements with sponsors have yet to be completed for the Clan Society's 1996 John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize. It is expected that the Competition will be conducted in two sections this year with entry forms available from Q'ld V-P Bob McPhee at 8 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, Q. 4342 (Tel: 074 66-5269) by mid-year.

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GENERAL NOTES

* Record Haggis. Those Trans-Tasman Haggis we mentioned in the last Newsbulletin - 110.3 kg in Dunedin and an attempted 170 to 200 kg one in

Auckland- are really babies. According to Scots Link, the largest Haggis on record weighed in at 630 lbs. (285.81 kg) and was made (brewed?) on 6 Nov 1986 by David A. Hall Ltd., of Broxburn, Linlithgowshire in Scotland. That leaves one wondering how many serves it represented, or even how much whisky the eaters would drink when disposing of it.....

* Our great mariner Brian McHaffie (S77-280) of Terranora Village, N.S.W., has joined the local Air, Sea, Rescue unit and this keeps his seafaring urges in check (wife, Cass, says) while at the same time, helping others.

* On the Internet. Clan Societies worldwide, and their contacts, are available on Internet. Also a World Wide Web site called "The Gathering of the Clans" - address for this is: <http://www.discribe.com/ea/world/scotland/clans.html>. We're not into this, so how do we know? Elliot Clan Society told us in their October Newsletter.

* In January President Sandy and Helen had a visit from Geaspar Byrne, 18 year old son of the owners of the Colonsay Hotel. Geaspar had travelled from Turkey, through Iran and Pakistan to Nepal in a converted truck and then flew on to Bali and Cairns before stopping off at Cambooya for some home cooking, washing and aiary updating. Then he was on to the Gold Coast ("Great, just as I expected"), Byron Bay and Sydney before leaving for Canada in mid February and eventually home.

* Are you an Ian McPhee with a wife named Hazel - or do you know of one? We have received a query from W. R. & G. M. Comber of 4 Woorill Court, Vermont, Vic. 3133 on behalf of an acquaintance in England. They are looking for a Hazel Kirk of Folkstone in Kent who was a WAAF in 1948, went to Singapore and married an Australian named Ian McPhee. They lived in Woollahra, Sydney, and had a son, Keith, born in the early 1950's. Replies direct to the Combers, please.

THINGS SCOTTISH SHOPS

- WHITE HEATHER P.O. Box 260, Alstonville, N.S.W. 2477
Telephone and Fax (066) 28-3683
- FAMILY CRESTS 28 The Rocks Centre
cnr Argyle and Playfair Streets
Sydney, N.S.W. 2000
Telephone and Fax (02) 241-2152
- HIGHLAND HOUSE 102 Cairns Terrace, (cnr Hayward Street)
(Brisbane) Red Hill, Q. 4059
(P.O. Box 280) Telephone (07) 3369-4014 Fax (07) 3217-5892
- HOUSE OF SCOTLAND 115 Whitehorse Road
Balwyn/Deepline, Vic. 3103
Telephone (03) 9817-5151 Fax (03) 9817-4596

THEY'VE MOVED

- * Bruce McFee (N93-825) from Kirribilli, N.S.W. across the Harbour to 19 Trelawney Street, Woollahra, N.S.W. 2025.
- * Alex McWilliam (Q74-076) from Broadbeach Waters on the Gold Coast to Villa 32, "The Lakes" Coolumb, Q. 4573, on the Sunshine Coast.
- * Mrs. Leanne Carpenter (W91-754) from Kingsley, W.A., to Block A, 21-3 Menara Bangsar, Jallan Marroff, Bangsar, 59100, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where husband, Greg, is handicapper for the Malaysian Racing Association -- Enjoy it there, Leanne.
- * Robert and Catherine McPhie (W88-674/5) from Connolly, W.A. to 41 Canterbury Circle, Currambine, W.A. 6028.
- * Former S.A. Vice-President Brian McHaffie and wife Cass (S77-280 and S77-396) are now in their new home "Que Sera Sera", 8 Merino Place, Terranora Village, N.S.W. 2486, on the N.S.W. far far north coast (i.e. walking distance of Q'ld)
- * Shirley Dickson (V83-515) and family have moved from Keith, S.A., to 6 Union Court, Naracoorte, S.A. 5271, where husband Graham is with Wesfarmers. Shirley continues to teach four days a week at Keith, but daughters Rowena and Alyssa are at Naracoorte High School.
- * Kelly McPhee (A93-793) from Canberra, A.C.T., to 1/17 Pynsent St., Horsham, Vic. 3400, where she travels throughout the western part of the State dealing with speech pathology matters for the Victorian Department of Education.

NEW MEMBERS

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

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| W95-900 | Mrs. Norma Dunn, 520 Geographic Bay Rd., Quindalup, W.A. 6281 |
| N95-901 | Rev. Les McPhee, 50 Sunshine Parade, Sunshine, N.S.W. 2264 |
| Q96-902 | Mrs. Katherine McPhee } |
| Q96-903 | Cameron McPhee } |
| Q96-904 | Jessie McPhee } |
| Q96-905 | Angus McPhee } |
| Q96-906 | Lincoln McPhee } |
- 18 Quail Street, Longreach, Q. 4730