

# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

(Founded in Richmond NSW on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1974)

## NEWSBULLETIN

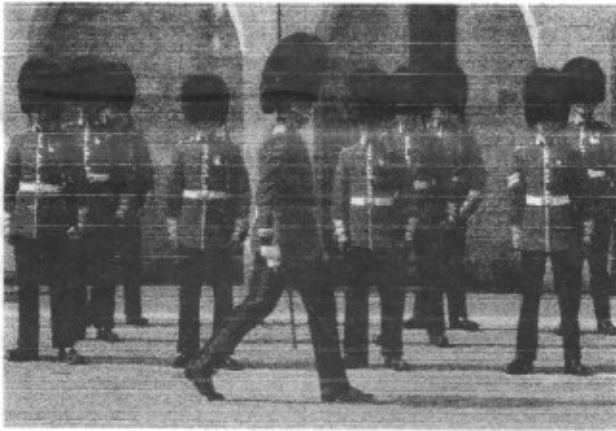
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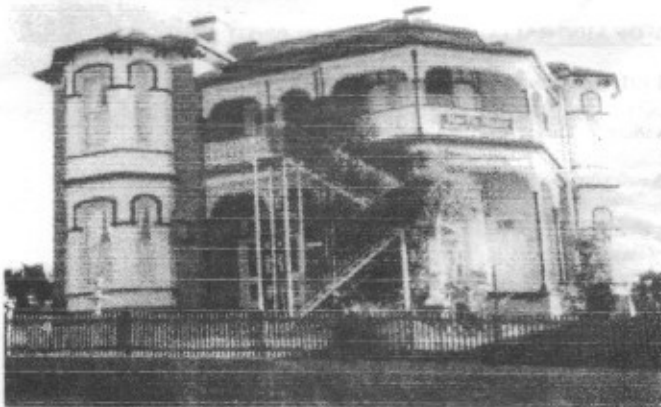
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The Secretary  
The Macfie Clan Society of Australia  
"Colonsay" MS 191  
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Scots Guards on duty at Windsor Castle. Only the Band of the Scots Guards wear the kilt at Windsor.

The official U.S. Post Office at Catheys Valley in California. Captain D. Cathey and 20 families came by wagon train to settle this area in 1852.



MacFie Manor, providing Heritage Accommodation is in Devonport, Tasmania, and it's in MacFie Street too!

The Macfie name is well known in Tasmania



## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



1997 is now well underway and Christmas '96 seems ages ago. Just around the corner is the International Gathering and Parliament of Clan Macfie in Aviemore, Scotland. A significant time for our Clan but, regretfully, one which few of us can attend from Australia given the high costs of travel.

We'll have eight or ten members in Aviemore representing the Clan Society and cementing contacts with other Clan members from around the world. A number of important matters will be considered in Parliament as we move ahead with consolidating Clan structure for the future.

Our Clan Society and other Societies, along with many Clan and Clan Society members, have generously made donations to help with Helen's and my travel costs to Scotland. We greatly appreciate this assistance and support, thank you.

Looking back '96 was a good year for the Society. Membership numbers were maintained, the increase in subscription rates has given us a more sound financial position, and we maintained our contacts etc., with our Clan and other Clan bodies. The outlook for '97 is for continued strong operation.

At the Biennial General Meeting in May I indicated that I would not be seeking re-election as President at the 1998 General Meeting. At the (then) age of 69, and after some twenty five years at the helm since formation of the Clan Society was first proposed, I feel it is time I had a break and time for new leadership for our Society. A "Brief" has been prepared outlining what is involved with running all facets of the Society's operation and copies are available for anyone interested.

At New Year Helen and I were delighted to have Gary, Barbara and Jameson MacPhie stay with us for several days while visiting Australia from Taiwan. Gary is a member of our Society, a Canadian national and a teacher at the American School in Taipei. Too, at that time of the year, we received many Christmas and New Year greetings from Clan and Society Members in Australia and overseas. Thank you for these, we greatly appreciated your good wishes and enjoyed hearing from you.

With best wishes for 1997. I'm sure it will be a good one for our Clan Society and for Clan Macfie.

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

1<sup>st</sup> March 1997

### 1996-98 - THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA - EXECUTIVE

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## THE FUNCTIONS PAGE

- 16 Mar Geelong Highland Gathering, Vic. (03 9898-2277)  
23 Mar Ringwood Highland Gathering, Vic. (03 9870 9117)  
28 - 31 Mar Highland Gathering, Maclean, N.S.W.  
12 Apr 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Highland Gathering, Bundanoon, N.S.W. (048 68 1774 or 83 4321 A/H)  
Look for the Clan Macfie tent there with N.S.W. Vice-President Geoff and Ruth McPhee (02 9533 4195) and Clan Commissioner Sandy and Norah McPhee (049 38 0350) in attendance.  
19 Apr Maryborough, Q., 150<sup>th</sup> Celebrations, Highland Games. (071 29 5322)  
2 - 4 May 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, N.S.W. (067 32 2397)  
23 - 30 May 12<sup>th</sup> Clan Macfie International Gathering and 7<sup>th</sup> Clan Parliament, Aviemore, Scotland  
♦ see page 8  
24 - 25 May Macfie Clan Society History and Genealogy weekend at Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. (see below)  
27 May Clan Macfie Day - Celebrated worldwide!  
1<sup>st</sup> week July Sydney, N.S.W. Tartan Week. (02 9449 8353 or 9654 2494 A/H)  
18 - 21 Sep World Burns Federation Conference and AGM.  
Southern Cross Hotel, Melbourne, Vic. (03 9820 8099)  
23 - 30 Nov Sydney Scottish Week. (02 9449 8353 or 9654 2494 A/H) - Honoured Guest, Sir Lachlan Maclean of Durat and Morven, 28<sup>th</sup> Chief of Clan Gillean.

### MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY HISTORY AND GENEALOGY WEEKEND - 24th & 25th May

To be held at the home of Sandy and Norah McPhee, 10 Rodney Road, Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. 2323 on the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May. Historians Norah and Trevor Phee will be in attendance and ask that you contact them beforehand if you have any particular queries requiring research. Accommodation is available at local motels but bookings should be made some weeks if needed, ahead as you could be competing with the Hunter Valley vineyard visitors in this regard. Contact Norah on (049) 38 0350 or Trevor on (049) 62 2672 for further details.

### THE SCOTTISH HOUSE PROJECT IN SYDNEY

An active committee has been formed in Sydney, N.S.W. to establish a Scottish House there as this oldest of ethnic groups in Australia, the Scots, is still without a central meeting place in the city.

The aim is to have a "home" for all Scots in, or visiting, Sydney where:-

1. All Scottish information from Scotland and Australia is available.
2. Where records (all forms), souvenirs, archival material etc., are kept.
3. Where people with similar thoughts can meet and talk over 'a cuppa' or a BYO drink.
4. Where community meetings can be held, thus keeping the rent money within the Scottish community.
5. Where the teaching of the arts, culture and traditions of Scotland may be directed to the appropriate group.
6. Where Scots from overseas can call, be welcomed and entertained.

Three levels of annual membership are offered, plus a Buy-a-Brick campaign, as follows:

Individual (Ordinary) Membership \$5.00 plus \$10.00 Joining Fee  
Family (living at same residence) \$8.00 plus \$10.00 Joining Fee  
Organisations and Business \$10.00 plus \$10.00 Joining Fee  
Bricks \$2.00 each

For further information contact the committee secretary, Mrs. Moyna Scotland, P.O. Box 498, Granville, N.S.W. 2142. (Telephone [02] 9644 4647)



## HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

Clan Macfie Society History and Genealogy Weekend - 24/25 May. See Page 3.

**David Norman McPhee** D.O.B 8<sup>th</sup> Jul 1963, who resided in Nudgee, Brisbane, area has dropped out of contact. If anyone can help with David's whereabouts please phone (07) 3832 7788 and quote reference 12101, or contact Secretary Helen on (076) 30 9030 for further details.

**Where is Joan Stow (V88-605)?** Our last address for Joan was care of a Post Office Box number at Bendigo, Victoria. This has been closed and on last checking, Telstra does not have a listed phone number for her. Does anyone know Joan or where she is? Let Secretary Helen know please.

**Two notices** from newspapers in the Northern Rivers area of New South Wales were forwarded by Jeannie Barnier (N94-847) of R.M.B. 236, Cowper, N.S.W. 2460. The first related to Miss Letitia Davison Cannon (b. 10 October 1902) who died at Maclean on 23 October 1996. Lettie was the daughter of Albert John and Margaret (nee Davison) Cannon and granddaughter of John and Catherine (nee McPhee) Davison who were early settlers on the Coldstream River. The other referred to the coming New Year wedding of George Green and Muriel Gallus of Maclean - both in their seventies. George is a son of Milton and Emma Green and grandson of Edward and Grace (McPhee) Green who farmed near Lawrence.

New member **Ian Miller** (O97-917) of 17 Joplin Street, Robertson, Q. 4109 (in Brisbane) is trying to trace one of his ancestors, **Margaret McPhee**, married to Ewen Rankin. They lived in Garvan on Loch Eil near Fort William around 1782 - 1790. This area was on the border of McLean and Cameron territory. Some Macfies apparently settled in Lochaber after the break up of the Lordship of the Isles in the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Unfortunately the parish register records peter out around 1800 in Kilmallie parish. If you can assist Ian with any information please contact him direct at the above address.

The Clan Fraser Society has put together a 1996 Celtic Names Research Book which is available at \$20.00 (incl post & pack) from Peter Fraser-Tibbett, P.O. Box 636, Cooroy, Q. 4563, Tel: 07 5442-6314. It lists names and addresses of people doing such research in Australia and the names they are researching.

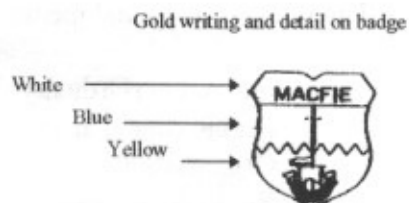
With Internet, inflation and other carryings on, like changes in office locations occurring over the past so many years, we have found our "Tracing Your Family Tree" booklet of 1979 (upgraded in 1986) to be considerably out of date. An updated version is now on computer and draft copies are being checked by our group of Historians. The new booklet contains the most up-to-date addresses for Australian and overseas research available, extracted from the Internet. If you would like a copy contact Secretary Helen.

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### CLAN SOCIETY MERCHANDISE

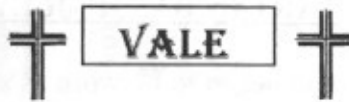
The Clan Society has the following items of merchandise for sale to members. Postage is included in the prices quoted.

Old style large strap and Buckle Badges	\$7.00
Vol . VI and Vol VII of Dr. MacPhee's Clan History	\$12.00 (one set left)
Colonsay Booklets ('93 Gathering)	\$6.00 (one left)
Newsbulletin back copies	\$1.00
Strap and Buckle Writing Pads (A5 - 100 pages)	\$11.00
Clan Society Badges -	
Lapel pin	\$6.00
Tie Tac	\$6.00
Bar Brooch	\$7.50
Cuff Links	\$11.50
Macfie tartan tie	\$22.00
Macfie tartan scarf	\$27.00
Macfie tartan sash (1 only)	\$51.00



Dimensions of badge doubled  
in sketch

\* Further items are being considered



With this Newsbulletin we pay respects to two special members of the Clan Society who sadly are no longer with us.

Doug McPhee (N78-400) of West Pymble in Sydney, N.S.W., died on 21<sup>st</sup> December last year, aged 33, after five years battling serious illness. The devotion of his parents, Ross and Joyce, to their son was outstanding. The Clan Society was able to assist them in a small way with his care. Doug's funeral service was held in St. Matthews Anglican Church West Pymble on Christmas Eve.

Alison Fairfax McWilliam (Q74-031) of Toowoomba died on 28<sup>th</sup> December, aged 88. A Foundation member of the Clan Society, Bah, as she was widely known, was the youngest and only surviving sister of the late Clan Armiger brothers Victor (Q74-013) and Hector (Q74-002) McPhie. Her warm personality, ability in all things and genuine interest in other people, were exceptional. She will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered, by all who knew her.

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription notices are attached for those who have not paid their 1997 Subscriptions of \$10 per individual (18 - 75) or \$15 per family resident at the one address. Please give them your prompt attention and, if you wish, order some Clan Society Merchandise items at the same time (See page 4 for details).

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR  
SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1997?**

**SANDY HAS !!**

**IF NOT, DO IT TODAY BEFORE  
YOU FORGET.**



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### DONATIONS

The following donations received since our last Newsbulletin are acknowledged with sincere thanks:

**Colonsay Land Purchase:** Bruce McPhie, North Balwyn, Vic..

**Clan Society General Fund:** John and Phyllis McPhee, Lathlan, W.A.; F.B. and Ruby McPhee, Alco, TN U.S.A..

**Clan Commanders Travel Fund:** John and Phyllis McPhee, Lathlan, W.A.; Bruce McPhie, North Balwyn, Vic.; Glen McPhee, Evatt, A.C.T..

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council has a new President following its AGM in February. David Campbell of 55 Cronulla Road, Cronulla, N.S.W. 2230 returns to the task he handled so well a few years ago. Mrs. Valerie Smith of Annagrove, N.S.W. 2156 is the New Secretary with Office Address - P.O. Box 495, Chatswood, N.S.W. 2067. Phone 02 9449 8353 (Bus) 9654 2494 (Res) and Fax 9488 7664. Clan Society President, Sandy McPhie has been re-appointed as the Council's Vice-President in Queensland.

## TARTAN DAY, 1<sup>st</sup> JULY

Following the Union of 1707 tartan began to be worn as a nationalist symbol: Lowland lairds and their wives and children were portrayed sporting tartan to signify their anti-Union principles. For this purpose items of tartan clothing, rather than the full Highland dress, were worn. In the mid-eighteenth century, Lowland ladies with Jacobite sympathies frequently wore the white cockade, or a silk tartan "screen" or shawl around their shoulders. Tartan was sometimes used for men's jackets or greatcoats and tartan clothes were made for children: tartan frocks for little girls, tartan coats and breeches for small boys.

The association with rebellion led to the proscription of Highland Dress and all other forms of tartan clothes, under the Dress Act of 1746 (19 Geo II, c. 30):

*"And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the First Day of August, One Thousand seven hundred and forty seven, no Man or Boy, within the part of Great Britain called Scotland, other than such as shall be employed as Officers and Soldiers in His Majesty's Forces, shall, on any Pretence whatsoever, wear or put on the Clothes commonly called Highland Clothes (that is to say, the Plaid, Philebeg or little Kilt, Trews, Shoulder belts) or any part whatsoever of what peculiarly belongs to Highland Garb; and that no Tartan, or part coloured Plaid or Stuff shall be used for Great Coats, or for Upper Coats; and if any such Person shall presume after the said First day of August, to wear or put on the aforesaid garments, or any part of them, every such Person so offending, being convicted thereof by the Oath of one or more credible Witness or Witnesses before any Court of Judiciary, or any One or more Justices of the Peace for the Shire or Stewarty, or Judge Ordinary of the Place where such offence shall be committed, shall suffer Imprisonment without Bail, during the Space of Six Months and no longer; and being convicted for a second offence before a Court of Judiciary, or at the Circuits, shall be liable to be transported to any of His Majesty's Plantations beyond the Seas, there to remain for the space of seven years."*

During the years of prohibition, there had been defiance of the Act in secret. Tradition also has it that Clansfolk would conceal a piece of the tartan under their cloaks near their heart, and at a dignified time during a church service they placed their right hand on the forbidden material and it was blessed. From this ceremony, during World War II, "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" evolved.

Amid great rejoicing, the Proclamation that the Act was repealed with the King's assent on 1<sup>st</sup> July 1782, was issued in English and Gaelic:

*"Listen Men. This is bringing before all the Sons of Gael, that the King and Parliament of Britain have forever abolished the Act against Highland Dress; which came down to the Clans from the beginning of the world to the year 1746. This must bring great joy to every Highland heart. You are no longer bound down by the unmanly dress of the Lowlander. This is declaring to every Man, young and old, simple and gentle, that they may after this put on and wear the Trews, the little Kilt, the Coat and the striped hose, as also the Belted Plaid, without fear of the Law of the Realm or the spite of enemies."*

Sources: Beyond the Highland Line. Highland History and Culture.  
Caroline Bingham (Constable & Co. Ltd., 1991).

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council Inc., newsletter April 1993.  
Repeated in a later Clan Maclean Newsletter.

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council introduced an annual Tartan Week in Sydney last year. Held in the first week of July it was well supported by the Clans and various business houses and local councils, as well as the public. It is expected to become a popular fixture on Sydney's Scottish calendar.





# Clan Macfie News

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## DISTRIBUTION OF CLAN MACFIE NEWS

With some reservations and regrets, it has been decided to drastically reduce the distribution list for Clan Macfie News.

This small publication, issued by the Clan Secretariat three times a year, was commenced in November 1991 ".....to distribute items of Clan interest in a reasonably current time frame.... It will go to Clan Society Presidents for inclusion in Newsbulletins to their membership, and to a limited list of Clan members in each country..... It is not intended to replace existing Clan Society Newsbulletins or the need for Clan Society membership....."

The first issue of Clan Macfie News reported on the Clan Commander and Mrs. McPhie's extensive visit to the Clan Macfie Societies in U.S.A. and Canada during the 1991 northern summer. Subsequent issues dealt with many topics including the Clan Gathering and Parliament on Colonsay in 1993, the proposed sale of the Colonsay Hotel, the Clan Gathering at Stone Mountain Highland Games in Georgia, U.S.A., in 1995, the Colonsay Land purchase and now this year's Clan Gathering and Parliament at Aviemore in May.

Distribution has grown from around 60 in 1991 to a current list of 225. As a free publication, costs have risen accordingly and are now considered to be excessive. Too, although there is no doubt new Clan contacts have been made, and some new members attracted to the Clan Societies, the time has come to return Clan News to its original distribution concept.

Future issues of Clan Macfie News will be circulated only to the Clan Society Presidents and, when different, their Newsletter editors; Clan Commissioners; Chairmen of Clan Parliament Committees; and several special case addressees where it is felt necessary to continue distribution. In the main, the format will be retained, although content could be reoriented to reflect the changed distribution.

It is hoped that the various Newsletter Editors of the Clan Societies will regularly include Clan News items in their publications. If you are not a member of one of the Clan Macfie Societies around the world, please consider joining one of the following to maintain contact with, and support, your Clan:-

- SCOTLAND - Clan Macfie Society. President - Bob McFie, 26 Verona Avenue, Scotstoun, Glasgow. G14 9EB  
Tel: (041) 959 5411 Fax: (0463) 24 4338
- AUSTRALIA - The Macfie Clan Society of Australia. President - Sandy McPhie Esq., "Colonsay", MS 191, Cambooya. Q. 4358. Tel/Fax: (076) 30 9030 Email: macfie@tmba.design.net.au
- CANADA - Macfie Clan Society in Canada. President - Miss Sylvia McPhee, Suite 123, 1 Benvenuto Place, Toronto. Ont. M4V 2L1. Tel: (416) 925 9757
- IRELAND - The Clan MacFie Society (Ireland). President - David Morgan, 11 Arden Drive, Dorridge, Solihull, West Midlands, B93 8LP, England. Tel/Fax: 01564 77 4020
- NEW ZEALAND - The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand. President - James McPhee Esq., Bluegum Lodge Motel, 146 Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe. Tel: (09) 238 6495/7205 Email: bluegum@ihug.co.nz
- SWEDEN - The Thorburn - Macfie Family Society. President - Ulf Macfie Hagman Esq., Bavergiljan 12, 451 - 54 Uddevalla. Tel: 0522 13670
- U.S.A. - Cathey Reunion Association. President - Don Cathey, 439 Hollis Road, Charlotte. NC 28209  
Tel: (704) 523 3927
- MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc. President - F. B. McDuffie, 102 Colby Road, Oak Ridge. TN 37830. Tel: (423) 483 9414 Email: fritzmc@aol.com
- MacFie Clan Society of North America. President - Rev. Jim McAfee, 7501 Hickory Ridge Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. Tel: (615) 444 5524 Email: j-gmcafee@worldnet.att.net

Telephone Numbers for Boyt and Mary Grace Cathey at their new Salem, VA address are:- phone/fax: (540) 380 4467, while Arie and Helen van der Leest have changed to:- phone: (55) 578 5303 and fax: (55) 578 5319 with new facilities.

Clan MacPhee of Alberta in Canada has wound up its operation completely now and dispersed surplus funds of A\$400.00 as a donation to the Clan Macfie Capital Fund and C\$400.00 to the Macfie Clan Society in Canada. Thank you Alberta.



The Chief's Badge contains his crest within a plain circle inscribed with his motto. The three feathers indicate a chief of the whole name, and the coronet is that of a baron.



The Chieftain's Badge also contains the owner's crest within a plain circle inscribed with his motto. The two feathers indicate the head of a distinct branch of a clan.



The Dutne Uasall's Badge contains the owner's crest also within a plain circle inscribed with his motto. The single feather indicates an armigerous clansman.



The Clansman's Crest Badge shows the Chief's crest within a buckle and strap inscribed with the motto of the Chief. It can be worn by clansmen with no crest of their own.

### The Cap Badge.

By far the commonest form of cap-badge is the clansman's crest-badge - that is, the chief's crest inside a strap and buckle engraved with the chief's motto. This signifies that the wearer is a follower of the owner of the crest, and is the only legitimate method of displaying someone else's crest. Chiefs, chieftains, *dutne uasall* and other armigers should wear their own crest inside a plain circle inscribed with their motto. The plain circle indicates that the wearer is the *owner* of the crest, not one of his followers. Chiefs of the whole name (MacNab of MacNab), wear three eagle's feathers; chieftains (MacDonell of Glengarry) wear two eagle's feathers; and *dutne uasall* (armigers, gentlemen of coat armour belonging to the clan) wear one eagle's feather. The eagle's feather today is often silver, attached to the circle. The non-armigerous clansman (i.e. one who has no personal coat of arms registered in the Scottish Court of Chivalry) should not wear an eagle's feather, and it is unlawful for him to use any crest *except* as a badge inside a buckle and strap.

TARTANS AND HIGHLAND DRESS by C.R. MacKinnon

In the above article no mention is made of the correct cap badge to be worn by that rare breed, Clan Commanders (probably only 3 exist, Gunn, Macfie and Macarthur), and their appointed Commissioners. This was clarified with the Lord Lyon some time ago when he advised our Commander: "I think it is perfectly appropriate as Commander of the Clan for you to wear three feathers. With regard to your Lieutenants or Commissioners, they should wear two feathers..... when specifically acting as your Commissioners. If they are not so acting they should then revert to what they would wear if not Commissioners." They would, of course, use a plain circle for their badge if armigers, or a strap and buckle one otherwise.

**Museum of Scotland.** A new Museum of Scotland will open in Edinburgh late next year, dedicated to telling the story of the country and its inhabitants. The Museum has been made possible through the collaboration of the Government and private sectors, individuals and Scottish societies around the world. The U.K. Government is providing £30 million to the Building and the National Museum £17 million over 8 years for the project. Dr. Sheila Brock is Campaign Director of the Museum Project and is seeking donations from organisations and individuals interested in supporting it. She can be contacted care of The Museum of Scotland Project, Chambers Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1 JF.

**26 Apr 97** - AGM McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand, 11 a.m. at Bluegum Lodge Motel, 146 Edinburgh Street, Pukekohe (which is at Auckland). Telephone James McPhee on (09) 238 6495 for further details.

**23/30 May 97** - Twelfth International Gathering and Seventh Parliament of Clan Macfie, Aviemore, Scotland. Further information from Iain and Fiona McFie, Scotland, on (01540) 65 1391

**27 May 97** - Clan Macfie Day around the world.

**May to Oct?** - MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc., AGM - venue and date yet to be decided. Contact Fritz McDuffie on (423) 483 9414 for the good gen.

**2/3 Aug 97** - Cathey Reunion Association Biennial Gathering at Salisbury, NC. Contact Boyt Cathey on (540) 380 4467 for further information.

**Mid Oct 97** - Macfie Clan Society of North America AGM at Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA. Contact Rev. Jim McAfee on (615) 444 5524 for details.

**25 Oct 97** - Clan Macfie Society AGM in Edinburgh, Scotland.

**1998** - Biennial General Meetings for The Macfie Clan Society of Australia and Macfie Clan Society in Canada. Triennial General Meeting for the Thorburn Macfie Family Society in Sweden.





## COLONSAY LAND PURCHASE

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie will be visiting Colonsay immediately before Clan Parliament in May and will report direct to Parliament following his inspection of the land offered to the Clan for purchase.

The following donors to the Land Fund are in addition to those listed in Clan News No. 17 (November 1996) and their donations are acknowledged with sincere thanks.

NOTED DONORS - Bruce McDuffie, Chattanooga, TN; Ruth Johnston, Columbia, SC; Kate Macfie Sturgis, Winnsboro, SC, U.S.A.; James Macfie, Dunchurch, Canada; Arie and Helen van der Leest, Holland (2<sup>nd</sup>);

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## SEVENTH PARLIAMENT AND TWELFTH GATHERING OF CLAN MACFIE, AVIEMORE, SCOTLAND 23<sup>rd</sup> TO 30<sup>th</sup> MAY 1997

The Official Proclamation convening the Seventh Parliament of Clan Macfie was issued on 8<sup>th</sup> November 1996. Included with it was a request to the Clan Societies for Agenda Items and Reports to be with the Clan Secretariat by the beginning of March this year. Business papers etc., will then be distributed by the end of March to Clan Commissioners and Clan Society Presidents. Please contact your Commissioner or President - or the Clan Secretariat - if you require a copy of the Order of Business before going to Aviemore. Copies of it, and of the various Reports, will be available there.

The overall programme for the week of Parliament and the Gathering remains unchanged from that given in the last Clan News (No. 17, November 1996). Registration Forms for the various functions and tours (including destinations) are being distributed by the Gathering Co-ordinators, Iain and Fiona McFie, Coulintyre, Kinncraig, Kingussie. PH21 ILX, Scotland. Tel/Fax: 01540 651 391. Please return your Registrations promptly, direct to them, with payment enclosed.

## CLAN INTERNET COMMITTEE

Late last year the Clan Commander established a Clan Internet Committee to place an Official Clan Macfie Homepage on Internet and to monitor other items placed on the net by others using the Clan name and, where necessary, to endeavour to correct any items containing incorrect or misleading information regarding the Clan.

Chairman of the Committee is John Cathey of 46581 Sunset Drive, P.O. Box 5144, Gualala, CA 95 445 U.S.A., and members, Boyt Cathey, Jamestown, NC U.S.A.; Fritz McDuffie, Oak Ridge, TN U.S.A.; Arie van der Leest, Apeldoorn, Holland; David Mortgan, Solihull, England and Bob McPhee, Luton, England. The committee has commenced Homepage input and this can be found at:- <http://www.macfie.org>

## CLAN SNIPPETS

We are in contact again with Martha MacPhee of Hawaii, widow of Clan Armiger the late Ron MacPhee. Many thanks to the Clan sleuths in the Islands there for this help.

McGuffie Ancestors. Further to her item in the November Clan News, Patsy Williams of 146 Fraser St., Tauranga, New Zealand, wrote: "In 1993 on a visit to the Public Record Office in Kew, London, I stumbled by accident on a new lead, information that my McGuffies in Haiti were given the post of Vice-Consul of Gonaives and Port-au-Prince - father, son and grandson etc., during years 1836 - 1888. A lot of material in the way of letters in the Foreign Office papers, some of which I was able to read and copy off micro-film, but didn't have time to see all that was there or information kept in consular records."

University of the Highlands and Islands. Late last year the British Government announced the go ahead for this new University based on advanced communication links between twelve colleges in the Highlands. A grant from the Millennium Commission of £33 - 35 million was announced in Inverness by Lord Dalkeith, the millennium commissioner for Scotland, to go towards a total project cost of some £86 million. The HHI's first degree - a BSc in rural development - has been launched by Lews Castle College, Stornoway. Other courses will include environmental and cultural studies.

Scots at War Project. A Research Fellowship at the Edinburgh University has been established to advance research, collate information and data resources, and to educate the public of all ages on the history of Scots ar War. The Research Director is Lt. Col. Dr. Diana M. Henderson PhD Lib NP. The Project will assemble information, both service and civilian, from all areas including overseas countries. Further information can be found on Internet at:- <http://www-saw.arts.ed.ac.uk> or obtained from the University.

Did you Know that the first Highland Games held in the world each year are at Waipu in New Zealand?

**CLAN MACFIE**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 JAN - 31 DEC 96**

**Receipts**

**Balance B/F 1 Jan 96**  
**Per Capita Levies**  
 MacDuffie/MacFie C/S 131.63  
 MacFie C/S Australia 211.75  
 MacFie C/S Nth. Am 133.49  
 MacPhee C/S N.Z. 180.00  
 MacFie C/S Can. 95 174.84  
 MacFie C/S Can. 96 167.05  
 Clan MacFie Soc. (Scott) 95/96 444.93

**Expenditure**

**WORKING ACCOUNT**  
 465.05 **Administration**  
 Postage 250.90  
 Telephone 340.06  
 Fax 56.00  
 Phone/Fax 86.11  
 Internet 41.38  
 Print & Stationery 135.13 909.58  
**Clan News**  
 Printing (3 copies) 285.00  
 Postage 729.35  
 Stationery 28.32 1042.67  
**Computer**  
 Fully equipped computer, monitor & printer as specified 6065.00  
 Discreet Phone Line 205.85  
 Power Surge Control 79.25  
 Computer Card 21.95  
 1/2 Share Phone/Fax 309.20  
 Colonsay Land Fund Donation (A/c A. & H. van der Leest) 314.05  
 Contra .01 6995.31  
**Miscellaneous**  
 Colonsay Land Brochure Print 24.75  
**Balance C/F 31 Dec 96**  
 \$8,988.40

**Donations**

C/Soc Members Can. 25.00  
 C/Soc Members Aust 55.00  
 Computer Contra .01

**Computer**

A. & H. van der Leest Gift 6990.00  
 Bank interest 5.31

**Account Interest**

4.34 1/2 Share Phone/Fax  
 6995.31

**Balance B/F 1 Jan 96**

**Donations**  
 C/Soc Member Aust 5.00

**Interest**

Term Deposit 59.17  
 Bank Account 4.70

\$490.98

**CLAN CAPITAL FUND**

**Balance B/F 1 Jan 96**  
**Donations**  
 Clan MacPhee Alberta 400.00  
**Investment**  
 Additional Funds 42.85  
 C'with Bank Term Deposit 310.00  
**Interest**  
 Term Deposit 437.02  
 Bank Account 15  
**Balance C/F 31 Dec 96**  
 \$880.02

**NOTE:** The Current Term Deposit with the Commonwealth Bank is for \$6,400.00 (Capital Fund \$4,710; Project Fund \$655.00, Commander Travel Fund \$1,035.00) at 7% for 8 months maturing 4 Feb 97

**CLAN COMMANDER TRAVEL FUND**

**Balance B/F 1 Jan 96**  
**Donations**  
 C/Soc Members Can 180.98  
 C/Soc Member U.S.A 120.66  
 C/Soc Members Aust 254.50  
 MacPhee C/Soc N.Z. 300.00  
 MacFie C/Soc Aust 211.75  
**Interest**  
 Term Deposit 56.43  
 Bank Account 2.25  
**Investment**  
 C'with Bank Term Deposit 694.19  
**Advance**  
 Clan Commander Travel 422.15  
**Balance C/F 31 Dec 96**  
 1067.89  
 \$1820.79

See Note above re Term Deposit

Where overseas cheques have been received, the above statements show nett amounts in \$ Australia. A total of A\$30.00 was deducted in bank fees on 6 overseas cheques

*Novell McPhee*  
 Treasurer

This article appeared in the January 1997 Newsletter of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council and is duly acknowledged.....Sandy always thought his sheepdog mates, Jet (black) and Jock (red), were kelpies. A different sort perhaps-----

## KELPIES, KIRKYARDS AN' A' THAT!

By Calum MacCaluim

Scotland - especially the Highlands - has a wealth of traditional folklore, much of which is centred on the supernatural. So interwoven with fact are the many legends, that it sometimes becomes difficult to isolate truth from hearsay.

History books would be dull reading, were it not for those wee titbits of the fabulous, adding romance to many otherwise mundane subjects.

Loch Ness, for instance, would be just another stretch of water, were it not for the elusive Nessie - which, as yet, modern science has failed to prove or disprove. Moreover, our stately homes and castles are all the better for the untimely appearances of green ladies, phantom pipers and other ghosties and things that go bump in the night!

Whether or not we care to admit it - most of us are possessed of an inherent love - or fascination - for The extra-dimensional spirit world. It is nice to feel that spine-tingling sensation when we come across something weird, which offers no immediate logical explanation. The premonitions some folk have prior to the death of a loved one, or the unusual sensation when you enter a strange place and feel strongly that you have been there before!

Man's imagination has no bounds. But in Scotland, most of our legends are of the homespun variety. Unlike the ancient Greeks, who filled their literature with their mythological gods and bizarre creatures, the Scots would much prefer to accept the existence of a two-headed cow that yields two gallons of Atholl brose per day than to consider the antics of Narcissus, who fell in love with his own reflection! It is all a question of priorities.

Like the Irish - who are but kin-in-culture - the Scots have always had a soft spot for the "wee folk" and the banshees (bean-sith, fairy woman). Tales of such were common in the Highlands.

Kelpies, or water horses, are yet another product of Celtic imagination. It is said that Loch Eck, Argyllshire, (Loch of the horses) was named after a particular kelpie, that materialised from the depths of the loch as a magnificent white charger, allowing itself to be captured. But when anyone was foolish enough to mount the creature, it would immediately charge back in the loch, rider and all!

In Scotland, a black dog was sometimes looked at as an evil omen. Just such an animal was once owned by the Chief of the MacFies of Colonsay. This name, incidentally, is likewise often associated with mythology, being derived from MacDuffie or MacDubh-shithe - literally "son of black witchcraft".

The Black Dog of Murroch MacFie is said to have been a gift to the chief from a friendly witch, who promised that it would one day be of great service to him. But although MacFie tried to get the dog to hunt with him, it had a mind of its own and refused to go with him.

One day, however, the dog decided to go with its master, and while camping in a cave, the chief's party was attacked by a terrible supernatural creature, so unsightly that they could only call it "The Thing". After the spirit had slain all the chief's followers, the black dog sprang to the rescue and chased the demon, thus saving MacFie's life!

The very nature of Scotland lends itself to an ideal setting for mystery and imagination. The mist-covered hills, the remoteness of the glens and moorlands; the starkness of winter, and the weather-beaten trees, standing in skeletal relief against grey skies and snow-covered landscapes, all present a haunting picture. Add to these the driech stone dykes, derelict shielings, castle ruins, kirkyards with their squint an fallen headstones, and with a western wind howling in the dark corries - an overall picture of loneliness - what more could a storyteller wish for?

Some years ago, I stood on a hilltop above the small village of Comrie. It was at sunrise, on a clear Autumn day and I could see the distant peaks all around for miles. Yet in the valley below, the village was hidden completely under a sea of candy-floss mist. Then as the warming sun began to penetrate, the mist gradually dispersed and the village began to appear slowly, as if by magic. It reminded me of legendary village Brigadoon, emerging from its long sleep in the world of another dimension. Perhaps just such a vision inspired the author of the story.

Many people claim to have seen ghosts and other such phenomena. But then maybe there are people who are genuinely more perceptive than others, and more in tune with the spirit world. Mind you, I suspect that the great majority of modern Scots have greater affinity with those other spirits, which are stored in bonded warehouses!

Sceptics in society will no doubt pooh-pooh the idea of ghosts. Many of them will be devout Christians and, while accepting the concept of a Holy Ghost will decry all others. I find this very strange

Nevertheless, I respectfully suggest that we should keep an open mind - just in case! And the next time you should find yourself all alone in a secluded place, like a cemetery, an old ruin, an unlit street - or maybe at a Billy Connolly gig in Stornoway on a Sunday - it might be as well to aye keep keekin owre yer shoulder...ye jist never can tell!

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*"From the lone sheiling of the misty island  
Mountains divide us, and the waste of seas -  
Yet still the blood is strong, the heart is Highland  
And we in dreams behold the Hebrides."*

19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Canadian Boating Song



## THE SOCIETY'S 1996 POETRY COMPETITION

The following poems were runners-up for our 1996 Poetry prizes. "With the Wind" by Mr. Paul Sherman of Garden Park, Q., for the J. D. Lang Poetry Prize and "Where Swagmen Once Roamed" by William John McCaskill of White Cliffs, N.S.W., for the Will Ogilvie Prize.

### **"With the Wind"**

(for Michael, who stood on the spot with me)

Let it never be said  
that they went against the wind.  
Always the wind's way  
they went, those Wexford ones.  
Always the wild wind's way  
whipping from Vinegar Hill  
bitter with cold defeat  
over the green sea hills  
that mocked their hills of home  
they went under foreign sails  
to a land of ball and chain  
where trees were whipping posts  
and the gallows tree grew tall

Yet a hill is always a hill  
a place to make a stand  
and when the moment came  
to break from the pattern of pain -  
when the echo of Erin's shore  
smiled from a gumleaf pool  
they went with the dark wind  
that drove them to death on the hill  
their second Vinegar Hill  
a lump on the lonely plain  
north-west of Sydney Town  
where, tricked by a flag of truce  
they fell to the Rum Corps' flame.

We mark their memorial wall  
where muscles frozen in stone  
are lifting a nameless hate  
out of their age to ours  
who feel the salt wind too  
blowing from hill to hill  
ashes of old mistrust  
keen to ignite again.

Though all eyes ache to unite  
we are filtered by colour and creed  
that shackle us, crippling our will  
O, when will the twin hills blend?  
When will the wind be still?

Paul Sherman

### **"WHERE SWAGMEN ONCE ROAMED"**

From the crashing phosphoric waves of the coast  
to the eerie min min lights in the desert sky  
a thousand mile from the glow of the city  
where once roamed the swagman and here am I

Yes a thousand mile from the city  
under the Diamantina sun  
where the stars shine on for ever  
when the cloudless day is done

Where pioneers crossed the channel country  
though not the first to tread this land  
struggled on to map the way  
for those prepared to make a stand

Then the natives stared in wonder  
at the squatter and his horse  
as he sought out fertile country  
on the plain along the water course

Where years of struggle built fine stations  
for those that made the grade  
for those that broke their hearts  
there's nothing left but ragged graves

Here the drovers cracked their stock whips  
in those very early days  
droving mobs that numbered thousands  
making dust turn into haze

They came in search of minerals  
and they found the opal grand  
now Australia's national gemstone  
from beneath this rugged land

Those that love her wonder like I do  
at the beauty hidden here  
like the mystical tree lined billabong  
in dreamtime a place that some might fear

Then the changing colours of the sunset  
the ball of fire when it is rising  
seem to lure the opal from the ground  
to splash its colours on the far horizon

With the eerie howl of the dingo  
comes the magic of a moonlit night  
to change the landscape into a fairy land  
and leave the river shining bright

This vast land of beauty still untold  
a place the squatter called his home  
immortalized in verse by poets through the years  
most - sadly never more to roam

Yet here am I and the verse I write  
is of the love of this timeless land  
of the lifestyle portrayed in many a yarn  
the freedom of expression I hold in my hand

I ponder our world full of prejudices  
the marvel of dreamtime only some understand  
the love of this place sorta makes me feel humble  
but I'm proud it is here that I stand

John McCaskill

## 1997 POETRY COMPETITIONS

Queensland Vice-President, Bob McPhee, will again be conducting our annual Poetry Competitions. This year he will have the usual John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize to reflect a Celtic-Australian theme and the Will Ogilvie Poetry Prize for bush verse, plus some new Recital Events.

Entry forms will be available shortly from Bob at 8 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, Q. 4342. Telephone (07) 5466-5269. Please contact him direct for them. Entries in the two Poetry Competitions close with Bob on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1997. Prizes in each will be 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$60 and 3<sup>rd</sup> - 40 plus a Clan Society medallion in each case. Entry fee is \$5 per entry.

Where are all our Clan Society Poets? Wouldn't it be great if one of them proved a winner? Hurry up and start your "poeming".....

The new Recital Events are in three sections:

- i OPEN - Will Ogilvie Poetry Recital (restricted to poems composed by Will H. Ogilvie)
- ii OPEN - Traditional (or established Bush Verse - must present his/her own work & must announce the Author's name, unless genuinely Anon)
- iii OPEN - Original Bush Verse (Poetry written and recited by participant)

1997 "Bard of the Outback" Trophies will be awarded to the Highest Points Scorer and Runner-up (combined points) over the three events. Closing date for the Recital entries is Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1997. There is no entry fee.

Winners will be announced, and the Recitals judged, on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1997 at the Royal Mail Hotel at Hungerford in South Western Queensland.

**Why Hungerford?** Bob McPhee said that as one of our two sections for written composition, the "Will Ogilvie Poetry Prize" is for bush verse, one of our recital events is restricted to poems composed by Will Ogilvie, and the remaining two are for bush verse, so we feel it is very appropriate to hold our competition at a "real outback venue". And, by the way, if you're still wondering where it is, Hungerford is on the Paroo River some 200 km. S.W. of Cunnamulla in Queensland and the same distance N.W. of Bourke in New South Wales. It's a bit west of Will Ogilvie's country on the Warrego River around Enngonia and Barringun. There was a Custom House in Hungerford before Federation and probably not a lot has changed since. To-day Maureen and Doug Bloomfield run the Hotel, still in the original building erected in 1875.

## GENERAL NOTES

- ◆ Following changes to our Constitution last year, an updated version has been placed on computer by Secretary Helen, along with the new Membership List as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997. Copies are available from her should you need them.
- ◆ Are you on Internet? If so please let Secretary Helen have your email address. She can be contacted on email at: [macfie@tmba.design.net.au](mailto:macfie@tmba.design.net.au)
- ◆ Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhee (Q77-353) of Glenore Grove, Q., has escaped from the position of Secretary/Treasurer of the Scottish Clans Congress of Queensland after five years, only to become their President for 1997. Congratulations and good wishes, Bob.
- ◆ Clan member Wally McPhee of Laurieton, N.S.W. recently had the honour of igniting the Eternal Flame in the Memorial Rose Garden at the Police Academy in Goulburn, N.S.W.. Now long retired, Wal McPhee was a former police officer in N.S.W. and at one time held State pigeon shooting and boomerang throwing championships.

**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CHEQUE ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR PERIOD 1 JAN TO 31 DEC 1996**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Annual Subscriptions</b>		
1994	6.00	
1995	108.00	
1996	2673.00	
1997	192.55	
1998	69.00	
1999	<u>39.00</u>	3087.55

<b>Members Donations</b>		
Clan Society	General Fund	120.34
	Trust Fund	<u>9.00</u>
Clan	Working Account	55.00
	S/Stone Maintenance	139.00
	Project Fund	5.00
	Cdr. Travel fund	254.50
	Colonsay Land	<u>830.00</u>
		1283.50

<b>Transfers Ex Savings Investment A/C</b>		
18 Fully Paid 1996 Memberships	180.00	
1996 Memberships Paid in Advance	297.90	
Standing Stone Maintenance	181.47	
Transfer Trust Funds	<u>593.57</u>	1252.94

<b>J. D. Lang Poetry Prize</b>		
1995 Income	35.00	
1996 Advance Repayment	<u>200.00</u>	235.00

<b>Merchandise</b>		
Members Loans	800.00	
Sales	<u>784.50</u>	1584.50

<b>Sundry Items</b>		
Fully Paid Memberships	260.00	
Metway Term Deposit Interest (Trust)	151.53	
Merchandise Postage	46.50	
Queensland Clans Congress	227.00	
Metway Term Deposit (Trust)	2250.00	
11 BGM Receipts	2010.00	
Account Interest	<u>19.10</u>	4964.13

**EXPENDITURE**

**Debit Balance C/F 1 Jan 96** 18.88

<b>General Expenses</b>		
Postage	109.35	
Telephone	116.00	
Printing and Stationery	164.79	
Govt. Tax on Withdrawals	18.25	
Bank Fees for overseas cheques	<u>20.00</u>	428.39

<b>Newsbulletins</b>		
Printing	1155.60	
Postage	723.88	
Stationery	<u>38.33</u>	1917.81

<b>Subscriptions</b>		
Clans Congress of Queensland	20.00	
Australasian Highlander	<u>14.00</u>	34.00

**Merchandise Purchases** 1228.70

<b>Transfers to Savings Investment A/C</b>		
Donations	Standing Stone - Members	139.00
	Clan/Soc	25.00
	Trust Fund	9.00
	Colonsay Land Fund	830.00
Fully Paid Memberships		250.00
Membership Paid in Advance		
	1997 - 162.25	
	1998 - 69.00	
	1999 - <u>39.00</u>	270.25
General Account Funds		106.89
Transfer Trust Funds		593.57
Metway Term Deposit Interest		151.53
Balance Metway Term Deposit		1250.00
Merchandise Funds	<u>403.30</u>	4028.54

<b>Clan Macfie Payments</b>		
Per Capita Levy 1996	211.75	
Donations	Cdr. Travel - Members	254.50
	Clan/Soc	211.75
Project Fund		5.00
Working Account	<u>55.00</u>	738.00

<b>Sundry Items</b>		
1996 Poetry Competition Advance	200.00	
Standing Stone Payment	181.47	
Trust Fund Payment	1000.00	
11 BGM Payments	2021.70	
Tent Hire Sydney 1995	80.00	
Colonsay Land Brochure	<u>45.25</u>	3528.42

**Balance C/F 31 Dec 96** 614.22

**\$12,536.96**

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Lorraine McPhee  
Treasurer



**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
**STATEMENT OF SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR PERIOD 1 JAN TO 31 DEC 1996**

**RECEIPTS**

<b>Balance B/F 1 Jan 96</b>		
General Fund	01) 4.28	
Trust Fund	200.51	
Fully Paid Membership	237.15	
Membership Paid in Advance	392.15	
Standing Stone Maintenance	.44	
Clan Society Travel	44.28	870.25

<b>General Fund</b>		
Transfer ex Cheque A/c	106.89	
Account Interest	.18	107.07

<b>Trust Fund</b>		
Metway Term Deposit Interest		
1995 94.83		
1996 247.94	342.77	
Metway T.D. Redempt. Bal	1250.00	
AGC Debenture Interest	132.00	
Donations		
1995 - 4		
1996 - 9	13.00	
Funds Transfer	593.57	
Account Interest	6.26	2337.60

<b>Fully Paid Membership</b>		
Part Redem. Suncorp Deb.	100.00	
Suncorp Debenture Interest ex Cheque A/C	84.97	
2 Membership (net)	250.00	
Account Interest	4.67	439.64

<b>Membership Paid in Advance</b>		
1997 memberships	186.25	
1998 memberships	73.00	
1999 memberships	39.00	
Account Interest	4.08	302.33

<b>Standing Stone Maintenance</b>		
Members Donations	155.00	
Clan Society contribution	25.00	
Account Interest	1.03	181.03

<b>Clan Society Travel Fund</b>		
Members Donations	4.00	
Account Interest	.58	4.58

<b>Colonsay Land Purchase</b>		
Members Donations	4193.00	
Account Interest	28.71	4221.71


<b>Merchandise</b>		
Members Donation	100.00	
Merchandise Sales	403.30	
Account Interest	.77	504.07

**\$8968.28**

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**INVESTMENTS**

<b>Trust Fund</b>	
AGC Debentures \$2,000.00	6.6% maturing 1 Apr 97
<b>Fully Paid Membership</b>	
Suncorp Debentures \$1,000.00	7.5% maturing 5 Feb 98

  
 Lorraine McPhee  
 Treasurer

# Crofters seek 'tribal' rights

CROFTERS have written to John Major asking to be recognised as an indigenous people with the same rights as the Maoris of New Zealand and the Aborigines of Australia.

The Scottish Crofters' Union claimed yesterday that the approach could lead to reform of land ownership and the transfer of land and mineral rights from estate owners to local communities.

The claim has been supported by legal experts at Glasgow University.

Catriona Drew, of the university's department of public international law, said the definitions used under United Nations resolutions to indigenous peoples in other parts of the world could equally be applied to crofters.

She added: "A strong argument can be made that crofters are an indigenous people, because their people have

By Auslan Cramb  
Scottish Correspondent

always been on the land, they have a distinct culture and, in some places, the distinct Gaelic language.

"There is a cultural difference between the Highlands and the Lowlands, and the distinctiveness of the Highland way of life has been recognised by Government in the various provisions made in crofting law itself.

"Given the experience of other indigenous peoples, in Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the United States, this would give the indigenous people of the Highlands and Islands the absolute right to have their land returned, and for compensation to be paid for being deprived of their rights."

Under a UN draft declaration, indigenous peoples have the core rights of self-

determination, control of lands and resources, and cultural integrity.

Dr Fraser MacLeod, director of the union, said the claim was serious, and could leave the crofters "in charge of their own destinies".

He quoted the example of the Maoris, who had their land given back to them.

He said the union had been studying legislation on the subject for a year, and planned a meeting next year to discuss the claim.

"This will open up a debate about where things are going in the longer term. We cannot continue into the next century under the same system," he said.

He expected the Government to claim there were no separate peoples within the UK, but added that the Norwegian government said the same about the Saami people of Arctic Norway, before giving them recognition.

*This article appeared in a newspaper in England on 11<sup>th</sup> October last year. It leaves one wondering. The possibilities are endless. Why should we (Australia, New Zealand, Canada and U.S.A.) be the only ones to suffer? Should all descendants of the mid - 1800 migrants from Scotland head "home" for some of the action?.....*

## THEY'VE MOVED

- ◇ Colin and Elizabeth McPhee (N74-069 and N88-650) have moved from 3 Mill Hill to Lot 2 The Ruins Way, still at Port Macquarrie, N.S.W. 2444..... We all hope the move went well and the name of the street doesn't in any way refer to its new occupants.
- ◇ Alison Hale (Q89-689) from Bayview Heights, Cairns, to P.O. Box 277, Albany Creek, Q. 4035.
- ◇ Fiona Green (Q93-808) from East Brisbane to 3 Miathorpe Drive, Mt. Isa in N.W. Q'ld., where she is teaching, amongst other subjects, Japanese, at the Kalkadoon State High School.
- ◇ Robyn Phillipps (N83-518) and family haven't really moved, they've just made the front of the house the back and vice versa. This gives them a new address of 72 Arab Road, Padstow, N.S.W. 2211 in lieu of the old one of 45 Watson Street.
- ◇ Lyndal Wallace (Q76-163) and daughters Mahala (Q93-812) and Rebekah (Q96-913) from Mitchell Street to 7 Lomax Street, still in Townsville, Q.
- ◇ Katrina McPhie (Q76-165) from Mitchell Street, Townsville to 334 Stanley Street there.

## NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members of the Clan Society:

Q97-916 Miss Marie-Louise McPhee, 333 Cliveden Ave., Corinda, Q. 4075

Q97-917 Ian David Millar, 17 Joplin St., Robertson, Q. 4109

## YOU'VE GOT TO LAUGH - (Thanks to Scots Link)

It was an Aberdeen fishwife who, when speaking about the Motto of her native city (Bon Accord), remarked: "*Bone a cord! It taks me a my time to bone a Haddie*".

A customer who arrived at a Canadian McDonald's wearing only blue running shoes did not get served. "*He would have had trouble paying for it*", said a policeman.....