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1997 CLAN MACFIE POETRY COMPETITION RESULTS

FIFTH ANNUAL JOHN DUNMORE LANG POETRY PRIZE

Celtic/Australian Theme - 40 entries received

- 1st - "Mebh (She Who Intoxicates)" by Mrs. Hendrika Summers, St. Helens, Tas. (See page 12)
2nd - "Tattoo" by Mr. Wallace McKittrick, Semaphore, S.A.
3rd - "Dunvegan Castle" by Ms Allison Moore, Lobethal, S.A.

SECOND ANNUAL WILL OGILVIE POETRY PRIZE

Bush Verse - 55 entries received

- 1st - "Two Tongues" by Mr. Paul Sherman, Gordon Park, Q. (See pages 12 & 13)
2nd - "Drafting Kimberly Stores" by Mr. Kelly Dixon, Camooweal, Q.
3rd - "Jundamarra of Windjama Gorge" by Mr. W. John McCaskill, White Cliffs, N.S.W.

JUDGES were Mr. Robert Davidson and Mr. Jim Howard of Melbourne.

WILL OGILVIE POETRY RECITAL

- 1st - Liz Ward, Mt. Perry, Q.
2nd - Ken Read, Charleville, Q.
3rd - Denzley Stenzel, Prenzlau, Q.

TRADITIONAL BUSH VERSE RECITAL

- 1st - John McCaskill, White Cliffs, N.S.W.
2nd - Denleigh Stenzel, Prenzlau, Q.
3rd - Ken Read, Charleville, Q.

ORIGINAL RECITAL

- 1st - Ken Read, Charleville, Q.
2nd - John McCaskill, White Cliffs, N.S.W.
3rd - Jodie Handley, Thargomindah, Q.

1997 BARD OF THE OUTBACK

- Ken Read, Charleville, Q.
Runner Up - Denleigh Stenzel, Prenzlau, Q.

BEST ALL ROUND RECITAL 15 YEARS AND UNDER

Jodie Handley (Aged 10) of Thargomindah, Q.

JUDGES : Bluey Bostock, Logan City, Q.
Ron Bates, Gatton, Q.
Roy Briggs, Kingaroy, Q.



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



Goodness time flies. Another year is fast disappearing and what a busy one it has been! Next year is shaping the same way too, with quite a lot programmed for the Society and the Clan without our family and other activities making their demands.

Of special note at this time of writing is the very strong and appreciated move by many of those who made donations to the Colonsay Land Appeal to transfer their donations across to the Clan Project Fund rather than receive a refund. This continued support for Clan activities by our members is gratefully acknowledged.

Bob McPhee's Poetry '97 results are well highlighted in this Newsbulletin as too, is the success of his first up Recital competition. Congratulations are extended to prize winners, entrants and to Bob himself, on a job well done. Perhaps we should be looking at Hungerford for the next International Gathering of Clan Macfie.....

The first of the Shipping Arrivals information is included in this Newsbulletin and will be a feature of future issues for some time to come as it is, frankly, surprising just how many "Macfies" migrated down under last century. Jan Harper (Melbourne), Trevor Phee (Newcastle) and Norah McPhee (Mt. Vincent) are warmly thanked for all their painstaking research in producing this information.

My sincere thanks go to all Executive members, Office Bearers and Clan Society Members as a whole for their continued support and contributions during the year. All is greatly appreciated, I assure you. Helen joins with me in wishing you and your families the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Keep well.

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

2nd November 1997

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THE FUNCTIONS PAGE

(See also Page 9 for additional Clan Macfie Dates)

1997

- 14-16 Nov Beechworth Celtic Festival, Vic. (Phone/Fax 03 5728-2674)
- 23 Nov 1) Gala Family Day, Rawson Park (Home of the Scottish Australian Cairn)
Mosman, Sydney
2) Scottish Remembrance Ceremony 1:45 p.m.. Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne.
- 23-30 Nov Sydney Scottish Week (02 9449-8353 or 9654-2494 A/H). Honoured Guest, Sir Lachlan Maclean of Durat and Morven, 28th Chief of Clan Gillean. To date no programme has been received from the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, although its October Newsletter listed a Dinner Dance for 28th November. Please let N.S.W. V-P Geoff McPhee know on Tel: 02 9533-4195 if you intend being at one or more functions.
- 30 Nov 1) Scottish Assn of South Australia, Highland Gathering, Rugby Oval, Elizabeth West.
2) 128th Annual Highland Gathering, Drummoyne Park, Sydney, N.S.W..
(02 9869-7876)
3) Kirkin' of the Tartan, church of the Holy Trinity, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane
10:00 a.m. (07 5466-5269)
- 6-7 Dec Daylesford Highland Gathering, Victoria Park, Daylesford, Vic..

1998

- 4 Apr 21st Annual Band and Highland Gathering at Bundanoon, N.S.W. (1800 65 6176). N.S.W. V-P Geoff McPhee and A.C.T. V-P Glen McPhee will have the Clan Macfie tent there again in '98.
- 10-12 Apr 1) Festival of Tartans, Australian Pipe Band Championships and Champion of Champions
(Easter) Highland Dancing Championships. Newcastle Showground and Entertainment Centre, N.S.W.. (1800 654 558).
2) 94th Maclean Highland Gathering, Maclean, N.S.W.
- 23-24 May Twelfth Biennial General Meeting and Gathering of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia in Melbourne, Vic., (03 9758-4428). Programme being developed.
- 27 May Clan Macfie Day worldwide
- 14-22 Nov 150th Anniversary Celebrations for the City of Dunedin and Province of Otago in New Zealand. The annual International Scottish Gathering and Tattoo will be significantly upgraded for '98. More information to come.

2000

- 27 Sep-01 Oct Ninth Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, University of Western Australia, Perth, W.A.

2001

- September Next Clan Parliament and associated International Gathering of Clan Macfie, Scotland.



A. C. T. Members Dinner at the Burns Club in Canberra on 4th October was perhaps to "celebrate the return of Home rule to Scotland" but also enabled members to catch up for a chat.

Parliament '97 Video. Details of the Video record of the Clan Parliament and associated functions in Aviemore this year are given on page 8 in the Clan News section. The cost for a copy of the video here in Australia is \$20 per copy posted. Order through Secretary Helen.



1997 Membership Subscriptions

Subscription Notices are enclosed for those few members who still have not paid their 1997 Subs. Please give them your urgent attention.

12th BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING
MELBOURNE, 23/24 MAY 1998

Nominations for Executive Office. With next year's Biennial General Meeting again being held close to Clan Macfie Day, it is necessary to adjust our Newsbulletin mailing date slightly to meet constitution requirements in timing the call for nominations for Executive Office. Newsbulletin No. 80 is thus scheduled to be mailed by 20th February instead of in March - otherwise we would be required to call for nominations in this Newsbulletin and that seems far too early, being six months ahead of the Meeting date. Accordingly, timing for the election of the 1998/2000 Executive will be:

- 20 Feb 98 - Call for nominations for Executive Office
- 20 Mar 98 - Nominations close
- 03 Apr 98 - Ballot papers mailed if required
- 01 May 98 - Ballot papers returnable
- 23 May 98 - Declaration of Poll at BGM

Agenda Items. Formal notification of the Eleventh Biennial General Meeting and distribution of any business papers etc., will also be made with Newsbulletin No. 80 in late February next year. Any member wishing to submit an item for consideration by the General Meeting may do so in writing to reach The Secretary by Friday, 30th January 1998.

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

- George S. McPhee (N77-283) of Turramurra, N.S.W. on 25th July 1997
- George Duncan McPhee of Black Rock, Vic., in July 1997, aged 85. The father of Cheryl Threadgold (V77-289)
- Angus A. McPhie (N74-077) of "Ravensworth", Cooma, N.S.W.
- Mrs. Bettee Douglas (N93-824) of Queanbeyan, N.S.W. on 18th December last year.

In our last Newsbulletin (No. 78 Jul 97) we reported the death of NX34185 Allen B. McPhee of Nerang, Q.. Allen was the father of Dr. Ian McPhee (V74-056) of the History Department at La Trobe University, Vic.. Ian said his father had been in the 8th Division A.I.F. and was captured with the fall of Singapore in WWII and experienced all the horrors of Changi and the Burma-Thailand railway. His mother was an 8th Division nurse and a prisoner too, in the "Paradise Road" camp. Ian is quite an expert in Egyptian archaeology and even has, he thinks, McPhee written in hieroglyphics on his note paper letterhead, but isn't sure and would like to check with Isis.

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AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL AWARD TO
JOHN MCPHEE (V77-308) OF WHITTLESEA, VIC.

A recent copy of "Fireman", the Volunteer Firefighter's Paper in Victoria reported the award of the Australian Fire Service Medal to John McPhee, a former Captain in the rural fire service, in recognition of his long and outstanding service. A farmer at Whittlesea in Western Victoria, John joined the Whittlesea Fire Brigade as a 17 year old youngster in 1955. His service over four decades at brigade, group and regional level was exceptional, including 19 years as Captain of the brigade where his great leadership skills contributed greatly in the operational and administrative fields. His award was the only one made to a Country Fire Authority member in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List in Victoria. He remains actively involved to-day, contributing in the communications area. Well done John, well deserved! Congratulations!

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

* **Pat Barling**, 10 Serpentine Street, Duffy, A.C.T. 2611 is looking for additional information on his ancestor **Catherine McPhee** who was born on Skye circa 1850 and married **John Barling** of Breakwater, Vic., at Geelong on 22nd September 1873. John died at Geelong 20th April 1904. No shipping arrival information or date of death provided for Catherine who was the daughter of **Archibald McPhee** and **Annie McKinnon**. John and Catherine had seven children (3 boys, 4 girls) between 1874 and 1890..... Any information direct to Pat please, plus a drop copy to Secretary Helen.

* **Marlena Turner** (T97-925) 9/17 Armitage Cres., Burnie Tas. 7320 had a query placed in our July Newsbulletin (No. 78) regarding her McPhee ancestors. It brought a prompt reply from **Gilbert and Beverley McPhee** (V80-472 & 476) of Lakes Entrance, Vic.. Marlena's **John McPhee** is the great grandfather of both Gilbert and Bev. He came from Ayr in 1855 with his first wife **Agnes** (John's line) and following her death, married a **Robina Smith** (Bev's line). Gilbert and Bev were able to provide Marlena with full McPhee information and, no doubt, lay the foundation for some long talks when they do meet up.

* **Marie Smith** (N95-883) of Woodbine, N.S.W. was Marie Ann Kay, born Kyogle N.S.W. 12 January 1948. Her family research has gone back over three generations where a **William Kay** married one **Agnes McPhee** at Eaglesham, Renfrewshire, Scotland on 1st June 1849. Agnes was born in Strunder, Argyleshire, on 6 May 1823 and died Southgate, N.S.W. on 9 May 1910. Marie has full information on all eight ancestors of that generation and too, is rather proud of the next generation as well - her daughter is with Morgan Stanley the global financial group and completing a law degree this year at Sydney Uni.....

* **From Janet Reakes Column in the Brisbane "Sunday Mail"** - Several people have shown interest in having their family trees computerised into large charts and wonder how this can be done. If people own the software "Family Tree Maker" (PC and Mac) (\$175) this will allow the printing of a variety of charts "as big as a football field". You need to take a disk to a shop that does drafting. Otherwise Malcolm Goddard, P.O. Box 281, Bulimba, Q. 4171, or email <m.goddard@qut.edu.au> can produce charts approximately up to 1100mm x 900mm in size. He does not research and you must supply the names and choose the preferred layout.

CLAN HISTORY IN AUSTRALIA



Our first list of Shipping Arrival information for last century appears below and over the page. The information has been steadily assembled over the years by a team of Clan Society researchers, but is still far from complete. Extracting the data itself is a slow job given the poor quality of some records, the large number of "Macfies" who migrated last century and the large number of entry ports. To further complicate matters, some computer records consulted have used the surname spelling "McPhee" throughout to avoid, they say, confusion through different spellings of the name in the actual shipping records!

The amount of information in the lists following has been reduced to fit across the page to facilitate presentation and consequently some information such as date of departure, place of residence etc., has been omitted. If your oldies appear in the lists and you would like this additional information, contact Secretary Helen.



OUR FIRST ARRIVAL. Our research to date indicated the "Admiral Barrington", a convict transport of 527 tons, brought the first Clan Macfie member to Australia - convict Daniel McFee who had been sentenced to 7 years at the Wiltshire Assizes on 21st April 1789. The "Admiral Barrington" was one of nine convict transports making up the 3rd Fleet which left Portsmouth on 27th March 1791. They sailed direct to Rio and then east to Australia, not calling at Cape Town. En route the fleet was scattered by storms with the ships arriving independently. The "Admiral Barrington" was the last to arrive on 3rd December 1791.

On 22nd January 1827 a Sarah Margaret McFie was christened at Scots Church, Sydney, (born 11 January 1827), the daughter of a Daniel McFie and Sarah Moor. The father was a private soldier in the Veterans Company. The same Daniel who arrived in the "Admiral Barrington"? Perhaps, perhaps not. Certainly we haven't located another Daniel McFee/McFie amongst passengers or convicts arriving before 1827, but there could have been one amongst the soldiers or ships' crews in those early days.

ARRIVALS IN SYDNEY

<u>Arr. Date</u>	<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Passenger</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Note</u>
16 Oct 1791	Admiral Barrington	Portsmouth	McFee, Daniel	-	Convict
03 Dec 1825	Henry Porcher	London	Duffie, Owen	30	Convict
18 Apr 1829	Mellish II	London	McPhee, Donald	-	Convict
30 May 1837	Marianne	-	McFee, Ann	21	-
27 Oct 1837	William Nicholl	Skye	McPhee, John Sarah (McPherson) (children - John 10, Duncan 5, Flora 3, William 1) McPhee, Jane (+ family?)	33 - - -	- - -
03 Dec 1837	Portland	Liverpool	Macfie, Rev. George Elizabeth (Hutcheson) (children - George 3, Susannah Inf)	48 30 -	- - -
12 Dec 1837	Midlothian	Skye	McPhee, Christina	-	Single
20 Jan 1838	Brilliant	Tobermorey	McPhee, Donald Catherine (McPhee) (children - Anne 16, Catherine 14, John 12, Hugh 10, Janet 8, Mary 3) McPhee, Ewen McPhee, Hugh MacPhee, Duncan	36 30 - - -	- - - - -
23 Jan 1838	Minerva	Grennock	McPhie, Ann (Donaldson) (children - John 29, Margaret 21, Catherine 19, Mary 17, Flora 15, Niel 10) ("Quarantined on arrival due to Fever, passengers landed 12 Feb 1838")	50	widow
18 Dec 1838	Portsea	Portsmouth	McPhee, Isabella McPhee, Lt. Donald (Lt. McPhee's daughters - Isabella, Euyphernia)	- -	mother son
02 Jan 1839	Boyne	Cromarty	McPhee, Alexander Una (Cameron) McPhee, Peter Jane (McMaster) (children - Duncan 3, Allen 1) McPhee, John Christina (Rankin) (children - Mary 23, John 21, Robert 12)	26 23 37 27 - - -	- - - - - -



Clan Macfie News

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A WARM WELCOME TO HELEN van der LEEST AS A CLAN ARMIGER



On 10th June 1997 Helen van der Leest of Apeldoorn, the Netherlands, matriculated Arms from the original Grant made to her brother, James, of New Zealand in 1995. The description of Helen's Arms is "Per fess Azure and or, in chief a frond of fern fessways Argent surmounted by a sword point downwards of the Last, hilted and pommelled Or, between two demi vols Argent, in base a galley sab under sail Argent, flags and pennons Gules, between two holly leaves paleways veit, all within a bordure counter-compony Or and Azure, the bordure charged in centre chef with a crescent counterchanged for difference. Above the Shield, on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest a demi-lion rampant Sable grasping it its forepaws a holly leaf paleways vert and in an Escrol over the same this Motto "SEMPER PRO REGE." Helen thus joins the small band of Armigers of Clan Macfie and becomes our third lady Armiger.



COLONSAY LAND DONATION REFUND

Under instructions from the Clan Commander, and in accordance with a commitment given in the Land Appeal brochure if the proposed land purchase did not go ahead, the Clan Societies have commenced refunding donations made to them for the Appeal Fund. All members and Societies who contributed to the fund are sincerely thanked for their generous support. Everyone shares the disappointment that the project did not come to fruition, lets hope there will be another day.

In making the refunds, donors were invited, should they so wish, to transfer their donations in total or in part across to the Clan Project Fund, or for a similar Clan purpose. While it is still early for notification of many of the transfers to have come through, the following are recorded with appreciation:

Sweden: Ulf Hagman

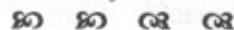
Australia: Mary Nicolson, Sandy & Norah McPhee, Nella Rutledge, John & Margaret Phee, Keith & Joyce Caldwell, Nevell & Linley McPhee, Gwen McPhee, Betty Garrad, Merle Kortlang-Kaluza, Ted & Judy Smythe, Margaret Peters, John McPhee, Ian & Margaret McPhee, Vi McFie, Jim

Martin, Henry McPhie, Marie Tattam, Pat Chapman, Lorna Landsdowne and Bruce Taylor.

Holland: Arie & Helen van der Leest.

New Zealand: Colin & Joyce Morison

THE MacDUFFEE STAFF in the Priory on Oronsay was replaced during the Clan's visit to Colonsay in 1993. Unfortunately, the labels on the Staff and below where it is mounted in the Priory, suffered badly from the salt-air corrosion. They have been replaced with, hopefully, non-corrosive ones which were obtained by the Chairman of the Clan Parliament Projects and Memorials Committee, Arie van der Leest of Holland, at no cost to the Clan. Thank you Arie!



Those attending the Gathering on Colonsay in 1993 will Remember Holley Chant? - (Rush, rush, rush - Fly, fly, fly - at one of the ceilidhs). Holley is an accomplished actress and starred as Shelley Cornford in an episode of the British production of "Inspector Morse" called "Death Is Now My Neighbour". She gave an excellent performance, what a pity she fell down the stairs to her death in the episode!

OUT OF AVIEMORE

CLAN PARLIAMENT VIDEO Arie van der Leest of Holland produced a video record of the 1997 Clan Parliament and associated Gathering functions. A copy of this tape has been distributed free to each of our Clan Societies. Thank you again, Arie! It runs for 58 minutes and has a suitable soundtrack. Members wishing to view the tape should contact their nearest Clan Society or make their own arrangements with a Society for a copy to be made at their expense. In the latter circumstances especially, it must always be remembered that the tape is for private viewing only and must never be used for commercial purposes in any way. All rights are reserved by Arie in that context. Too, each copy taken from the distributed tapes will deteriorate their picture quality as it is an analogue version, not a digital

one. Due to earlier commitments, Arie and Helen were unable to accompany Clan members on the bus trips during the final three days of the Aviemore Gathering and so no record of these trips is recorded on the video.

GATHERING REPORT AND PARLIAMENT RECORD. Due to a number of unscheduled interruptions at the Secretariat, these are not yet ready for distribution. On completion, a copy will be forwarded to Clan Commissioners, Clan Society Presidents and Chairmen of Clan Parliament Committees. Individual members may obtain copies from the Clan Secretariat at a cost of A\$5.00 per copy posted or by making suitable arrangements direct with their respective Clan Society.

12TH INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF CLAN MACFIE INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

Balance B/F 1993 Gathering + Int.	962.69
Registration (67 @ £10)	670.00
Commander's Reception (61 @ £5)	305.00
Clan Dinner * (36 @ £20)	720.00
Whisky Workshop (31 @ £5)	155.00
Craft Night (40 @ £1)	40.00
Final Dinner * (11 @ £15)	165.00
Coach Trips **	705.00
	<u>£3,722.69</u>

* Charge for non-Hotel residents

** Includes 3 tours and Clan bus from Glasgow

*** Estimates

Expenditure

Hotel (both Dinners)	898.60
Commander's Reception	229.00
Whisky workshop	108.00
Coach from Glasgow	120.00
Coach trips 1 and 2	340.00
Coach trip 3 (Skye)	132.00
Co-ordinators ***	200.00
Clan Secretariat (Post A\$271.15, Stationery A\$78.94, Phone/Fax/ Email A\$313.82)	344.60
Refunds	110.00
PA System hire	105.75
Flowers (Dinner Guest)	20.00
Hostess Gifts	40.00
Miscellaneous ***	100.00
Surplus C/F for 2001	974.74
	<u>£3,722.69</u>

FROM THE SOCIETIES

AGMs The MacFie Clan Society of North America, MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America and the Clan Macfie Society in Scotland held Annual General Meetings during October. The two American Societies held their meetings during the weekend of the Stone Mountain Highland Games in Atlanta, GA., where their tents (but not the AGMs) were co-located. Rev. Jim McAfee continues as President for the MacFie Clan

Society of North America, but Mary Roussos has retired as their secretary and Ruby McFee has taken over there. The new officers for the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society are James Baggette McDuffie, President; Holley Walker, Treasurer and Coleen Glenn, Secretary-Registrar. The Clan Macfie Society held their AGM at Luton in England on the last weekend in October but no report to hand as yet.

The following item was taken from the February 1997 copy of the Australian publication, The Scots Link, and is duly acknowledged there and to its author Major (Retd) Thomas Armstrong of Wanganui, New Zealand.

Do You Have Those Old Dates & Years Correctly?

When genealogists and others research births, deaths and marriages prior to the middle of the 18th century they have to tread warily - for reasons, some of which are outlined below.

Gregory XIII (Ugo Buoncompagni) 1502-1585, Italian Pope (1572-1585), was a professor of law from Bologna and he became one of the theologians at the Council of Trent. He displayed extraordinary zeal for the promotion of education and endowed many colleges in Rome. His pontificate, however, is notable for the correction of the calendar and the introduction of the "Gregorian Computations" in the year 1582.

The government of the United Kingdom of England, Scotland, and at that time Ireland, did NOT accept the Gregorian Calendar till one hundred and seventy years later - despite the fact that all other European countries had done so many years previously. There is nothing on record to explain why successive governments of Great Britain procrastinated for nearly two centuries to 1752, or what brought the matter to a head.

Prior to 1752, under the Julian Calendar, as introduced by Julius Caesar, the New Year began on the 15th day of March, and ended on the 14th day of March following.

In the year 1752, in order to bring "The New Style Calendar" into use and at the same time synchronise the time with the rest of Europe, it was necessary to lop eleven days off the month of September, and at the same time start the New Year on the 1st day of January with the 365th day ending on the 31st day of December.

This is the reason why you may come across the year which should be 1752, shown as 1751-52, depending on the month and the day. Another example: You may see a number of dates like 28th December 1696 and 12th January 1696, these two dates are in the same year i.e., 1696, and are only 15 days apart, NOT nearly twelve months!

One may also come across the date 30th February recorded for the year 1741 and earlier, this is not an error as prior to 1751-52 February did have 31 days in the Julian Calendar. ✱

DIARY

- April 98** AGM McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand. (James McPhee 09 238-6495).
- 24 May 98** 12th BGM of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, Melbourne, Vic.. (Helen McPhie 076 30-9030).
- 04 Jul 98** Triennial General Meeting of Thorburn-Macfie Family Society. (Ulf Hagman 0522 13-670).
- Oct 98** AGM MacFie Clan Society of North America, Atlanta, GA (Rev. Jim McAfee. (615 444 5524).
- 14 - 21 Nov 98** International Scottish Gathering, Dunedin, New Zealand to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Dunedin and the Province of Otago. (Bill McDonald, 12 Keinan Ave., Milton, N.Z.).
- 1st Sat. Aug 99** BGM of Cathey Reunion Association in North Carolina, U.S.A.. (Boyt Cathey 540 380 4467).
- Sep 2001** International Gathering and 8th Parliament of Clan Macfie, Scotland. (Clan Secretariat in Australia (076) 30-9030).

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CAN YOU HELP JULIE McHAFFIE?

"My Great Grandfather immigrated to Canada from Belfast, Ireland in 1904 with his two aunts, Margaret (unmarried) and Elizabeth (Mrs. William Anderson married 1901 in Ireland). His name was James J. Mahaffie(y) at the time they came to Canada. Several years later it was changed to 'McHaffie', but I have a copy of one of his aunt's obituaries, and the name is listed as "McHaffie" for herself and her parents (James J's grandparents). As far as I know, he was born 1894, (baptized the same year in the Church of St. Anne's) in Belfast, his parents being James Mahaffy and Bella Johnston. James J's grandparents' names were Robert and Mary McHaffie. I have had some difficulty getting past Robert and Mary, although I would like to know more about James and Bella as well. I do know that his occupation was a printer. James J. was married in 1914 to Margaret Jane Fountain of Mille Roches, Ontario, Canada. They had four children: Robert, Margaret, James and Lloyd. Lloyd being my late grandfather."

If you have any information to help Julie, contact her direct (with a copy to the Secretariat, please) at:-

Julie M. McHaffie, P.O. Box 20009, 1 Water St. E, Cornwall, Ontario K6J 7H6. Tel: (613) 933 0186 or email: <marquess_samala@hotmail.com>.

CLAN COMMANDER'S 1997 TRAVEL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Advance from Clan Fund in 1996	422.15	Economy Air Fares to Scotland and return Mr. & Mrs. McPhie	4485.78
Advance from Clan Fund in 1997	2040.00	Travel Insurance	279.00
Clan Macfie Society Australia 1997 Contribution	308.75	Accommodation Aviemore	1824.68
Clan Macfie Society Australia Members 1997 Donations	703.95	Gathering Registration	239.89
Donations Received from Clan Members at Aviemore	488.55		
	<u>A\$3963.40</u>		<u>A\$6829.35</u>

The difference of A\$2,865.95 as well as all other costs relating to the Gathering and Parliament, visits to Colonsay and Edinburgh, and associated travel etc., were met by the Clan commander.

The Clan Fund includes donations received from all Clan Societies and Clan members world-wide. It is accounted for separately in the Clan's annual Financial Statements. The other amounts above were paid direct to the Clan commander, not via the Clan fund.

Donations To The Clan Commander's Travel were made this year by the following: The Macfie Clan Society of Australia and Members; Macfie Clan Society in Canada and Members; Macfie Clan Society, in Scotland; and Lorraine McPhee (Australia), Harvey and Ann MacPhee (Canada), Jack and Pat Duffie (U.S.A.) and Ross and Isobel McGuffie (England). All are acknowledged with sincere thanks.



The Chief of Clan Maclean, Sir Lachlan Maclean of Duart and Morven and Lady Maclean will be in Australia from 14th November to 4th December this year. Clan Commander Sandy, hopes to meet Sir Lachlan during this time - on friendlier grounds it is hoped, than other meetings between the two Clans in days gone by, and, says Sandy, "There are no heads to be returned this time."

A Special Appeal has been launched in memory of those who died in the Dunblane massacre. Launched by eight of the bereaved parents there, the Dunblane Tartan Ribbon Appeal aims to raise at least £1.5 m. for children suffering around the world. Further information is available at:

<<http://www.dunblaneribbons.scotland.net>>

Smart Moves with Family Search

It takes a while to develop a really effective strategy when consulting the IGI at computer. The programme is so powerful that there are "hidden possibilities" to speed up your work, and increase the "hits".

The following was written by Riley Williams of the Aberdeen Family History Centre, Scotland, and issued via his fidonet terminal 2:259/73. The method involves using the Holding File - it is one of the menu options given by the F2 key at the point when you choose to print what you have found. *The purpose of this Holding File is to make a store, for copying later, either to paper or to floppy disc for home use.* Here is Riley's Recipe! -

1. Perform a Parents Search specifying the names of both parents, father first. Capture all matching records into the Holding File.
2. Perform another Parents File, this time omitting the mother's surname, and capture all matching records into the Holding File.
3. Perform a Marriage Search for those parents, capturing all matching records into the Holding File.
4. Perform Individual Searches on any names of interest not found so far, capturing any likely entries into the Holding File.

5. Perform Marriage Searches for each child that is of interest, capturing any likely entries into the Holding File.

6. Repeat the above steps for each marriage found in Step 5 until either (a) you have only another ten minutes on the computer, or (b) you run out of marriages to check.

For a large number of entries found, you may fill the Holding File several times, so ensure that you can pay for all the printouts!, or, bring sufficient floppy disc capacity.

Our practice is normally use the Holding File and print to paper only if less than about ten sheets of printouts are required. A great advantage of copying to disc is that the results can be "massaged" at home, i.e., reformatted and spurious entries deleted.

We at Cameron Research use the IGI utility IGI225, which is a processor designed for the IGI. Among its features is the ability to Order by Father name or by Place name. And once received, the data is held by your computer so you may use the same floppy discs over and over for further Family Search sessions.

From Cameron Research, PO Box 215, Bundanoon, N.S.W. 2578 (FAX +61 48 83 6850)
whose policy is "Rigour, Order and Simplicity in Family History".

AUDIT OF CLAN SOCIETY BOOKS FOR 1996

As mentioned in our July Newsbulletin (No. 78) the Auditor's Report on our Financial Statements for 1996 was overlooked in preparing that Newsbulletin. It is now included below.

Annual Audit - Macfie Clan Society

We advise that we have completed the audit of the books and records of the Clan (sic) as at 31 December 1996 and in our opinion the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure fairly represents the activities of the Clan for the year.

We would like to draw to your attention the following matter which we do not feel materially diminishes the amount of the Clan's accounts.

- *Bank Reconciliation*

We noted that the unrepresented cheque in the Bank Reconciliation is now stale as it was written on 7 March 1995. This should be corrected by reversing that entry through the "Subscriptions" column in the Cheque Account Cash Book.

Signed: Pat Morton

Walker Partners Pty. Ltd.. Certified Practising Accountants, Toowoomba. Q.

The required correction reversing the entry for the unrepresented cheque (of \$20) has been attended to. The change in name of our auditors from Messrs. Clark, Morton & Gleeson to Walker Partners Pty. Ltd., is the result of a company merger.



DONATIONS

The following donations to Clan and Clan Society funds have been received since our last Newsbulletin and are acknowledged with sincere thanks.

Clan Society General Fund: Beryl McPhie, Nowra, N.S.W.

Clan Society Trust Fund: Mrs. Beth Sainsbury, Gosnells, W.A.; Jock MacCathie, Chewton, Vic.; Ian and Judith McPhee, Scullin, A.C.T.; Neil McPhee, Mornington, Vic..

Clan Society Travel: Jock MacCathie, Chewton, Vic.; Neil McPhee, Mornington, Vic..

Clan Capital fund: Jock MacCathie, Chewton, Vic..

Standing Stone Maintenance: Jock MacCathie, Chewton, Vic..

Clan Commander's Travel Fund: Kaye Macphee, Melbourne, Vic.; Peter and Barbara McPhee, Nunawading, Vic.; Jock MacCathie, Chewton, Vic..

KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN

Tradition has it, that following the Banning the Clanfolk in defiance used to take a small piece of Tartan to Church on Sunday. The Minister during the service, blessed the Tartan. The Kirking of the Tartan, as we know it, began in Washington, D.C., during the dark days of World War II. Dr. Peter Marshall, an American citizen, but a native born Scot was Chaplain of the USA Senate and a member of The St. Andrew Society. He preached many sermons in support of The British War Relief and The Scottish Clan Evacuation Plan. Frequently his sermons were published and sold for the benefit of those programmes. On the 2nd May 1943 his sermon titled "Kirkin' O' the Tartan" proved a stimulus to churchmen and laity alike. About the same time The St. Andrew Society in Washington began an annual religious event also known as "The Kirking". In 1950 the "Kirking" became an annual ceremony in Washington National Cathedral and the observance has now spread worldwide. The Theme is the praise and the thanksgiving for the relief of constraints the Crown imposed by The Act of Proscription in 1747, which placed a ban on the gathering together of persons, the carrying of guns, the wearing of the kilt, and the playing of bagpipes.

(Our acknowledgement to "Tulach Ard" (Vol 13 Issue 3 Winter 1997) the Newsletter of the N.S.W. Branch of Clan MacKenzie Society in Australia, Inc., for this article)

THE 1997 CLAN MACFIE POETRY COMPETITIONS

The 1997 Clan Macfie Poetry Competitions conducted by the Clan Society Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhee of Glenore Grove, Q., were again well supported. This year's winners were announced on 2nd August at Hungerford in South West Queensland, at a gala night at the Royal Mail Hotel when Bob also introduced a new competition in three sections for Bush Poetry Recitals. Winners are listed on the front cover of this Newsbulletin and received prize cheques or trophies plus a Society medallion. The two winning poems appear below and the second placed entries over the page. Bob McPhee is to be congratulated on another successful year of poetry competitions and on the initiative in introducing the Recital Sections. He expects to run similar competitions next year, and to again announce the winners at Hungerford on the first weekend in August.

Mebh (She Who Intoxicates)

He found a meadow rich with dreams,
muscadine
with cataleptic velvet nights, and dappled days.

"Come, lay your face upon the grass;
allow its scent
to speak to you of briar rose and columbine."

"The very trees are redolent
with mystic tales
of lovers' trysts, and minuets, and lullabies."

He smiled a weary, wistful smile,
and sank into
the magical embrace of endless summertime.

Rita Summers 1997

Two Tongues

(James Davis, a Scottish convict who was sent to Moreton Bay, escaped and lived many years in the bush with Aborigines before returning to his former prison world. Because of his knowledge of Aboriginal languages, he was required to interpret in court where cases, sometimes involving capital punishment, involved Aboriginal accused people. His Aboriginal name was Duramboi. In his old age he donated a clock to the Royal Brisbane Hospital. It is still on display there in the basement, and still works.)

Two tongues I speak
two tongues, two tongues
that link two lives, one deeply prized
and one more truly called despised:
sweet tongue of the tribes of river and tree
who took me to heart and brothered me;
then the tougher tongue of noose and gun
the tongue that some call civilized.

Two lives I've lived
two lives, two lives
since first they shipped me to this shore:
the leaf-green life, the barefoot life
content to be, not craving more
and then the life of streets of stone
leathered with restless pacing feet
locked into lanes without retreat
- - the ways dividing rich and poor.

Two tongues have I
two tongues, two tongues
under the law that lames this land
- - cold counterpoise between two lives
between the judge and the prisoner's stand
under criminal code of England's Queen
an alien code to lives leaf-green
before we came with ball and chain
with treadmill, whips and ritual pain.

What was it that His Honour said?
Hanged by the neck until you're dead.
How do I feed the fatal phrase
to one who's listened all his days
to laughing leaves, birds' songs of praise?
To one who's shared the bush with me
swum the lagoon by the paperbark tree
tasted the wine of the honey-bee?

Two tongues have I
two tongues, two tongues
that drive me down divided ways.
They'll drive me to my dying days:
the Davis and the Duramboi.
Which breaks my heart? Which brings me joy?
My double life I try to live
My double gift I try to give.

Now in the sunset of my days
how do I frame the fancy phrase?
How do I join the chant of praise
for convict-quarried blocks of stones
cemented thick with nine-tail moans
on cemeteries of nameless bones?
How do I bear with breath of pride
a world where brotherhood's denied
and mean ways blessed and codified?

Give me what stony town denies.
Give me the open hearts and skies
where branches are the only bars
between the sweet grass and the stars.
I'm growing old with broken heart
my two tongues tearing me apart.

Paul Sherman

TATTOO

(for SGS)

after the Irish legend *The Fate of the Children of Lir*

'Only when a bell,' cried Aoife,
For the third time tolls the dawn in praise of God,
Will the ghostly swans - the children of Lir -
The gruesome beauty I've wrought, return
To human form, know human love.'

Nine hundred years the wild swans sing,
Make pure voice from soulless separation
From one's kind.
Now, the bell of humility
Begins: a modern gratitude, alive
To the March-fly's wing, to light cloth's

Furl across a ripening belly,
To encroaching earthly darkness. Gently
You shed the ancient hubris of Jehovahs
And, in praise of other worth, draw
Delicate silence from the days -

Spiral with your embryo into wisdom.
The second tolling (soundless in the blood)
Becomes an invisible tattoo among sisters
Restoring, replenishing, stolen
And dismembered truths.

The surge and knock of your child.
Nine hundred years the white wild swans
Have sung of exile. Nine hundred years
The intruder's curse. Aoife's terms
By your chanting uterus are undone:

From you, godless, glides a human son.

Wallace McKittrick

DRAFTING KIMBERLY STORES

Market bullocks being drafted, on a Kimberley
cattle run
I can see the dustclouds rising, choking dust which
hides the sun.

I can hear the frenzied rattle, of the horns, and hear
the stamp
Of the blaze-faced mare I used to race across the
drafting camp!

The ringers too, are shouting at some dog which
dares to bark,
I can see a rogue beast wheeling as the stockwhip
leaves its mark.

Redhide reins are all alather - sweat and dust and
Fitzroy sun
As they're drafting stores for market on a Kimberly
cattle run.

Reds and roans, and broken baldies, long of horn
and lean of frame -

I can see them being shouldered by a station
gelding, game.

'Block that steer!' and 'Let the roan go!' 'There's
that stag from Desert bore!'

'Watch that bull, he's getting stirry!' Yes, I hear
them drafting stores!

Quarts of tea, and slabs of damper - Oh! I miss that
billy tea!

Fretful bullocks dinner-camping, shaded by a boab
tree.

Comes the dawn and I've been dreaming, I've been
back home, drafting stores

To escape if only briefly, from these bars and cell-
block doors.

Where I've spent a long, long summer, locked away
from stars and sun

Since they caught me lifting cleanskins from some
distant company run.

Now we're drafted every evening, like we drafted
station stores,

'Block that bloke!' and 'Go on, move it!' -
windows barred, and padlocked doors!

Kelly Dixon



An Irish-produced postcard has the following message:

*"Teenagers! Tired of being harassed by your stupid parents? Then move out. Get a job.
Pay your own bills. ACT NOW - while you still know everything."*

HOGMANAY

The Clan Forsyth Society produced this Hogmanay article in a recent Newsletter of theirs. It is acknowledged with thanks.

What is Hogmanay? Hogmanay is New Years Eve, December 31, the night when Scotsmen the world over go to town in celebrations. They claim that nowhere is the occasion more celebrated than in Scotland, where the festivities go on all through the night often until 7 am next morning.

In olden days Scots gathered to greet the New Year at places like the Iron Kirk in Edinburgh or the market cross or church steeple in their local town. There was singing and dancing in the streets.

An old Scots rhyme puts it:

"Get up, good wife, and shake your feathers,
And dinna think that we are beggars,
For we are bairns come out to play,
Get up and gie's oor Hogmanay"

"First-footing", the traditional custom of trekking round homes of friends and neighbours, is still practiced in Scotland today. You are welcomed at hundreds of parties, so long as you arrive carrying a small gift like a piece of coal or a half-bottle of whisky or a cake of shortbread (or all three perhaps).

People supposed to be unlucky "first-foots" are grave diggers, hangmen, witches, ministers, and doctors.

The word "Hogmanay" is thought to come from France. Others say that Hogmen were hillmen, believed to be the Elves or "Good Folk" who lived in the hills. In the olden days the first person to walk over your doorstep on Hogmanay carried an evergreen branch symbolising continuing life. He had to go straight to the fire, stir the dying embers, then turn around and greet the entire household. Not until that moment was anybody allowed to speak.

(This article appears courtesy of "Brush up your Scotland", publisher Gordon Irving & H B Langman & Co. Ltd. 1972)



HAGGIS

The Elliot Clan Society is responsible for this do-it-yourself Haggis recipe. Should we try it before we say thank you? Well, probably not, there doesn't seem to have been a marked decline in Elliot numbers since it was published in February. But will it work without first taking "one sheep's pluck"? the purist might ask - - why not try it and see.

Haggis The Scottish Delicacy. Here is an easy recipe from Elisabeth Luard. Elizabeth is married to writer Nicholas Luard whose ancestral village is in the north of Skye and has written a number of books on European cooking including "The Old World Kitchen".

This version of Haggis does not need the traditional sheep's stomach to enfold it. This is a delicious dish, especially for those of us of Scottish background.

Ingredients (per person allow)

1 handful pinhead oatmeal (if unavailable, put rolled
oats through a food processor)
125 g of liver, heart, pluck (lungs)
1 large onion
30g suet
thyme (fresh or dried), pepper and salt to taste

Method

Boil the meats until cooked, then grate coarsely on a cheese grater. Save the stock from the cooked meats. Grate the onions, add fresh or dried thyme to taste, and plenty of freshly ground black pepper. Grate the suet and add to mixture with the oatmeal. Moisten all ingredients with stock from the cooked meats. Add salt to taste and cook in an uncovered pan for about 30 minutes. Serve very hot.

GENERAL NOTES

◆ Congratulations and Good Wishes to

- ◆ **Margaret MacCathie** (V90-724) of Chewton, Vic., and **Charles Neville** on their marriage some months ago. They are now living in Footscray in Melbourne and Charles is welcomed amongst our new members (No. 924);
- ◆ **Jean Macfie-Nation** (Q89-719) of Surfers' Paradise, Q., who has recently remarried; and to
- ◆ **Rowan McPhee** (S77-363) of Fulham Gardens, S.A. and **Julie Neuhaver** who have recently announced their engagement and plan to marry next year.
- ◆ New member **Marlena Turner** (T97-925) of Burnie, Tas., is our first recruit via an Internet enquiry - welcome Marlena, we trust you will be the first of many and you have a long and enjoyable membership of the Society.
- ◆ **Hands Up** all those who saw the "Blue Heelers" episode with husband and wife characters named McPhee, or the Macfies (?) in "Hamish Macbeth, or maybe the Sunday TV programme with a McPhee chemist from Latrobe University speaking on food contamination problems. The name crops up often enough in real life too, though not always in the best circumstances - there's a McFee lady (?) on a murder charge in the A.C.T. at present.
- ◆ Our "all singing-all dancing" computer did the totally inexcusable on page 14 of our July Newsbulletin (No. 78) - it dropped off the **punchline of a joke**. This time it will behave itself mid-page, Helen says, so here is the whole joke - we know you've been wondering about it.

An Englishman visiting a farm in the Highlands was given a glass of milk and an oatcake spread with home-made jam. When finished he returned the glass and said "*Thank you very much for the milk and jam. Here's your little bit of board back*". (The Scots Magazine)

- ◆ With recent wanderlust were **Lorna Charles** (V89-712) of Mildura, Vic., who was in South Africa early in the year and **Ted and Dorothy McPhee** (Q77-326/7) of Bell, Q., in New Zealand in September.
- ◆ Our March 97 Newsbulletin (No. 77) carried the important information that Waipu in New Zealand holds the first Highland Games in the world each year, being the first such stop west of the International Date Line. Our Clan Elliot friends have equally important information - the oldest Highland Games in New Zealand are held in Turakina with 132 years up. This year they were held on the Tini-wai-Tara marae or Maori meeting place there, north west of Palmerston North, N.I.. And, horrors, one year (1876 to be exact) they were even held on 17th March, St. Patrick's Day!
- ◆ **OZ Phone Numbers** seem to be on the move to eight digit ones Australia wide. All great fun especially for the Telstra technicians. The Queensland ones are expanding this month and the President/Secretary number will become (07) 4630-9030 about the 14th or 28th depending - Not to worry though, the old (076) number will still connect you through during the first six months after the change.

THEY'VE SHIFTED CAMP

- ◇ **Mrs. Marina Borkowskis** (N94-849) from Queenbeyan to 46 Jacaranda Drive, Jerrabomberra, NSW 2619
- ◇ **Miss Kelly McPhee** (A93-793) from Horsham, Vic., back to 88 William Webb Drive, Evatt ACT 2617
- ◇ **Mrs. Jean Macfie-Nation** (Q89-719) from Unit 28 3C Thornton Towers, Surfers' Paradise, Q., to Unit 13B at the same address.
- ◇ **Mrs. Shirley Dickson** (V83-515) from 6 Union Court at Naracoorte, SA to P.O. Box 1179, still at Naracoorte. Hope there's room for the family in the P.O. box, Shirley.
- ◇ **Sister Anne McPhee** (V95-897) from down the road a bit to 18 Parkside Street still in Blackburn, Vic..
- ◇ **Margaret MacCathie-Nevile** (V90-724) of Chewton, Vic., to 21 Mitchell Street, Footscray, Vic.
- ◇ **Ross McPhie** (V76-197) and daughters **Abbie** (V87-577) and **Coralie** (V87-578) from East Ringwood in Victoria to 3 Grandview Road, Box Hill South, Vic. 3128.
- ◇ **Malcolm McPhie** (V76-196) - brother of Ross - has moved from Ringwood to Ballarat in Victoria with the ANZ Bank.
- ◇ **Bruce McFee** (N93-825) our resident Canadian, from Woollahara to 4/174 Hampden Road, Abbotsford, NSW 2046.
- ◇ **Scot McPhie** (Q76-164) from Sans Souci, in Sydney to 21 Walsh Street, Milton, Q. 4064
- ◇ **Rowan McPhee** (S77-363) from Albert Park in Adelaide to 18 Suffolk Street, Fulham Gardens, SA 5024
- ◇ **Katrina McPhie** (Q-76-165) from Stanley Street to Flat 3, 17 Hale Street - still in Townsville
- ◇ **Mary Nicholson** (W91-771) from Tuart Hill in WA to 17/76 East Street, Maylands, 6051
- ◇ **Beryl McPhie** (N76-162) from Croydon, Vic., back to NSW at 67 Walsh Crescent, Nowra, 2541
- ◇ And **Andrew Macafee** (A81-502) is at 14 Woralul Street, Waramanga, ACT 2611 - not 214 as we thought. Probably the message originally came through orally as "to 14 Woralul Street". Andrew, sorry about that.

LOST CONTACT

We have lost contact with **Miss Faith McPhee** (V85-549) formerly of 8 Rose Avenue, Surrey Hills, in Victoria. If anyone can help with Faith's whereabouts please let Secretary Helen know.

NEW MEMBERS

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

V97-924 Charles MacCathie-Nevile, 21 Mitchell Street, Footscray, Vic. 3011

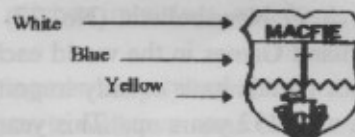
T97-925 Ms. Marlena Turner, 9/17 Armitage Crescent, Burnie, Tas. 7320

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

Gold writing and detail on badge



* Further items are being considered



CELTIC COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA



This Council, consisting of representatives from all the Celtic Communities in Australia - Irish, Scots, Welsh, Cornish, Manx and Breton, was formed ten years ago with the principal objects of arranging University teaching of Celtic Studies and otherwise promoting Celtic culture.

The decade has certainly seen Celtic Studies at degree level established at the University of Sydney at the Celtic Council's initiative. There has also been a remarkable and still firmly growing consciousness among the Celtic Communities of their common ancient brotherhood. They are in fact startlingly similar temperamentally and culturally - despite the sorrows and separations of the long centuries since the Celts first appeared in history in Central Europe.

The studies and the music and the sports they have shared for centuries, they still share. This has resulted in Celtic Festivals in Sydney on Australia Day, in Glen Innes (where the Celtic Council initiated the magnificent Ring of Standing Stones as a 200 year Memorial to Celtic Contribution to Australia), in Hobart, in Brisbane (where the Council has a State Branch) and most recently in Geelong where Peter Alexander, Chairman of the Council from its formation, officially launched the Festival there. All the Communities - of course still proud of their Irish, Scots, Welsh etc., unity, have co-operated.

The Council's Standing Committee consists of elected representatives from each Community. It meets monthly in Sydney and has a continuing programme of Celtic development. In that regard, Celtic Studies are in being in Newcastle and under discussion at the University of Queensland and Deakin University in Victoria.

In recognition of the work done over many years by volunteers who have kept the Celtic cause and culture alive in Australasia, the Council has initiated a system of Celtic honours. The New South Wales State Governor, the Australian Government and State Premiers have all acted to present such honours to recipients. The most recent award was to Robin MacKenzie-Hunter for his work with the Gaelic Choir. He is a *Duine Uasal* (Gaelic for Honoured Person). Congratulations to him.

**For information on membership of the Celtic Council contact
Peter Alexander, 46 Hawthorn Avenue, Chatswood 2067
or telephone (02) 9419 5024**



(The Scots Link - February 1996)

