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SCOTTISH HOUSE IN SYDNEY

We have, as a Society, already given modest support to the Scottish House project in Sydney to establish a Scottish Cultural and Information Centre there as, currently, none exists in Australia. The following article is a call for support by the organisers of this very worthwhile project - would you like to help?

FROM THE HEATHER TO THE WATTLE

At the end of the 19th century, two well known French writers predicted that there would be a great British Empire due to the well educated folk north o' the border (Scotland). It was these gallant men who settled many countries, including Australia, with their Bibles, Books and Bands. They build Banks, Bridges, Hospitals and Schools for bairns. As we older people grew up, we had to take pennies to Sunday School for the Missions and throughout that Empire buildings for such purposes were built.

In New South Wales, Australia, we sent our Scots-Australian men to Gallipoli and El Alamein. By 1965 Sydney had lost much of the "Scottish flavour" which had sustained it for the first 177 years.

A group from the present day Scottish Community wish to build a Cultural home where information can be stored and retrieved, where we can meet, where the books of the pioneers may be safely housed and research may be undertaken.

Those associated with Scottish House are dedicated to the proposition that we must build as our forefathers built before us. We cannot do this without all possible help. Your assistance will help build our own Scottish Cultural and Information "hame".

Scots were amongst the first organised settlers in this Country - let us not be the last to build a Cultural Centre!

Activities to date have included information stalls at Bundanoon and other Highland Gatherings,

a "Buy a Brick" Campaign, an Open Day at Elizabeth Bay House, the home of an early Colonial Secretary, a Grand Scottish Concert and Scottish Theme Dinners. Contact the Secretary for the latest programme of events by phoning (02) 9644 4647 or writing to P.O. Box 498, Granville, N.S.W. 2142, Australia.

The Committee for 1997-98 are:

President: Mr. Robert Stewart - Communications Network Customer Service Officer. Vice-President of Sydney's Burns Club and an active Scottish Country Dancer.

Vice-President & Public Officer: Mrs. Sally Ross - Personal Assistant to Principal in Legal Practice and Scottish History Student.

Secretary: Mrs. Moyna Scotland - Retired Audit & Corporate Records Clerk, Ex Piper, Past Secretary of State Pipe Band Association.

Treasurer: Mr. Raymond Bell - Secretary of Clan Donachaidh Society (N.S.W.)

Committee Members:

Mrs. Jean Bell - Speech Therapy Teacher

Mrs. Joy Jones - Elder of Presbyterian Church, Member of Clan Maitland Society.

Mr. James McConnell - Ex Scots Guards, School & Piping Tutor, High Commissioner for Clan Donald in Australia.

Miss Sheila O'Loughlin - Member of Clan Donald Society.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT



This Newsbulletin includes a very complimentary acknowledgment of our Poetry Competitions by "Scots Link" magazine and a call for assistance from the Scottish House project committee in Sydney. The former is a timely salute to Bob McPhee and his dedication to the poetry competition, the latter is very definitely supported by our Society - you don't have to be a Sydney-sider to help. Bob, by the way, is fully extended with a new business undertaking and will be running a reduced poetry competition this year. See page 14 for details.

On page 7 I have, as Clan Commander, endeavoured to explain the differences between a Clan and its Clan Societies, and their associated areas of authority, as these caused some difficulties at Clan Parliament in Aviemore last year. In fact, the very term "Clan Parliament" caused problems itself as many feel it is the exclusive domain of the Clan Societies while I maintain, as Clan Commander, it must be a Clan-wide meeting for all Clan members, Clan officials and, of course, the Societies. Think about it.

Of special significance in the Newsbulletin is a call for nominations for Executive office for the 1998 - 2000 term of office. This time, after twenty five years at the helm, I have decided not to seek re-election as President and our Society will have its first change in leadership. I am sure all organisations benefit from such changes every now and then and am confident ours will surge ahead with a new leader with new ideas and style. The details regarding nominations and our Twelfth Biennial General Meeting are on page 5.

With the change in Presidency will come, presumably, a new Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsbulletin editor as these appear best to be co-located. I have enjoyed my quarter century as President and Editor, and I am sure Helen has also as Secretary - though I think at times she felt her taskmaster there should be called Simon, not Sandy, as copy and mailing deadlines were pursued. I owe much to Helen for her unflinching support and contribution over all those years, as too, do I owe it to the original members who are still with us and the many others who joined our ranks along the way. While it would be impossible to name all who have been actively involved, I acknowledge the contribution of the Executive members past and present, and especially that of Sandy and Norah McPhee of Mt. Vincent, N.S.W., for their solid support from day one.

Looking back over the twenty five years since I first responded to Dr. Earle MacPhee's letter seeking someone in Australia to form a Clan Macfie Society here, we have achieved a lot. Never for a moment did I realise where it would take me or the size, strength and vitality of the Society I was forming. It's had its disappointments of course, but they were few and easily outweighed by the pleasure, enjoyment and satisfaction of seeing our part of Clan Macfie grow and prosper. The Society came into being, you will probably recall, on 3rd May 1974, when 24 of 31 members of Clan Macfie I had approached agreed to support its formation. To-day we have 456 members - including 12 of the original ones. Helen and I have made many friends over the years and these friendships will continue, as too, will our contact with the Society. From both of us, Thank You for your support. I am sure you will join with us in extending best wishes to the incoming Executive and Office Bearers.

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

10th February 1998

THE FUNCTIONS PAGE

1998

- 1 Mar Nunawading Highland Gathering, Victoria.
- 7 Mar Scottish Emigrants' Luncheon, The Scottish Hall, Weigand Avenue, Bankstown, N.S.W. 2200. 12:30 p.m. for 1:00 p.m. \$20 per person. BYO drinks. Guest Speaker Mr. Raymond Thorburn FGAA from the Australian Genealogical Education Centre.
Bookings/Further information:- Moyna Scotland (02 9644 4647) or Scottish House, P.O. Box 498, Granville, N.S.W. 2142.
- 15 Mar Geelong Highland Gathering, Victoria. (03 9725 6016)
- 29 Mar Ringwood Highland Carnival, Victoria.
- 4 Apr 21st Annual Band and Highland Gathering at Bundanoon, N.S.W. (1800 656 176). 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 (Easter) 1) Festival of Tartans, Australian Pipe Band Championships and Champion of Champions Highland Dancing Championships. Newcastle Showground and Entertainment Centre, N.S.W.. (1800 654 558).
2) 94th Maclean Highland Gathering, Maclean, N.S.W. (Mrs. N. Smith, 23a Roderick Street, Maclean, N.S.W. 2463)
- 25 Apr Scottish Act of Remembrance. March from Town Hall to Cenotaph, Sydney, N.S.W. 12:30 p.m.
- 1 - 3 May Australian Celtic Festival, Glen Innes, 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). See page 5 and enclosed attendance slip for details.
- 27 May Clan Macfie Day worldwide.
- 5 - 8 Jun 4th National Celtic Folk Festival, Geelong, Victoria (P.O. Box 1314, Geelong, Vic 3220)
- 5 Jul Kirkin' o' the Tartan, Scots Church, Collins Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 11:00 a.m.
- 1 - 9 Aug Sydney Scoffish Week. Moved forward from the last week in November. Programme to be very much on the same lines as previous years - only more so. Special guests are Alastair Campbell of Airds, Unicorn Pursuivant at the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, and wife MaryAnn. Further details from Secretary, Valerie Smith on 02 9654 2494 or at P.O. Box 495, Chatswood, N.S.W. 2057.
- 9 Sep 9th Wynnum Highland Gathering, Queensland.
- 13 - 15 Nov Beechworth Celtic Festival, Victoria.
- 14-22 Nov International Scottish Gathering, Dunedin, New Zealand to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Scottish Settlement in the region. (Trevor Lewis, c/- Box 5045, Dunedin, N.Z.. Phone 64 3 474 3577, Fax 64 3 474 3458).
- 22 Nov St. Andrews Day Remembrance Ceremony, The Shrine, Melbourne, Victoria, 1:45 p.m. (03 9743 5383)
- 6 Dec Combined Scottish Societies of New South Wales Inc., 129th Annual Highland Gathering, Drummoyne Oval, Drummoyne, N.S.W.. (02 9869 7876).

2000

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

2001

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



THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA
EXECUTIVE AND OFFICE BEARERS 1996 -1998

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS AT 1ST JANUARY 1998

	ACT	WA	QLD	SA	TAS	NSW	VIC	O'SEAS	TOTAL
MEMBERS	20	21	100	29	6	124	86	19	405
UNDER 18	-	2	7	-	-	14	8	-	31
OVER 75 *	-	4	1	-	-	7	4	-	16
TOTAL	20	27	108	29	6	145	98	19	452

Plus 4 Honorary Members - Scotland 2, Sweden 1, Canada 1.

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

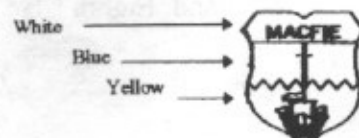


CLAN SOCIETY MERCHANDISE

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twelfth Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia will be held in the Broderick Room, Whitefriars Park Conference and Training Centre, cnr Park and Heads Roads, Donvale, Victoria, on Saturday 23rd May 1998 at 11:00 a.m..

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Welcome to Those Attending
2. Apologies and Greetings
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 11th BGM (Brisbane, Q., 1996)
4. Business Arising From the Minutes of the 11th BGM
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements
7. Election of Executive Members for the 1998-2000 Term of Office
8. General Business
9. Closure

- Notes:**
1. Morning Tea will be available at 10:30 a.m.
 2. The General Meeting will be followed at 12:30 p.m., for 1:00 p.m., by a Clan Luncheon at Whitefriars. (see page 6 and enclosed attendance slip).
 3. No Agenda Items were notified to the Secretary by the closing date of 30th January 1998.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICE 1998-2000

In accordance with paragraph 9 of the Clan Society Constitution, nominations are now called for, for the following Executive Office positions of the Clan Society for 1998-2000:

President	
Vice-President	
State Vice-Presidents for	New South Wales
	Queensland
	Victoria
	South Australia
	Western Australia
	Australian Capital Territory
	Tasmania
	Northern Territory

Treasurer

Notes:

1. Nominations are to be in writing stating the nominee's name and intended office. Nominations to be signed by the nominee accepting nomination for office, and by the proposer and seconder.
2. Only financial members of the Society are eligible to accept nomination for office, or to propose, second or vote for nominees. In the case of each State Vice-President, a nominee, proposer, seconder and all members voting must be residents of the State concerned.
3. Nominations close with The Secretary, The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, "Colonsay", MS191, Cambooya, Q. 4358, on Friday 20th March 1998.
4. Should a ballot be required for the election of any Executive Member, ballot papers will be mailed by 3rd April 1998 and be returnable by 1st May 1998. Declaration of the results of the Election will be made at the Twelfth Biennial General Meeting of the Society in Melbourne, Victoria, on Saturday 23rd May 1998.

**TWELFTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND
MELBOURNE, VIC., 23RD AND 24TH MAY 1998**

Saturday 23rd May

General Meeting and Clan Luncheon

Venue: Whitefriars Park Conference and Training Centre, cnr Park and Heads Roads, Donvale, Vic., 3111. (Tel: 03 9874 4877)

Programme: 10:30 a.m. - Morning Tea in Broderick Room
11:00 a.m. - 12th Biennial General Meeting
12:30 p.m. - Pre-Luncheon Gathering
1:00 p.m. - Clan Luncheon in Main Dining Room - Haggis Ceremony

Cost: \$25.00 per person - **Refreshments:** Available for purchase

Special Guests: **Mr. Bob Johnston, President of the Clans Council in Victoria, and wife, Marion**

Following the luncheon videos from Clan Parliaments in 1993 (Colonsay) and 1997 (Aviemore) will be shown.

Ample Parking is Available in the Grounds

Sunday 24th May

Clan Society BBQ Lunch

Venue: The home of Brian and Jan Harper, 62 Relowe Crescent, North Box Hill, Vic. 3129 (Tel: 03 9890 5834).

BYO your own meat and refreshments. Jan will provide salad, plates, cutlery etc., and a cuppa. From 12 midday onwards. All welcome --- indoors available if Melbourne's weather plays up.

Raffle Society Vice-President, Peter McPhee, of Nunawading, has arranged a Raffle for the weekend. The Prize is a 1 gallon bottle of Johnnie Walker Scotch Whisky in a cradle. Tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. Drawing will be at Jan Harper's home on Sunday 24th May. Tickets are available through the enclosed Attendance Slip, on the weekend, or direct from Peter at 7 Shewsbury Road, Nunawading, Vic. 3131 (Tel: 03 9847 1460). Delivery will be arranged within Australia, but is doubtful for overseas members!

Attendance Slip: Please complete the enclosed Attendance Slip to signify your attendance on one or both days. Payment, if attending the Clan Luncheon on Saturday, and/or purchasing Raffle tickets, is to be included when returning your attendance slip. Return to: Mr. Bernie McPhee, P.O. Box 379, Mont Albert, Vic. 3127 (Tel: 03 9898 7697) by Tuesday 19th May at the latest.



DONATIONS: The Clan Society account books etc., for 1997 are currently with our auditors so we are unable to include acknowledgment of recent donations by members to Clan Society and Clan Funds. Apologies for this. The Clan News section, however, does acknowledge further transfers of Colonsay Land purchase donations across to the Clan Project Fund. A big thank you to those concerned.

CLAN SOCIETY 1997 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: As mentioned above, the Society books etc., are currently with our auditors. The following is a summary of our receipts and expenditure for the past year.

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Cheque A/C Balance 1 Jan 97	614.22	Administration	457.10
Invest A/C Balance 1 Jan 97	7615.34	Newsbulletins	1824.65
Subscriptions	3271.71	Subscriptions	44.00
Donations	229.46	Merchandise Purchases	134.65
Merchandise Sales	475.41	Trust Fund Invested	2050.00
Clan Macfie Donations	1138.95	Clan Macfie Per Capita Levy	617.51
AGC Deb Interest	132.00	Colonsay Land Appeal Refunds	2250.00
Suncorp Deb Interest	75.41	Colonsay Land Appeal Transfers	1846.55
Accounts Interest	44.27	Donation Transfers	1042.70
Cancelled 1995 Cheque	20.00	Commander Travel Fund	150.00
	<u>\$13,616.77</u>	Cheque A/C Balance 31 Dec 97	1005.62
		Invest A/C Balance 31 Dec 97	<u>2193.99</u>
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AGC Debentures (Trust Fund) \$4,050.00 6.9% mature 1 Apr 00
Suncorp Debentures (Fully Paid Membership) \$1,000.00 7.5% mature 5 Feb 98



Clan Macfie News

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A LOOK BACK TO AVIEMORE AND BEFORE

Ceann Cath Sandy McPhie

Since Clan Parliament in Aviemore last year a certain amount of correspondence has circulated regarding two contentious items aired there and the associated understanding, or misunderstanding, of what was involved with them and with Clan Parliament itself. Members should be clear in their own minds regarding these matters otherwise an incorrect overall view can be formed. I hope the following will help clarify matters for you.

The very basis of understanding this is knowing the difference between a Clan and it's Clan Societies. They are quite separate entities. While the societies are a most important part of our clan organisation and are directly involved in maintaining the existence of clanship and the identity of our Clan, they are not the Clan itself. Without them, however, and their support for the Clan, we would exist very much in name only.

When the late Dr. Earle MacPhee of Canada was bringing Clan members together around the world through the formation of clan societies, he used the term "Clan Parliament" for their meetings and in 1981 established a set of rules under which this parliament would operate. The purpose of the "Clan Parliament" was stated, amongst other items, as representing all members of the MacDhubhshith-Macfie Societies. These rules were drafted before the Clan was recognised on 27th May 1981 as again being an active Clan and rightly, at that time, referred only to

the Clan Societies. From that date onwards, however, we have been an active clan once more with a formal overall and separate Clan identity added to that of the Clan Societies.

Dr. MacPhee was appointed as our first Ceann-Cath or Clan Commander in November 1981, but unfortunately died the following year. It was not until my appointment as our second Clan Commander on 7th September 1989 that we again had a duly appointed leader. During the interim period "Clan Parliaments" met in 1983, 1985, 1987 and 1989 under the 1981 rules. The Clan had not met as such during Dr. MacPhee's brief term as Clan Commander.

Following my appointment in 1989 I made it clear to the Clan and Clan Society leaders that I believed Clan Parliament should be a forum for the whole Clan, not just the Clan Societies. This was reflected in my Proclamation summoning the Parliaments in 1993 and 1997, and in my speeches opening both Parliaments. It was too, the reason I sought and obtained authority from Parliament in 1993 to redraft the "constitution" or 1981 rules. I did, however, acknowledge the existence of the 1981 rules and whenever possible worked within their provisions. That I stated, as Clan Commander, a position on one matter which differed markedly from a decision carried by Parliament at Aviemore, albeit by a minority of those in attendance, should not be a cause for undue concern. Rather it should be recognised as a difference

in perspective between the Clan leader and those present at the time.

At Aviemore a committee was set up to prepare a revised draft constitution for the proposed Federation of Clan Macfie Societies and to submit it to the next Clan Parliament. Although I am an ex-officio member of this Committee, I have heard very little of its deliberations, in fact, I am unaware of their having progressed as far as deciding on a chairman as yet.

No doubt a revised draft will come forward from this committee in due course. It must be understood though, that it is a draft constitution for a Federation of our Clan Societies and, as such, will be subject to their individual approval. The Societies being quite entitled to form their own federation should they wish to do so. That constitution will be for their Federation if one forms. It will not be a constitution for Clan Parliament or to update the 1981 rules. That has yet to be addressed.

In accordance with the decision of the Aviemore Parliament, I intend summoning a Clan Parliament in September 2001 as a forum for the whole Clan, not just the clan societies. It will, necessarily, address some business matters, but I assure you they will be kept to an absolute minimum whenever possible and allowed. The major objective will always be to ensure a happy, harmonious and enjoyable Gathering and Parliament. I do hope you are planning to be there.

A BURNS FIND???

The following item was included in the publication of one of our Macfie Clan Societies in 1991.

Burns lovers the world over have something new to add to their collections - a hitherto unpublished poem recently discovered in St. Andrews, Scotland.

The poem is published in the latest issue of Current Account, the house organ of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. According to editor Robert Pendrith, it was found in the home of a Mrs. John Moffat, of St. Andrews.

"I came across the poem quite by chance but it's authenticity has been verified," Mr. Pendrith said. "Apparently it was composed by Burns in an angry mood after he had been relegated to the servants' quarters at a banquet where he thought he was to be guest of honour. The host was an Edinburgh nobleman."

A preface to the verses, which were copied by Mrs. Moffat's grandfather nearly 100 years ago, says the bard was called up from the servants' hall where he had been sent to dine, and requested to add to the entertainment of the nobleman and his guests.

With fire in his voice, Burns read his hastily composed poem - a denunciation of his titled host and all he stood for - and then put on his hat and retired, presumably leaving confusion behind.

*"My Lord, I will not fill your chair,
Tho' ye be proudest noble's heir
I came this night to join your feast
As equal of the best at least!*

*'Tis true that cash with me is scant
And titles trifles that I want.
The King has never made me kneel
To stamp my manhood with his seal.*

*But what of that? The King on high
Who took less pains with you than I,
Has filled my bosom and my mind
With something better in its kind*

*Than your broad acres, something which
I cannot well translate to speed.
But by its impulse I can know
'Tis deeds, not birth, that make men low.*

*Your rank, my Lord, is but a loan!
But mine, thank Heaven, is all my own
A peasant, 'tis my pride to be;
Look round and round your hall, and see*

*Who boasts a higher pedigree!
I was not fit, it seems, to dine
With those fox-hunting heroes fine.*

*But only came to bandy jests
Among your lordship's hopeful guests*

*There must be here some sad mistake -
I would not play for such a stake.*

*Be a buffoon for drink and meat,
And a poor Earl's taxpaid seat!*

*No, die, my heart, ere such a shame
Descends on Robert Burns' name."*

In September 1996 the Clan Montgomery Society International ran the poem and its preamble in their American Newsletter. One of their members commented:

"I received a letter from one of our members, James M. Montgomery, who said this poem first surfaced in 1912 and that Burns scholars generally have dismissed or questioned its authenticity. Of course, who knows? It can't be proven whether he wrote it or not."

A GENUINE ROBBIE BURNS POEM? PERHAPS, PERHAPS NOT WHEN ONE LOOKS AT THE STYLE OF MANY OF HIS OTHER WORKS.



No, this newspaper article is not about a Macfie or Macfies (we hope) but given its occurrence in Charlotte, North Carolina, who knows? In any case, it is surely worth sharing in this nutty world.

Burning issue - Believe it or not department. The following story appears on the Internet on a site intended for lawyers: A Charlotte, North Carolina, man bought a case of rare, very expensive cigars and then insured them against...fire. Within a month, having smoked his entire stockpile and having yet to make a single premium payment on the policy, he filed a claim against the insurance company, stating he had lost the cigars in "a series of small fires". The insurance company refused to pay but the man sued - and won. The judge stated that since the man held a policy from the company in which it had warranted that the cigars were insurable, without defining what it considered to be "unacceptable fire" it was obliged to compensate the insured for his loss. Rather than undergo a long and costly appeal, the insurance company accepted the judge's ruling and paid the man \$15,000 for the rare cigars he lost in "the fires". When the smoker cashed his cheque, the insurance company had him arrested on 24 counts of arson. With his own insurance claim and testimony from the previous case being used against him, the man was convicted of intentionally burning the rare cigars and sentenced to 24 consecutive one-year terms.



HONOURED GUEST - HONOURED CLAN
1998 STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Clan Commander Sandy McPhee has accepted an invitation to be the Guest of Honour for the 26th Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., from 15th to 18th October this year. Along with this invitation, Clan MacFie will be the Honoured Clan during the Games. A most significant honour for Sandy and for our Clan.

Sandy will be accompanied by his wife, Helen. They expect to arrive in Atlanta on the Monday before the Games and to leave for home a week later. The organisers of the Stone Mountain Highland Games Inc., will pay part of Sandy's air fares and full hotel expenses etc., for both of them while in Atlanta. The MacFie Clan Society of North America, which holds its Annual General Meeting in Atlanta at Games time and will be host Society for Sandy and Helen's visit, has asked Clan members to assist with the cost of Helen's air fares.

The Stone Mountain Games are amongst the largest in the United States. The organisers are renowned for the magnificent spectacle of the Thursday night Tattoo, the Games themselves and for their hospitality at functions during the four days. If you will be attending, or wish to receive further information, please contact Rev. Jim McAfee, President, MacFie Clan Society of North America, at 7501 Hickory Ridge Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 U.S.A.. (Phone [615] 444 5524, email J-GMcAfee@worldnet.att.net).

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We record with deep sorrow the death on 17th July last year of Dr. D. Gordon Teall of Teallach. Born in 1924 Dr. Teall had many and varied interests in Scotland and in things Scottish. He served as President and Patron of the Scottish Tartans Society for many years and was directly responsible for establishing Scottish Tartans Museums in Franklin, NC, U.S.A. in 1993 and in the Scotch House in Edinburgh in 1997. A well known face at many Highland Games in Scotland and overseas, he will be sadly missed by all.

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Best wishes for continued good health go to Leola McAfee of Custer, SD, U.S.A., following bypass surgery in October last year.

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Internet Info: Colonsay has a web site at <<http://www.colonsay.org.uk>>

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Colonsay Land Appeal. The refund of donations made to the unsuccessful Colonsay Land Appeal is all but complete. Many donors have generously transferred their donations across to the Clan Project Fund where moneys held will be used on other Clan projects, or to other Clan/Society funds. The following donations, in addition to those recorded in Clan News No. 20 (Nov 97), are acknowledged with sincere thanks:

Australia: Mairi Petersen, Brian and Marilyn McPhee, Inez Rosser and Clyde and Barbara Smythe.

U.S.A.: Bruce McDuffie, Katherine Sturgis, Mrs. Jerri Chester, Carol C. Young, Giles F. Carter, William Mutch, Mary Mahaffey Johnson, Ruth Johnston, Evelyn P. Brown, B. V. Cathey Jr., Conley L. Cathey, Howace W. Cathey, Robert R. Cathey Sr., Tyson M.

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DIARY

28 Mar 98 AGM McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand, in Palmerston North. (James McPhee 09 238-6495).

24 May 98 12th BGM of The MacFie Clan Society of Australia, Melbourne, Vic.. (Helen McPhee 07 4630-9030).

27 May 98 Clan MacFie Day worldwide

04 Jul 98 Triennial General Meeting of Thorburn-MacFie Family Society. (Ulf Hagman 0522 13-670).

15 - 18 Oct 98 26th Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA, U.S.A.. Our Clan Commander the Honoured Guest and Clan MacFie the Honoured Clan. AGM MacFie Clan Society of North America, Atlanta, GA (Rev. Jim McAfee. (615 444 5524).

24 Oct 98 Clan MacFie Society in Scotland AGM at Dunoon. (Sec. Mrs. Shiona Thornley, 80 Strathearn Rd., Edinburgh, EH2 2AF)

14 - 21 Nov 98 International Scottish Gathering, Dunedin, New Zealand • 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 (07) 4630-9030).

CLAN MACFIE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 JAN - 31 DEC 97

Receipts

WORKING ACCOUNT

<u>Balance B/F 1 Jan 97</u>	16.09	<u>Administration</u>	
* Per Capita Levies		Postage	379.20
MacDuffee/Macfie C/S (97)	129.71	Phone Fax	182.48
(98)	156.85	Internet	289.51
Macfie C/S Aust	617.51	Print & Stationery	305.76
Macfie C/S Nth Am	170.90		1156.95
MacPhee C/S NZ	77.25	<u>Clan News</u>	
Macfie C/S Can	210.02	Printing	156.25
Clan Macfie Soc (Scotland)	163.69	Postage	356.65
Clan Macfie Soc (Ireland)	20.21	1546.14	
		<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
<u>Donations</u>		Aust Income Tax 95/96	100.40
C/Soc Members Aust	130.00	Provisional Tax 96/97	105.00
		Audit Fees 96/97	50.00
		255.40	
		<u>Balance C/F 31 Dec 97</u>	491.15

CP 97 Admin Exes Recovered *

Postage	271.15
Phone/Fax/Internet	373.82
Print & Stationery	78.94
	723.91
<u>Account Interest</u>	.26
	\$2416.40

* A total amount of \$723.91 was recovered from the 1997 Clan Gathering/Parliament funds for administration costs.

CAPITAL FUND

<u>Balance B/F 1 Jan 97</u>	570.02	<u>Investment</u>	790.00
		Additional TD Funds	
<u>Donations</u>	25.00	<u>Balance C/F 31 Dec 97</u>	28.35
C/Soc Members Aust			
			\$818.35
<u>Interest</u>			
Term Deposit	223.02		
Bank Account	31		
	223.33		
			\$818.35

PROJECT FUND

<u>Balance B/F 1 Jan 97</u>	435.98	<u>Investment</u>	15.00
		Additional TD Funds	
<u>Donations</u>		<u>Purchase</u>	54.56
Macfie C/S Aust Members	2096.55	Historic Documents	
MacDuffee/Macfie C/S Mem	1062.74		
MacPhee C/S NZ	265.77	3425.06	
		<u>Balance C/F 31 Dec 97</u>	3990.96
<u>Investment</u>			
Part TD Redemption	170.00		
<u>Interest</u>			
Term Deposit	28.70		
Bank Account	.78		
	29.48		
	\$4060.52		
			\$4060.52

CLAN COMMANDER TRAVEL FUND *

<u>Balance B/F 1 Jan 97</u>	363.61	<u>Payment</u>	2040.00
		To Clan Commander	
<u>Donations</u>		<u>Balance C/F 31 Dec 97</u>	47.98
Clan Macfie Soc (Scotland)	333.45		
Macfie C/S Canada	114.46		
Macfie C/S Canada Members	209.40		
Macfie C/S Aust Members	20.00	677.31	
			\$2087.98

* Additional funds were paid direct to the Clan Commander by The Macfie Clan Society of Australia and Clan Members. A full statement of his receipts and expenditure was included in Clan Macfie News No. 20 (Nov 97).

NOTES

- Where overseas cheques were received, the above statements show net amounts in \$ Australia. A total of A \$10.00 was deducted in bank fees on 2 overseas cheques.
- Term Deposit

As at 11 Jun 96 \$6,400 7% 8 months (Capital \$4710; Projects \$655; Commander Travel \$1035)
 Reinvested 04 Feb 97 \$6,000 5.65% 7 months (Capital \$5330; Projects \$670)
 Reinvested 01 Sep 97 \$6,000 4.8% 7 months (Capital \$5500; Projects \$500)

Moyell McPhee
 Treasurer

HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES



We continue with our list of Clan arrivals in Australia last century. This lot takes us up to the end of 1849 and includes the first recorded arrivals in Melbourne and Geelong. From 1850 onwards, the number of "Macfie" arrivals increases significantly with the Highland and Island Emigration Society ships arriving between 1852 and 1857. A start will be made on those names in our July Newsbulletin (No. 81).

ARRIVALS IN SYDNEY

<u>Arr. Date</u>	<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Passenger</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Note</u>
1840	Elphinstone	-	McPhee, Matilda	20	-
1840	Formosa	-	McPhee, Alexander	25	-
1841	Brilliant	London	McPhee, Dr. Duncan	36	Mull
11 Mar 1841	The Brothers	Liverpool	Fee, Patrick Jane (Nixon) Patrick	} } Inf	26 Ireland 28 Inf
06 Nov 1841	Trinidad	Glasgow	McPhee, Duncan McFee, Alexander	25 24	Islay - Brothers
13 Feb 1842	Broom	Glasgow	Duffy, John Mary (McGee)	} }	24 Ireland 23
1846	Ajax	-	McPhee, Donald Sarah Duncan Alex	- - - -	- - - -
06 Oct 1848	Earle Grey	Plymouth	McAfee, Isabella	18	Antrim
08 Oct 1848	Castle Eden	-	McPhee, Donald Anne Charles	} } 1	35 Kilmallie 25 1
12 Feb 1849	Walter Morrice	Skye and Plymouth	McPhie, Archibald Janet (Gentle) John Malcolm David Mary Marion Janet	} } 10 8 5 2	39 Argyle 35 Perth 14 Stirling 12 Tallibaddy 10 " 8 " 5 " 2 "
27 Dec 1849	Blonde * (Wife Flora Rankin deceased)	-	McPhee, Ewen * Janet Jane Ewen Duncan John Alexander	47 25 23 21 17 14 11	Kilmallie

(married couples are bracketed thus: })

ARRIVALS IN MELBOURNE

<u>Arr. Date</u>	<u>Ship's Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Passenger</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Note</u>
18 Jul 1840	Theresa	-	Duffy, William	} 32	Ireland
			Jane	} 36	
			John	Inf	
30 Sep 1841	Middlesex	Plymouth	Duffy, John	26	Kingslea
			Duffy, Ann	19	Kingslea
22 Oct 1841	Catherine Jamieson	Leith	Duffy, Anne	23	Antrim
30 Nov 1841	Marquis of Bute	Greenock	McFee, Catherine	18	Belfast
26 Nov 1841	Wallace	Liverpool	Duffy, Eliza	22	Caran
18 Feb 1842	Regulus	Plymouth	Duffy, Michael	30	West-meath
			Duffy, Patrick	} 33	
			Biddy	} 28	
			Mary	2	
19 Jul 1848	Pal Mira	Plymouth	McPhee, Charles	25	Argyle
			McPhee, Charles	23	Mull
			Duffy, Jane	21	Armagh
27 Sep 1848	Glen Huntley	-	McPhee, Elizabeth	-	-
			Mary	-	-
			Peter	-	-
04 Oct 1848	Mohamed Shah	London	McPhee, William	30	Antrim
06 Dec 1848	Lady Kennaway (orphans)	Plymouth	Duffy, Bridget	16	Mayo
			Duffy, Winifred	16	Donegal
24 Dec 1848	Navarina	-	McFie, Mr.	} -	-
			McFie, Mrs.	} -	
21 Jul 1849	Hope	Plymouth	Duffy, John	} 34	-
			Duffy, Ellen	} 34	
			Sith	6	
			Frances	6	
			Twin Girls	Inf	

(Born on board)

ARRIVALS IN GEELONG

03 Oct 1848	Berkshire	Plymouth	McPhee, Hugh	28	Strontian
			Jane (sister)	27	

OTHER

08 Dec 1828	Departure on "New Zealander" ex Sydney for England, James McFee, surgeon from whaler "Rowan Castle"				
04 Jun 1839	"Paul Pry" had a Captain McFee				
04 Aug 1845	Wrecked off King Island in Bass Strait "Catarqui" ex Liverpool 20 Apr 1845, Mary Duffy, 18 and Bridget Duffy, 22, Collieridge.				

THE POETRY PAGES

Below we have the two Third place entries from our 1997 John Dunmore Lang and Will Ogilvie Poetry Competitions - the Winners and Second placed entries were in Newsbulletin No. 79 (November '97). On page 14 we have details of the 1998 Poetry Competition while page 15 is a reproduction of page 2 of The Scots Link magazine, No. 43 of November 1997. It carries one of Will Ogilvie's poems "A Guid Scots Night", a brief history of the poet, and an acknowledgment of our Poetry Competitions and Bob McPhee's involvement. Thank you Scots Link, the Scottish Family History Magazine for Australia and New Zealand at P.O. Box 135, South Melbourne, Vic. 3205.

Third Prize - Will Ogilvie Competition 1997

JUNDAMARRA OF WINDJAMA GORGE

by W. John McCaskill

Jundamarra, Jundamarra whispers through the gorge
Jundamarra his white man's name was pigeon
and he learned their strange white ways
that was many years ago and now he is a legend

The breezes whisper through Windjama Gorge
where he made a hero's stand
the name Jundamarra they say is heard
Jundamarra the legend of a man

Where he grew up in the Kimberlies reeks of dreamtime
sacred rights and secret places now taboo
steeped deep in their believing
beyond the comprehension of me and you

Down on Leonard River Station
he learned the white man's ways
shearing sheep and breaking horses
at a very early age

He'd climb upon a horse
like he was born there and belonged
mastered white man's weapons
the spears and boomerangs now gone

About the age of fifteen years
pigeon heard the calling of the winds
Jundamarra, Jundamarra his tribal name
those inbuilt feelings stirred in him

And so Jundamarra in the late 1880's
became himself and quit their ways
in the rugged Napier Ranges
again a black man by night and day

He killed the white man's sheep
and mocked their many ways
moved like a man invisible
as station hands and police in ambush lay

Was it because of early treatment
or resentment of white man's incursions
no one will ever really know
only Jundamarra knew his version

Until one day unarmed was captured
taken to the white man's gaol
Jundamarra again was pigeon
but this did not end the tale

Pigeon became a tracker
for the police and once again

lived the white man's lifestyle
to them a wild thing tamed

Until the call of the wild
of his home out in the bush
again overtook his white man's ways
he became an outlaw, led the push

Pigeon again was Jundamarra
he shot a policeman to release
a tribe of his very own people
who'd been arrested for killing sheep

He was now a wanted man
and his hatred of them showed
when he ambushed and killed some stockmen
took their guns upon him now a heavy load

As the settlers and police alike
took to killing many blacks
there was no respite for innocence
superiority was back

In Windjama Gorge
Jundamarra made his stand
from high up in the rocks
he fought a battle, gun in hand

Shots echoed throughout the day
as the valley walls reverberated
until wounded and left for dead
he escaped the troops that he now hated

Still he pillaged and he murdered
incurred the wrath of many people
his name a household word
among his peers he had no equal

No one really understood his motivation
if they were wrong or he was right
but white settlement had began
he was destined to lose the fight

And so in circumstances which now seem sad
Jundamarra cornered where he called home
was killed by white man's bullets
by a tracker, one of his own

To some he was an outlaw
to some a hero born
the wind still whispers his name
Jundamarra of Windjama Gorge

DUNVEGAN CASTLE

By Ms. Allison Moore

Clan seat of MacLeod
where rhododendron flowers
are marker buoys in Cuillin's mist.
A robin greets from the gatepost,
Christmas card from another time.
Muffled cadence of waterfall
a pibroch behind lush ferns.

My fingers trace patterns on granite walls
rough as shouts of clansmen in battle.
Pewter sky veils the Faery Tower,
hints of snow.

*Terra rossa cliffs
reflect in Dreamtime river
eucalypt sentinels
stilt into opal skies
red dust a rolling horizon.
Somewhere a cicada
treads an ancient songline.*

I creak great oak doors open
taste the dank of seven centuries.
Eyes of bygone chiefs
follow from faces framed by curls,
sandy red as mine.
My whispers echo in awesome stillness
footsteps drumbeat across fir floors;
from the coat of arms above an archway
a bull's head roars 'Hold Fast'.

This house is in me;
warriors course my veins
streams to river to firth.

*I live in this home;
wide verandahs shade a southern sun
brown leaves drift from dry branches.*

I am a leaf of Dunvegan's tree
Evergreen.

1998 POETRY COMPETITION

Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhee has recently purchased a business near his home at Glenore Grove and due to heavy commitments there, will not be conducting "written" poetry competitions this year. He will, however, continue with the "recital" competitions on the same lines as last year to again be held in Hungerford in South West Queensland, this time on 1st and 2nd August - and with a new "Yarn Spinning" section.

Clan Macfie Society Poetry Recital Competition

WILL OGILVIE POETRY RECITAL - restricted to poems written by William Henry Ogilvie.

TRADITIONAL OR ESTABLISHED BUSH VERSE - author's name to be announced unless genuinely anonymous.

ORIGINAL BUSH VERSE - poetry written and recited by entrant.

1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies in each of the above three competitions.

1998 BARD OF THE OUTBACK - Trophies for the Highest Point Scorer, and Runner-up, in the above three events combined.

BEST YOUNG RECITAL - Trophy for best recital by an entrant aged 15 years and under.

YARN SPINNING COMPETITION - (To be judged at the Poets Breakfast on Sunday morning).

- (1) Any topic - 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies
- (2) Humorous Celtic/Australian Theme - 1st and Runner-up trophies

No Entry Fee

Maximum Time All Competitions - 8 Minutes

Open Events

Venue: The Royal Mail Hotel, Hungerford, Q'ld.

Date: Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August 1998

Entries: Close with Bob McPhee, The Macfie Clan Society of Australia, 8 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, Q. 4342 (Tel: 07 5466 5269) on Friday, 24th July 1998.
Late entries will be considered.

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A Guid Scots Night

by Will Ogilvie



If you chance to strike a gathering of half a dozen friends,
Where the drink is Highland whisky or some chosen Border blends.
And the room is full o' speirin' and the grippin' of brown han's,
And the talk is all of tartans and o'plaidies and o'clans.
You can take things "douce" and easy, you can judge your going richt,
For you've had the luck to stumble on a wee Scots night.

When you're pitch forked in among them in a sweeping sort of way,
As anither man an' brither frae the Tweed or frae the Tay,
When you are taken by the "oxter" and you've couped into a chair,
While someone slips a "whusky" in your tumbler unaware;
Then the present seems less dismal and the future fair and bricht,
For you've struck earth's grandest treasure in a "Guid Scots nicht".

When you hear a short name shouted and the same name shouted back,
Till you think in the confusion that they've all been christened Mac;
When you see a red beard flashing in the corner by the fire,
And a giant on the sofa who is six foot three or higher,
Before you've guessed the colour and before you've gauged the hicht,
You'll have jumped to the conclusion, it's a braw Scots nicht.

When the red man in the corner puts his strong voice to the proof
As he gives the "Hunder Pipers" and the chorus lifts the roof.
When the chiel sings "Annie Laurie" with its tender sweet refrain,
Till the tears are on their eyelids and - the drinks come round again.
When they chant the stirring war-songs that would make a coward fecht, -
Then you're fairly in the middle of a wee Scots nicht.

When the plot begins to thicken, and the band begins to play,
When every tin-pot chieftain has a word or two to say,
When they'd sell a Queensland Station for a sprig o'native heath,
When there's one Mac on the table and a couple underneath,
When the half of them are sleeping and the whole of them are ticht,
You will know that you're assisting at a (hic) Scots nicht.

When the last big bottle's empty and the dawn creeps grey and cold,
And the last clan tartans folded, and the last damned lie is told.
When they totter down the footpath in a brave unbroken line
To the peril of the passers and the tune of "Auld Lang Syne",
You can tell the folk at breakfast as they watch the fearsome sicht,
They have only been assisting at a braw Scots nicht.

William Henry Ogilvie was born 21 August 1869 near Kelso, Roxburghshire in the Border country of Scotland, the second child of eight children of George Ogilvie and his wife, Agnes Campbell, nee Christie. Will's father was a farmer and grandson of a chamberlain to the Duke of Buccleuch.

At Fettes College in Edinburgh Will won a prize for Latin verse and with his father's approval he travelled to Australia arriving at Sydney in 1890. He then went to Belalie Station, a large sheep property on the Warrego River owned by the Scotts, friends of his family.

Will spent twelve years in Australia doing stock

work, horse breaking and droving in various parts of Queensland and NSW and became firm friends with "The Breaker" Morant. He returned to Scotland in 1901 having made a name for himself as a Bush Balladist like his contemporaries Henry Lawson and A.B. "Banjo" Paterson.

When he died at his home in Ashkirk in the Borders on 30 January 1963 at the age of 93, the newspaper "The Scotsman" wrote of him: "He belongs to the tradition of the bush ballad which includes poets like Adam Lindsay Gordon and A.B. "Banjo" Paterson, in whose work is said to be found the authentic atmosphere of those far-off adventurous pioneering days".

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia has an annual poetry competition, including "The John Dunmore Lang Poetry Prize" (poems reflecting a Celtic-Australian theme), and the "Will Ogilvie Poetry Prize" (for Bush Verse). The Clan Macfie/McPhee is of Celtic origin and one of the smallest of the Scottish Clans, their ancestral home being two small islands at the southern end of the Inner Hebrides in Scotland's Western Isles - Colonsay and Oronsay.

Their Queensland Vice-President, Bob McPhee, can be contacted at 8 Jahn Drive, Glenore Grove, Qld 4342

GENERAL NOTES

- * Congratulations to Russell and Darlene (A93-792) Jones of 309 Drury Hills, Drury 1750, New Zealand on the birth of their son, Cameron Russel on 18 November last year, weighing 9.9 lbs., - future playmate for grandad ACT V-P Glen McPhee of Evatt, A.C.T. and Glenda.
- * Best Wishes to Marie McPhee (Q97-916) formerly Director of Nursing at Mt. Isa Base Hospital, Q'ld.. Marie retired late last year but hasn't been in the best of health since then. We wish you well in retirement Marie and a speedy return to good health.
- * Zillah Scott (N76-217) and husband Bob of Yamba, N.S.W. had a pleasant morning stopover with Sandy and Helen in early February. Both well, Bob proud of his two new hip joints.
- * Brian and Merylyn McPhee (S74-005 and S94-861) of Adelaide, S.A., gearing up for the Trans Siberian railway trip in May/June this year. Good trip, you two!
- * Sydney Scottish Week has moved from the last week in November to the first, and cooler, week in August. Check the functions page for further details.
- * Internet. Clan Home Page boss, John Cathey of California, U.S.A., has been having difficulties since before Christmas with his ISP and our Clan Macfie Home page. The Clan Secretariat is working with John to have the HP up and running again as soon as possible.
- * Colonsay. There is an interesting web site for the island, to which more information is being added regularly, at <<http://www.colonsay.org.uk>>
- * New Telephone Numbers. Now that Telstra and those other companies have gone the full monty and given everyone in Australia eight digit phone numbers, we could print a directory on our own just for Society members - but won't. We have upgraded Executive and Office Bearer numbers on page 4 as we have become sure of them, others will be amended in due course. The President and Secretary's home and fax number in now 07 4630 9030.



1998 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription notices are attached for those who have not paid their 1998 dues, and - horrors - for those few who are also overdue for last year. Please give the attached accounts your early consideration and keep your Society in the black. Payment of subscriptions in advance, and donations to our various special funds, are always very acceptable. Why not return your subs with the enclosed Colonsay questionnaire.

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MOVED

- ◆ Anthea Ubergang (S77-388) from Henly Beach in Adelaide to 10 Burwood Avenue, Nailsworth, 5083, still in Adelaide.
- ◆ Marie McPhee (Q97-916) from Mt. Isa, Q., to 333 Cliveden Avenue, Corinda, Q. 4075

† VALE †

We record with deep sorrow the death of former member Mary Young (V84-546) of Surrey Hills, Vic., on 11th January this year.

NEW MEMBERS

Only one new member to welcome this time - Q98-926 Mrs. Christine Joy Wood (nee Phie) of 23 Taylor Street, Bundamba, Q. 4304. We can correct this quite definitely for our incoming President if we each go out and recruit one new members before the July Newsbulletin goes to the printer. What about it?