

# The Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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## NEWSBULLETIN

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Well done Sandy & Helen who built this Society and have run it for 24 years until the BGM in May this year when they stood down as President and Secretary respectively. We're all most appreciative of your work. However Sandy's guidance and input will continue as Past President on the Executive, which together with Office Bearers, stands as :

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

### TWO LIFE MEMBERS

Congratulations to both Sandy and Helen on life membership granted to them at the recent BGM and a very sincere thank you from all members of the Macfie Clan Society of Australia on an honour richly deserved.

### WHY I WAS NOT THERE

Thank you all who wished Marilyn and me good luck on our Trans Siberian Railway experience. We were in Siberia on the day of the BGM in Melbourne and I was so disappointed not to be with you. Those of you contemplating this trip go right ahead, but learn a little Russian and how to read Cyrillic before you go. My sign language in a Russian restaurant in Irkutsk indicating 20 stubbies of beer resulted in 6 bottles of Vodka, 6 jugs of orange juice and 6 jugs of tomato juice!

It was a long journey and, because we landed right in the middle of the miners' strike (the first strike on the railway since it opened 100 years ago) resulting in a detour of 1500km's, we clocked up 10,000 km's on the train. Our travels took us through Shanghai, Beijing, Ulan Bator, Irkutsk, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Berlin, Prague, Budapest, and Vienna and in each city I looked for Macfie's but didn't find one, so it was great to get home where there are lots; thank goodness.

Wandering around Australia is even better and Marilyn and I will be in Sydney in November to say G'day to our son, Angus Stuart McPhee (guess who named him) his wife Annie and as yet to be named McPhee. Some of the NSW members may remember Angus and Annie who together with Marilyn and me joined in a gathering of NSW members at Sandy and Norah's home in the Hunter Valley several years ago. While on the east coast there will also be time to drop down to Canberra to try and knock some sense into the incumbents of our lower house and our even lower house, and catch up with some of our members there too.

### A PLEA

At the moment I feel like a relay runner on the track with 6 other runners bearing down ready to pass their baton to me, each baton with 24 years history attached to it. I've upgraded to a 686 and software that will handle the myriad of floppies Helen has sent me. I've boxes of files, a swag of financial matters, a box of merchandise and so on. Please accept that for a while the service will be well down on that which you have become used to from Helen and Sandy and delays may occur. Last week my modem went down, the first time for 3 days and the second for 4, so a number of e-mails are running late, and so on.

From here on in though it will all be up.

### THIS NEWSLETTER

Does it look the same as before? Well yes it does because Helen and Sandy wrote it from page 3 on. Good news for you and even better for me!

Brian McPhee

## THE FUNCTIONS PAGE

### 1998

- 1 - 9 Aug Sydney Scottish Week. (See below)  
9 Sep 9<sup>th</sup> Wynnum Highland Gathering, Queensland.  
13 - 15 Nov Beechworth Celtic Festival, Victoria.  
14 - 22 Nov International Scottish Gathering, Dunedin, New Zealand to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> 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., 129<sup>th</sup> Annual Highland Gathering, Drummoyne Oval, Drummoyne, N.S.W.. (02 9869 7876).

### 1999

- 9 - 13 Sep Clan Macfie Society, Scotland, Gathering in Edinburgh

### 2000

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

### 2001

- September In Scotland, 8<sup>th</sup> Clan Parliament and associated International Gathering of Clan Macfie.

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### 1998 SYDNEY SCOTTISH WEEK PROGRAMME - 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> August

Although Sydney's Scottish Week Celebrations have been brought forward from the last week in November to the first week in August, there have been few significant changes to the overall programme. Activities on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> are centred on Parramatta and the Macquarie towns. Kirking of the Tartan will be at St. Andrews Cathedral this year on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10:15 a.m., followed by a Clans March and Scottish Gathering with entertainment in the Domain - not Darling Harbour as in recent years. Special guests for Sydney Scottish Week this year are Alastair Camapbell of Airds, Unicorn Pursuivant at the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, and his wife, Mary Ann.

Scottish entertainment will be provided in the Martin Place amphitheatre from 12 midday on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and in the Parramatta Mall from 12:15 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday. There is the usual Parliament House luncheon (Mon), Golf Day at Cromer (Tue), North Shore Ceilidh (Wed) and a Cronulla Celtic Concert, (Thu). Scotland oriented Seminars are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday with a "Tribute to Burns" Celebration on Saturday night. A Dinner to Celebrate the 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday of HM the Queen Mother is to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> at the Queens Club, a Harbour Cruise on Thursday morning, with lunch at Doyles and on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. a re-dedication ceremony will be held at the Scotland Australia Cairn in Rawson Park, Mosman.

Further details can be obtained by contacting the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Secretary, Valerie Smith, on 02 9654 2494 or on Internet at < <http://www/pip.com.au/~sahc> >.



## HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES

- \* **Joan McPhee (V76-221F) of Hampton, Vic.**, reports she and her sister recently sold their interest in the family property "Woodville" at Eurora. Their grandfather had purchased this property in 1875 following his migration from Scotland in 1853.
- \* Amongst the new members welcomed in this NB are **Vittorio and Mary Cox (N98-928 and 929) of Hinchinbrook, NSW**. The following paragraphs from Vittorio's letter on joining best explain his obviously Italian Christian name.

"My mother, Ada who now lives in London after spending about 40+ years living in Scotland, came over from Italy immediately after WWII and settled in London. My father, George Henry McPhee COX, who had just left the Royal Navy met Mum in London and after some very romantic discussions (Mum couldn't speak any English and according to some English relatives neither could my father). They married in Harrow and Wheelstead in, I think, 1948/49. They soon moved to Scotland where they lived with his parents in Chapel Hall (near Airdrie). The area of Chapel Hall had a great deal of McPhees, the most memorable being my uncle James McPhee (or Jimsy as he was called) who spent WWI and II in Scapa Flow as a Naval Radio Operator. He spent so much time up there his nickname was "Scapa".

Mum and Dad moved to New Stevenston (near Motherwell) and first my brother Tom (Thomas Trutan COX) was born in 1952 and I was born in 1959. Mum by this time could speak English, however it was with a Scottish accent. I was named after my mother's father, Vittorio - he was from Switzerland/Northern Italy and his surname was ZANE (pronounced Zanneh).

I joined the Royal Navy in 1975 as a radio operator, moved to Plymouth and met my now wife, Mary, in 1977. We married in April 1978 and have two sons, Nathan Zane COX (Dec 79) and Christopher John COX (Oct 81). I became a Naval Policeman in 1979 and have worked throughout the world with the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Air Force, British Army, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, British Customs and Excise, Drugs Enforcement Agency and other bodies.

In 1988 I returned home after a twelve month secondment and my wife and I decided that we needed to spend more time together. I decided to leave the Royal Navy. Among the job offers I had one from the Royal Australian Naval Police which I decided to take. We arrived in Australia on 3 Feb 1989. We first lived in Coogee, NSW and later in Hinchinbrook, NSW where we still live.

I attended MacQuarie University reading Law, and started a small security company whilst still in the Navy Police. I deferred my degree and left the Navy and worked full time on the company which now employs 200 Security Officers.

My wife Mary is a manager with the Community First Credit Union, she is a qualified nurse and was born in Plymouth England. One of her ancestors was a gunner with some English Lord during a battle in France. The town was called GUMBLE and this man lost his artillery crew due to heavy shelling, this sergeant at arms kept the battery firing and the battle was won. The Lord made him a Duke and awarded him the town. Mary's maiden name is GUMBLETON. Our two sons, Nathan is a second year carpenter's apprentice and Christopher has just left school to concentrate on attaining his pilot's licence."

For the security interested Vittorio's firm is Citadel Protection Services (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., P.O. Box 50, Hoxton Park, NSW 2171. Phone: 02 9826 0200

- \* **Mrs. Rebecca Jansen (nee McPhee) of P.O. Box 525, Moranbah, Q. 4744.** Tel: 07 4941 8608, Email: < renbeck@moranbah.net.au > has been researching her McPhee ancestors and wonders if there are any relatives out there with further information.

A Donald McPhee married Ann McPhee in 1845 in Argyleshire, Scotland. They had four children before coming to the goldfields in Australia between 1852 and 1856 where they had four more. They were:

|           |                             |        |                        |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------|------------------------|
| Charles   | b. 1846 d. 1925             | Duncan | b. 1848                |
| Cath      | b. 1850                     | John   | b. 1852                |
| Alexander | b. 1856 in The Lodden, Vic. | Mary   | b. 1857 Newstead, Vic. |

Donald b. 1859 Newstead, Vic. d. 1910 Ann b. 1861 Newstead, Vic.

Charles McPhee (b. 1846) married Margaret Ross Jul/Dec 1873 in Newstead, Vic., and they had nine children:

|                |                          |              |                                                           |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Ann Isabella   | b. 1874 Glengower, Vic.  | Charles Ross | b. 1878 Strangways, Vic. d. 1880                          |
| Lucy Jane      | b. 1880 Strangways, Vic. | Donald       | b. 1882 Strangways, Vic.<br>d. 12 Feb 1963 Townsville, Q. |
| Mary Ann       | b. 1883 Strangways, Vic. | Charles      | b. 1885 Newstead, Vic.                                    |
| Margaret       | b. 1886 Newstead, Vic.   | Florence May | b. 1889 Newstead, Vic.                                    |
| Stanley Gordon | b. 1892 Newstead, Vic.   |              |                                                           |

Donald McPhee (b. 1882) married Florence Ellery on 9 Oct 1916 and had five children but four were out of wedlock and have the Ellery surname. They were:

|                   |                           |               |                                                     |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Louisa Ellery     | b. 10 Jul 1910 Queensland | Norma Ellery  | b. 24 Jun 1912 Queensland<br>d. 1993 Brisbane, Q.   |
| Elsie Maud Ellery | b. 27 Jul 1914 Queensland | Donald Ellery | b. 1916 Queensland<br>d. 26 May 1974 Townsville, Q. |

Donald later changed his name to Donald Ellery McPhee. The fifth child was Stanley Norman McPhee, b. 7 Mar 1919 at Charters Towers, Q.

Stanley McPhee (b. 1919) married Edith Jessie Barnes on 26 Jan 1946. They had two children:

|            |                             |              |                |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Rhonda May | b. 18 Jun 49 Townsville, Q. | Rebecca Anne | b. 29 Jun 1954 |
|------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|

Rebecca married Renier Jansen on 30 Apr 1977 and they have three children:

|               |                           |             |                           |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Kellie Anne   | b. 31 Mar 1978 Mackay, Q. | Andrew Dean | b. 28 May 1982 Mackay, Q. |
| Stefanie Gaye | b. 21 Jan 1985 Mackay Q.  |             |                           |

◆ Replies direct to Rebecca at Moranbah please, with a copy to the Clan Society Secretary.

\* **Clan Society Historian, Jan Harper (V89-716)** of 62 Relowe Crescent, Box Hill North, Vic., 3129 had a hands on run with some genealogical work earlier this year when relatives from Scotland visited Melbourne and she reported, all too briefly, on **A SCOTTISH WELCOME** for them.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, 27 Melbournians descended from Duncan and Mary McPhee of Kinlocheil welcomed the only family members remaining in Scotland, Allan and Margaret Colquhoun.

Three McPhee brothers, John, Donald and Alexander, migrated to Australia between 1848 and 1869, leaving their sister Ann Colquhoun in Kinlocheil with their father Duncan McPhee and her family. The croft at Kinlocheil in Lochaber, in which they grew up, remained in the family and is still owned by Allan Colquhoun.

The McPhee brothers' descendants, aged between 80 and two years, were on hand to welcome their cousins to Melbourne, and did so in true Scottish style. Allan gave the "Address to the Haggis" as it was brought in. Photos, the family Bible, old family letters dating back to 1830 and the family tree were all on display. Two of the party gave us Scottish songs and we finished with a stirring "Auld Lang Syne".

Not only did Allan and Margaret return to Scotland with a larger Australian family, but those present, many of whom had never met previously, widened their family circles and made new friends.

### GENEALOGY - IT HAS IT'S MOMENTS

The following article is reprinted from the June 1998 Newsletter of The Fraser Association in Queensland and was in turn, acknowledged as being from the New Caledonian Mercury, Edinburgh University. Both sources are acknowledged with thanks for this lighter look at the Genealogy picture and its assorted implications.

## GENEALOGY

Ever wondered just how much effort on the behalf of your ancestors it took for you to arrive safely on this planet? Or are you one of those people who is convinced you really should be King or Queen of Scotland? Jim Gilhooley takes a light-hearted look at our origins.

Interest in family history has always been with us but the upsurge in recent years was probably inspired by Kunte Kinte. Once he had convinced himself and a vast following of others, that he had been able to trace his roots to some remote African bush village, the idea caught on with a vengeance. If it could be done with no more background than the knowledge that some ancestors had failed to miss the ferry to America, then surely, from established records, the job must be a dawdle. Genealogy has become a growth industry. Even year and notable during the tourist season, the Scottish Record Office is besieged by an army of overseas hopefuls expecting to trace their "Homeland" roots on the basis of the flimsiest possible evidence. "Possibly great great granny by the name of Campbell may have emanated from Argyll and please can we have an update on the family history?" There is a persistent belief that based on this kind of information, a fully up and back-dated family tree will be virtually automatically forthcoming. In minutes. The more exotic seek confirmation of a family belief in descent from historic notables, great favourites in this league being Mary Queen of Scots and Robert the Bruce.

Given the sheer weight of material it takes to come to any kind of satisfactory conclusion over more than three generations in researching, collating and assembling even accessible records, the task can be a formidable one. It is a generally accepted fact that, with a single notable exception, it takes two mortals to create one. Conventionally, there are about 3.3 generations in any given century (although in Scotland today, there appear to be certain social pressures which are tending to accelerate this accepted rate of procreation). Taking, for example, the period from the days of Mary Stuart's free-range fecundity, there have been a good 14 generations on the go. This yields the interesting fact that for every person alive in 1989, there were a good 20,000 ancestors running around in 1550 - presumably divided equally between the sexes. Since then, a total of 36,000 people have gone into your production and equally you got here as a result of 18,000 pregnancies (an accumulation of 13,500 years of morning sickness!). For Robert The Bruce's time, your ancestral count for 1320 comes in at around 5,000,000 corresponding fairly neatly with the total population of contemporary Scotland.

These numbers appear absurd in view of all we know of population explosions - we would be looking here to a very serious population implosion. The mathematics are sound, but the statistics, like a Multi-National's Annual Report, are completely accurate and for the most part useless. Like any other statistic they are only as valid as the assumptions that went into their manufacture. And the one big assumption that upsets the appercart of these numbers is that every birth along the way must have been the result of marital union between couples of totally unrelated backgrounds.

A completely modern assumption if ever there was one and one which we have to some extent inherited from the so-called morality of the Victorians - The Nineteenth Century introduction of Public Records no doubt played its part. Paternity suits became almost overnight (or over 9 months), a practical possibility. Care started to be taken. Excluded from this assumption, therefore, are other extraneous pregnancy producing activities, non or extra-marital, actual or near incest and, of course, the all time hellish crime of rape.

Like it or not, there must be some of these factors in all or the vast majority of us, otherwise the figures simply do not add up. The first and last of these categories have always been with us, the second, with the introduction of improved roads, urban

renewal and cheap transportation, went into serious decline, given the disastrous state of rural communications and the parlous state of urban overcrowding, which were Pan-European problems, inbreeding was an almost necessary order of the day, or night.

Long winter nights in northern countries compounded the situation. Regardless of what may now be regarded as great scientific breakthroughs in the field of genetic engineering, there can be no doubt that Scotland's contribution to this Branch of Science has been considerable, if hitherto obscure. Thanks to the pioneering work of Kirkpatric MacMillan (Bicycle), Dunlop and MacAdam the traditional village idiot became an endangered species. A bicycle made for two (leading to a possible third) became the basis of a revolution in genetic health.

Even in the most carefully recorded of families, usually the Nobility, there are enormous expanses of grey area. Not least of which centres around Mary Queen of Scots herself. Even as the birth of James the Sixth was being joyously proclaimed, hushed and carefully guarded rumours were already in circulation that all was not as it might appear. Scotland got her James the Sixth alright, but the story persisted that Mary's undoubted pregnancy had not ended happily and that the team had brought on a substitute from the sidelines.

The Countess of Mar became a source of street-wise suspicion as, having been simultaneously and conveniently pregnant, she failed at the time to show any signs of progeny. They were, of course, difficult times for crowned heads, which, as events were to prove, sat not secure on the shoulders of their possessors. Priority number one at the time (as it had been on many occasions in Scotland's turbulent history of royal power struggles) was the demonstrable production of an heir to the Throne for Scotland, and as it turned out for the United Kingdom, and it was generally recognised that a James, any James, was needed to fill the bill. True or not, the rumours persisted through the years only to gain renewed currency when a tiny coffin containing the pathetic remains of a regally shrouded new-born infant was uncovered from its hiding place in a wall of Edinburgh's Castle.

This was in the early part of the nineteenth century and its prompt re-incarceration only served to strengthen the beliefs of the unbelievers. It is no unusual thing in the Celtic fringe for rumours to persist over a mere three centuries and, if true, this one terminally ruins anyone's chances of descent from Mary Stuart.

With, however, determination and resources either in time or finance, family roots in Scotland can be traced and reached far beyond the commencement of public records in 1850. Parish records in rural communities were, for the most part, meticulously maintained (possibly for the reasons given above to avoid things getting totally out of hand) and have been retained. In urban communities, rapid overcrowding threw these into some considerable confusion during the eighteenth century but, for the researcher, compensation can be found in the existence of various taxation records for the period. Working backwards from the census of 1840, one can reach into the taxation records of Scottish cities and do a remarkably fine job of tracing particular families through their tax-eligible householders. There are for example, Annuity Tax Rolls, Window Tax Rolls, Property Registers (Sasines) and Fire Insurance Policies (for Edinburgh, starting in 1720). Fortunate are those whose ancestors finished up in the Tolbooth - Debt and Bankruptcy being particularly fruitful sources. These list not only the culprit's assets or lack of them, but also dependants and their relationships (including degree of legitimacy).

Take heart ye seekers after roots - but take a great deal of time, or, failing that, take professional advice.



# Clan MacFie News

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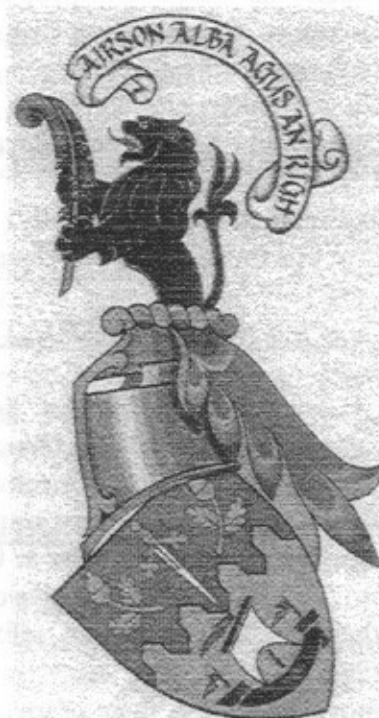
## ARMIGER CLAN COMMISSIONER, AND KEEPER OF THE CLAN RECORDS.

It is with considerable pleasure that I announce the appointment of Iain McFie of Coulintyre, Scotland, as Commissioner for Clan MacFie in Scotland. I have further indicated that I see the authority pertaining to this appointment extending throughout the United Kingdom and the whole of Europe except Scandinavia where Ulf Hagman is Clan Commissioner. This appointment fills a longstanding gap in Commissioner appointments and is one which I believe Iain will fill with dignity and honour. I am sure all Clan members will join with me in supporting Iain in this role and in extending congratulations to him on his recent Grant of Arms by the Lord Lyon.

I have also appointed Iain as Keeper of the Clan Records. This appointment, many will recall, was left vacant at the time of the last Clan Parliament as I felt we did not then have the facilities to properly implement such an appointment. While this has not changed to any extent, other factors I feel, make it desirable that such an appointment be made. I believe Iain is ideally placed to be Keeper of the Records being in Scotland and with his background and contacts throughout the Clan. He is already serving as Chairman of the Clan Parliament's Records Committee.

A. C. (Sandy) McPhie, Ceann-Cath

*The Arms of Iain Morris McFie are recorded on the 80<sup>th</sup> page of the 78<sup>th</sup> Volume of the Public Register of All Arms and Bearings in Scotland and were granted with effect 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1998. They are described as "PER FESS URDEE AZURE AND OR, IN CHIEF A SWORD POINT DOWNWARDS ARGENT HILTED AND POMMELLED OR BETWEEN TWO SPRIGS OF OAK OF THE LAST, AND IN BASE A LYMPHAD SABLE UNDER SAIL ARGENT, FLAGS AND PENNONS FLYING GULES. Above the shield is placed an helm befitting his degree with a Mantling Azure doubled Or, and on a Wreath of the Liveries is set for Crest A DEMI-LION RAMPANT ARMED AND LANGUED GULES HOLDING IN THE FOREPAWS A FEATHERPALEWAYS SABLE QUILLED OR, and in an Escrol over the same this motto "AIRSON ALBA AGUS AN RIGH". The motto itself is of interest as it is in Gaelic instead of Latin and translates to "For Scotland and the King".*



## CLAN COUNCIL ESTABLISHED

Clan Commander Sandy McPhie announced on 9<sup>th</sup> March this year that he had established a Clan Macfie Council to advise him on policy matters relating to the Clan. The Council consists of the Commander, the Clan Commissioners he has appointed, Clan Armigers through their status and the Presidents elected from time to time by the members of the respective Clan Societies. The success of the Council will depend very much on the contribution, or lack thereof, by the individual Council Members.

## COLONSAY NEWS

A mixed bag of news from Colonsay. At the time this is being written, it is understood that the Hotel on Colonsay is "under offer". A new Manse is to be built on the Island by the Church of Scotland and the old building near the store at Scalasaig is for sale. It is in need of urgent maintenance. The new Village Hall on the Island will be sited at Scalasaig. Fundraising is continuing with various subsidies being sought. Clan Macfie has contributed £250 to this project. The building will be some 74 ft x 40 ft in size and contain the usual facilities. Total cost is estimated at £350,000. Bad news was a report that Caledonian MacBrayne proposed to axe the Oban-Colonsay ferry service from next summer and replace it with an extension of the Islay service from Kennacraig, south of Tarbert in Kintyre. This would have been a devastating blow to the Island community and it's many tourist visitors. Information to-day (21<sup>st</sup> July) is that Cal Mac have dropped the idea and the Oban links will continue.

## CLAN SECRETARIAT RELOCATED

The Clan Macfie Secretariat has been relocated from southern Queensland, Australia, to Townsville in north Queensland, following the Clan Commander's move north, with wife Helen, after they sold their home at Cambooya. A move to Townsville where their two daughters live with their families, had been talked about for some time. In March this year they decided to make the move and listed their property with an Agent at

the end of April - they thought it might take six months or so to sell. Instead it was sold in two weeks! There was quite a scatter then with packers and a host of arrangements requiring attention in the month before delivery - the most demanding being a trip to Melbourne by road for the Biennial General Meeting of the Clan Macfie Society in Australia at which Sandy handed over the Presidency of the Society he had formed some 25 years earlier, and Helen retired as Society Secretary. The time consuming road trip to Melbourne and back (4,200 km) enabled a number of cartons of Society files to be transferred across to incoming President, Brian McPhee of Adelaide, South Australia. Sandy and Helen were presented with Life Membership Certificates, (the first awarded) and other mementoes at a Clan Luncheon following the General Meeting. The move north to Townsville (1,345 km) went through without major problems and they are now established - and the Clan Secretariat too- in a coastal suburb at the following address:

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## NEW PRESIDENT THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA

At the Twelfth Biennial General Meeting of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia in Melbourne, Vic., on 23<sup>rd</sup> May, Brian McPhee of Adelaide, S.A., was elected as President. A member of the Clan Society from it's inception in 1974, Brian and wife Marilyn are well known to many Clan Members around the world. Ironically, both were on the Trans-Siberian Railway on a pre-arranged trip at the time of the General Meeting. But are home now and they, and the Clan Macfie Society in Australia are at the following address:

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**CLAN MACFIE HONOURED CLAN  
AT 1998 STONE MOUNTAIN  
HIGHLAND GAMES THIS OCTOBER**

Jim McAfee, President of the MacFie Clan Society of North America, reports growing interest in the upcoming 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival in Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.A., from 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October this year. Clan Commander Sandy McPhie and wife Helen, will be the Honoured Guests this year and through them, Clan Macfie the Honoured Clan.

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).

**CLAN SOCIETY GATHERING  
EDINBURGH 9 - 13 SEPTEMBER 1999**

The Clan Macfie Society, in Scotland, will be hosting a special mini-gathering in Edinburgh from 9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September next year and has issued a general invitation to members of Clan Macfie Societies around the world to attend. There will be a full programme of visits and social functions over the five days with accommodation being arranged at The Pollock Halls of Residence, University of Edinburgh. For further information contact Mrs. S. Mackay, 80 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh, EH9 2AF, Scotland.

**1997 AUDITOR'S REPORT**

The financial statements for 1997 were included in the last copy of Clan Macfie News (No. 21, March '98). The books etc., were being audited at that time by new auditors, Harts Accounting Group of Toowoomba, Q.. Our previous auditors had earlier merged with another accounting firm and closed their audit facility. The Auditor's report for 1997 states in part "..... my audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards.....In my opinion.....the financial report presents fairly in

accordance with the cash basis of accounting, as described above, the payments and receipts of Clan Macfie for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 1997 and its cash and bank balances as at that date." It is signed by G. W. Stewart, Chartered Accountant.

**DIARY**

**15 - 18 Oct 98** 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Royal Marine Hotel, Hunters Quay, Dunoon. (Sec. Mrs. Shiona Thornley, 80 Strathearn Rd., Edinburgh, EH2 2AF)

**14 - 21 Nov 98** International Scottish Gathering, Dunedin, New Zealand 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dunedin and the Province of Otago. (Bill McDonald, 12 Keinan Ave., Milton, N.Z.).

**1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Aug 99** BGM of Cathey Reunion Association in North Carolina, U.S.A.. (Boyt Cathey 540 380 4467).

**9 - 13 Sep 99** Clan Macfie Society Gathering in Edinburgh, Scotland (Mrs. S. Mackay, 80 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh EH9 2AF)

**Sep 2001** International Gathering and 8<sup>th</sup> Parliament of Clan Macfie, Scotland. (Clan Secretariat in Australia (07) 4771 2067

**"TWO HUNDRED YEARS OF THE  
MacPHEE FAMILY IN SKYE"** is the title Allison Hale of P.O. Box 277, Albany Creek, Q. 4035 (part of Brisbane) Australia, has used for a book she is writing about her family on Skye, mostly in Duirinish Parish. Alison can be contacted by email at: <petalli@ozemail.com.au>

**LOTS OF THINGS SCOTTISH**

From Rev. Jim and wife Ginger McAfee of Mt. Juliet, TN U.S.A. comes an Internet address where you can look up "Tons of stuff!" Scottish. It can be accessed at:  
<<http://www.scot.demon.co.uk/scotfaq/contents.html>>

## "Macfie-Bagging"

Our thanks to Kevin Byrne of the Colonsay Hotel for the following Macfie-Bagging programme. A real test of one's fitness, especially if the record time, under 7 hours, is to be challenged. Be aware too, that Site No. 1 is on Oronsay and thus requires at least one Strand crossing - hopefully on foot!

The aim is to climb all the peaks on Colonsay and Oronsay that exceed 300 ft (91.46m), in the course of one connected walk. The journey has to start and finish from any point below High Water mark, and the "Macfies" can be tackled in any order. Anyone who completes the route is asked to add their name to the Official Register kept at the Colonsay Hotel. Although there is no competitive element in terms

of speed, details of the favoured route and time involved may be of interest to other people.

There are 22 peaks in the Official List, and the distance is about 20 miles. Shortest time to date was 6 hours 44 minutes, 11 July 1996 (Route: Harbour, 4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,3,2,1, Traigh Ban).

| <u>Location</u>                  | <u>Height</u> | <u>O. S. Reference</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 1. Beinn Orasa                   | 93m           | 351893                 |
| 2. Beinn Eibhne                  | 98m           | 378904                 |
| 3. Cnoc an t-Samlaidh            | 93m           | 383926                 |
| 4. "Cnoc a' Raon a'Bhuilg"       | 120m          | 372942                 |
| 5. Beinn nan Caorach             | 126m          | 366941                 |
| 6. Carn Mor                      | 134m          | 373947                 |
| 7. Binnean Riabhach              | 117m          | 364964                 |
| 8. "Cnoc Mull-araich"            | 100m          | 370965                 |
| 9. A' Bheinn Bhreac              | 139m          | 375972                 |
| 10. A' Bheinn a Tuath            | 120m          | 381971                 |
| 11. "Beinn Uragaig"              | 120m          | 385976                 |
| 12. Beinn a' Sgoltaire           | 125m          | 392975                 |
| 13. A' Bheinn Bheag              | 109m          | 406986                 |
| 14. Carn an Eoin                 | 143m          | 409985                 |
| 15. A' Bheinn Bhreac             | 122m          | 414287                 |
| 16. A' Mhaol Bhuidhe             | 100m          | 417983                 |
| 17. Cnoc Mor Charraig nan Darach | 92m           | 413973                 |
| 18. Dun Dubh, A' Phairc Gharbh   | 104m          | 407972                 |
| 19. Beinn nam Fitheach           | 105m          | 407967                 |
| 20. Carn nan Caorach             | 110m          | 392948                 |
| 21. Beinn nan Gudairean          | 136m          | 388950                 |
| 22. Carn na Cainnle              | 116m          | 381945                 |

*A copy of this list is available at the Colonsay Hotel*

### INTREPID AVIATORS

James McPhee (NZ) and Arie van der Leest (Holland) are currently participating in an Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (NZ) safari through Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia. It finishes on 21<sup>st</sup> August somewhere - hopefully not too far from the starting point at Hervey Bay in Queensland. James is an accomplished light aircraft pilot and in fact, assembled his own 'plane, an RV6 two-seater several years ago. This time though, they'll be in a larger Cessna as Mary will be with them. The itinerary takes them, and probably 30 other light aircraft, along the northern coastline of Australia to the west coast, then home across the dead centre. Should be good footage for another Arie TV epic!

### BEST WISHES TO F.B.

Long standing Clan Macfie Society member in U.S.A., F. B. McFee of Alcoa, TN, has been having continued health problems. He has now accepted that travel to Highland Games is impossible. He will be sadly missed in person by all who know him, but will certainly be with the Clan in spirit.

### HOME PAGE PROBLEMS.

The Clan Macfie Home Page can be found at <http://www.orishanet.com/clanmacfie/>. We apologise for difficulties experienced by members looking for it just before and during the transition period from the old site. ISP difficulties were at the centre of it and very much beyond our control. Through the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc., we now have Cameron Howard of New York as our Webmaster.

**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA  
MINUTES OF THE 12<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING  
MELBOURNE, VICTORIA - 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 1998**

**PRESENT** President, Clan Commander A. C. (Sandy) McPhee, (Cambooya, Q.) (Chairman); Vice-President Peter and Barbara McPhee (Nunawading, V); A.C.T. Vice-President Glen McPhee (Evatt); N.S.W. Vice-President Geoff and Ruth McPhee (Lugarno); Commissioner in Australia A. L. (Sandy) and Historian Norah McPhee (Mt. Vincent, N.S.W.); Historian Clyde and Barbara Smythe (Turrumurra, N.S.W.); Dene Rutledge (Melbourne, V.); David Moore (Adelaide, S.A.); Pauline Flynn (Hawthorn, V.); Brian and Cass McHaffie, (Terranora, N.S.W.); Nella Rutledge (Burwood, V.); Frank McPhee (Glen Iris, V.); Neil McPhee (Mornington, V.); Roger and Elaine Hughes (Traralgon, V.); Ted and Judy Smythe (Downer, A.C.T.); Bruce McPhee (Melbourne, V.); Bernie McPhee (Melbourne, V.); Miriam McFee (Noble Park, V.) and Secretary Helen McPhee (Cambooya, Q.).

**OPENING** The Chairman opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

**WELCOME** The Chairman welcomed those present and expressed his appreciation to those who had travelled long distances to attend.

**APOLOGIES** Bob and Ann McPhee (Glenore Grove, Q.); Trevor and Rhonda McPhee (Malaysia); Kaye Macphee (Melbourne, V.); Brian and Marilyn McPhee (North Adelaide, S.A.) and Bonnie Bush (Sans Souci, N.S.W.).

**MINUTES OF THE 11<sup>th</sup> BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Moved Peter McPhee seconded Ted Smythe That the Minutes of the Eleventh Biennial General Meeting held in Brisbane, Q. on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 1996, and distributed to Members in Newsbulletin No. 75 (July 1996), be taken as read. (Copies were available at the meeting). **CARRIED**

Moved Clyde Smythe seconded Glen McPhee That the Minutes of the Eleventh Biennial General Meeting be confirmed as a true record. **CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE 11<sup>th</sup> BGM**

There was no outstanding business arising from the Eleventh Biennial General Meeting.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE 1996 - 1998 TERM OF OFFICE**

The President read his Biennial Report. A copy is attached at Annex A to these Minutes. Moved Brian McHaffie seconded Sandy McPhee that the President's Report be received. **CARRIED**

Peter McPhee and Neil McPhee both spoke to the President's Report, expressing their appreciation, and that of the members, for the work done by the President over his long term in office. The President's Report was received with acclamation.

**TREASURER'S REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1996 - 1998**

In the absence of the Treasurer this Report was read by the President. Moved Sandy McPhee (on behalf of Treasurer, Lorraine McPhee (Toowoomba, Q.) seconded Sandy McPhee That the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement for 1996 - 1998 be received. Copies of this Report are attached at Annex B to these minutes. **CARRIED**

Moved Geoff McPhee seconded Clyde Smythe that the Treasurer be thanked for her work during her term of office. **CARRIED**

The report was received with acclamation.

**ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS FOR THE 1998 - 2000 TERM OF OFFICE**

The Chairman reported that in accordance with the Clan Society Constitution, a call for nominations for Executive Office for the 1998 - 2000 term of office had been made in the March 1998 Newsbulletin (No. 80) mailed in February, with a closing date of 20<sup>th</sup> March 1998. The following nominations were received by that date.

**President** - Brian McPhee (/s74-005) North Adelaide, S.A.

**S. A. V-P** - Ian McPhee (S78-387) Kidman Park, S.A.

**Treasurer** - David Moore (S83-513) Gawler, S.A.

There was no requirement for a ballot for any position. The above members are thus declared duly elected as indicated.

The Chairman stated that the above members, plus Clan Commissioner and Armiger, Sandy McPhee (N74-012) Mt. Vincent, N.S.W. and Past President, Sandy McPhee (Q74-001) Cambooya, Q. form the executive for the 1998 - 2000 term of office. The Chairman added that he had been advised by Brian McPhee that, on his return from overseas, he will address the filling of vacancies on the executive.

The election of the new executive was carried with acclamation.

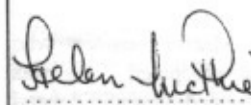
**GENERAL BUSINESS**

- (i) Norah McPhee spoke of the work being done on Clan Member histories in her area and especially of the large amount of time Trevor Phee (N89-720) has put into this project.
- (ii) The Chairman spoke about the compilation of the shipping lists of "Macfie" arrivals into Australia during the 19<sup>th</sup> century which are progressively being included in each Newsbulletin.
- (iii) The Chairman advised the meeting that the appointment of a Secretary, Newsbulletin Editor and other members of the Executive will be made by the incoming President.
- (iv) Brian McHaffie asked for the general feeling of the meeting with regard to a Federation Constitution. The Chairman - as Clan Commander - explained the history of the attempt to formulate a Federation Constitution and the discussion, in this regard, that took place at the Clan Parliament at Aviemore, Scotland in May 1997. General discussion followed and it was Moved Ted Smythe seconded Sandy McPhee:

That we should express our continued interest in the Federation Constitution in principle at this meeting and that we support our Constitution Committee Member, Brian McHaffie's interest and work to that end. **CARRIED**

- (v) The Chairman spoke about the on-going problems surrounding the inclusion of the word "North" in the Macfie Clan Society of North America's name brought forward at the Clan Parliament in Aviemore last year by the McPhee Clan Society in Canada.
- (vi) Peter McPhee spoke about the Ringwood Highland Games and the Celtic Festival at Geelong, Vic.

**CLOSURE** There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 12:20 p.m.

  
Helen McPhee - Secretary

  
Sandy McPhee - Chairman

**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
**TWELFTH BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MELBOURNE, VICTORIA, 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 1998**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Fellow Clan society Members.

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the 1996-1998 term of office. It has been another period of strong operation by the Clan Society in Australia and one of full participation in Clan Macfie affairs and activities.

Membership numbers are down a little on those of two years ago, but at 462 they represent a robust membership spread across Australia and with members in several overseas countries. We have maintained our contacts with other Clans in Australia and with the overseas Clan Societies of Clan Macfie through the regular exchange of Newsbulletins. Our Newsbulletin has continued to be published three times a year and has maintained its diverse and interesting content.

Finances, as the Treasurer's Report will show, are in a healthy state. The Society has continued its leadership in supporting Clan projects and subscribing to general Clan funds. In addition, many members have made individual donations to Clan Society and Clan funds in a number of areas. Their generous contributions are acknowledged with sincere thanks. They were appreciated and were most welcome. In particular, I thank all members who so generously subscribed to the special appeal to Clan members worldwide for funds to purchase some land on Colonsay. That the Clan was unable to proceed with the purchase was disappointing but, I feel, inevitable under the circumstances. I thank too, the many donors amongst you who transferred your Land Appeal donations in part, or whole, to the Clan Project Fund to help ensure our Clan presence is recorded for all time in our traditional homeland, Scotland.

Although the range of Society and Clan merchandise items available to members is not as broad as I had hoped, we were able to significantly increase this range during the period under review through the generous loans from two members to facilitate the initial purchase of items. Since then trading has been profitable and one loan repaid. I trust the incoming Executive will be able to further develop the range of items available.

Several of the members of the 1996-1998 Executive participated actively in the drafting of a constitution for a proposed Federation of Clan Macfie Societies around the world and all Executive members were involved in the review of successive drafts as they were developed. That the final draft, supported by five of the Clan Societies, was rejected by Clan Parliament in Aviemore last year was perhaps a cause for disappointment, but certainly not for undue concern. Our Society was well represented at Aviemore with 22 members present - by far the best representation there on a member/mileage basis.

Queensland Vice-President Bob McPhee of Glenore Grove continued his Poetry competitions in 1996 and 1997. In 1996 he added a Will Ogilvie Prize for original bush verse to his already established J. D. Lang Poetry prize, and in 1997 added a recital competition. All have been well supported and conducted. They have brought recognition to our Clan Society and the Clan as a whole. Thank you for this Bob.

The proposed History of Clan Macfie members who came to Australia last century has not prospered. As was indicated at the time the project was announced, it would depend very much on members bringing forward details of their

respective families' history in Australia and, unfortunately, while some have done this willingly, many others have not made information available. However, a small group of Society Historians has continued researching shipping records and documented arrival information has been a feature in recent Newsbulletins.

The Biennial General Meeting is somewhat unique for me as I am now standing down as President of the Society I founded and have led since its inception. It is 25 years ago that I responded to a request by the late Dr. Earle Douglas MacPhee of Canada to form a Clan Macfie Society in Australia in support of a worldwide movement he had initiated to have Clan Macfie recognised once again as being an active Clan. The Society came into being on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1974 when 24 of 31 Clan members contacted decided to take up Dr. MacPhee's challenge. Our record since then shows how tremendously successful this Society has been. Twelve of the original members are still with us as well as a large number of the ninety members who joined the Society during our first year of operation.

I owe a great debt of gratitude to all of you who have been members of The Macfie Clan Society since its inception and thank you sincerely for your participation, your contributions and your unflinching support. In particular, I acknowledge and sincerely thank Sandy and Norah McPhee of Mt. Vincent in New South Wales and my wife, Helen, for their contributions from the outset. I thank present and past members of the Executive for their participation, guidance and contributions, many of them having served on the Executive for a number of years. I extend my warmest congratulations to incoming President Brian McPhee of Adelaide, himself one of our original members, and wish him well during his time as President. I am sure you will join with me in supporting Brian and his new Executive in taking our Society to bigger and better things.

It will be my privilege following this meeting to join the new Executive as the Society's first Past President and I look forward to many years of continued contact and friendship with all of you.

A. C. (Sandy) McPhee

President and

Commander of Clan Macfie

23<sup>rd</sup> May 1998

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the 1996-98 Term of Office along with Financial Statements for the 1996 and 1997 calendar years. During the period under review the Clan Society has functioned strongly in all areas and finances are in a more robust position than two years ago.

The Clan Society has met all its commitments in support of Clan Macfie and the Clan Commander. Society members have been most generous with their support for both Clan Society and Clan projects. Of particular note in this latter regard was the solid support by members for the Colonsay Land Appeal and following its closure, the transfer by many of their Land Appeal donations to the Clan Project Fund.

Through generous assistance by loans from two Society members we were able to greatly expand our merchandise range in 1996 and many sales have been made. The merchandise account is in a strong position with items on hand and the larger of the two funding loans repaid early in 1998. I feel sure other items can be added to our merchandise range in the near future.

Of concern to me, however, is the marked decline in interest rates available for our investments. While I realise we must meet the market if investing surplus funds in debentures or term deposits, I do feel it is time that serious consideration was given to moving our holding funds away from the present bank passbook account system with its paltry interest rate of .1%. I recommend that this matter be addressed promptly by the incoming Executive and Trustees.

As I am sure you all know, Queensland Vice-President, Bob McPhee of Glenore Grove has been conducting annual Poetry Competitions on behalf of the Clan Society. Until 1995 all transactions relevant to these competitions had been handled through the Society cheque account. This arrangement was found to be cumbersome and time consuming, especially as the competitions expanded and entries increased. Accordingly, the Executive authorised Bob to open a separate Poetry Competition Account commencing 1996. Strict accounting checks are required with this account and have been carried out. Regrettably, while the competitions have been well supported and have brought favourable recognition to the Society, they have not been good money earners. Without sponsorship from McPhee Transport, Carlton and United Breweries and Bob McPhee's own family they would finish in the red. Bob is to be congratulated on the overall success of these competitions.

Messrs. Walker Partners of Toowoomba have acted as our auditors for some years now. The 1996 auditor's report was recorded on receipt in the next following Newsbulletin (No. 79). A copy of the 1997 report is attached.

The attached accounts have been prepared in a different format to those of previous years when you were presented with separate combined details of transactions for both the cheque account and the savings investment account for the years under review. In this case the relative income and expenditure figures have been consolidated to give, I believe, a better presented and more readily understood statement of the Society's financial affairs and current position as at 31 December 1997. Transactions during the early months of 1998 have maintained their strong position and will be reported on in full at the end of this year.

As I decided not to seek re-election as Clan Society Treasurer, this is my last Financial Report in that capacity. I have enjoyed my years as Treasurer and feel rightly pleased, I believe, with the strong financial position of the Society at this time. I wish my successor well as Treasurer and am confident the Society will continue to prosper.

I move that my Financial Report and Financial Statements be received.

Lorraine McPhee (S77-287)  
Treasurer

A copy of the Combined Financial Statements for 1996-1997 is available from the Society Secretary if required. The statement and auditors report for 1996 was distributed to members in an earlier Newsbulletin. The statement and auditors report for 1997 is at pages 14 and 15 of this Newsbulletin.

### 12<sup>TH</sup> BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND

Some forty five or so members attended the various functions during the 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial General Meeting weekend in Melbourne in late May. Highlight was the Clan luncheon on Saturday, but members from near and far were also at the Mitcham RSL on Friday night and at Society Vice-President Peter

and Barbara McPhee's home on Saturday night and (seemingly) most of Sunday. The success of the weekend was entirely due to Peter and Barbara's efforts, helped by daughter Bernadette; and to Bernie McPhee with the top arrangements for the Luncheon. All are to be heartily congratulated. (see also page 8)



### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Some members have yet to pay their 1998 subscriptions of \$10 (individual) or \$15 for a family resident at the one address.

Notices are enclosed for those concerned, please given them your prompt attention.

### GENERAL NOTES

**Colonsay Visit Survey** We included 386 questionnaires with our last Newsbulletin. 81 came back with 55 considering a visit to Colonsay was important on a trip to Scotland, 19 thought it marginally so and 7 felt it unimportant. And....there were some funny comments with some. Thank you to all who responded.

The late **Malcolm Macfie**. Advertising industry identity and political strategist, Malcolm Macfie, died at Noosa, Q'ld., in late June, aged 55.

**Chris McPhee**, 24, of Adelaide is fast making a name for himself as an organist of some distinction with concerts throughout Australia and in U.S.A. and a number of recordings to his credit.

Our best wishes to **David and Elsie McPhee** (V78-429 and 430) Traralgon Vic., for a speedy and marked improvement in Elsie's health.

Former W.A. V-P **Trevor McPhee (W88-662) and wife Rhonda (W91-759)** now live in Malaysia at 2 Rumah Kedai, Jalan Kuala Muda, Mukim Padang Matsirat, 07000 Paulau Langkawi, from where they conduct their fruit and vegetable supply business to the tourist industry. Son Craig (W91-756) is in charge of home base operations at Karrinyup, in Perth W.A..

**CLAN LINDSAY** has joined other Clans with a Clan Society being formed in Sydney. Contact for prospective members is Col Crawford OAM, 28 Duncan Crescent, Collaroy Plateau, NSW 2097. Tel: 02 9982 7324.

Our **1997 Poetry Competition** results and the two winning entries were highlighted on a 2 page spread in the Clan MacLean Assn's 1998 Magazine "The Highlander". Thank you, MacLeans.

Congratulations and good wishes to **Fiona McPhee (N88-603) of Lugarno** NSW on her marriage to Robert Marsano on 28<sup>th</sup> March. They honeymooned in Italy which is a bit south of Colonsay. Congratulations too, to Fiona's sister **Elizabeth Titmuss (N88-604)** on the birth of a daughter, Samantha, for she and husband Glenn of 131 Letitia Street, Oatley, NSW last September. Samantha is the first grandchild for NSW V-P Geoff and Ruth McPhee of Lugarno, NSW. Geoff, by the way, has recovered well from a major operation in January and, along with Ruth, was able to be at the Bundanoon Highland Gathering in early April.

Congratulations too - to **Sally Connors (S80-486)** and Gary, of Adelaide on the birth of their daughter Poppy Coral, last October - a granddaughter for Colin and Wendy McPhee (S80-483/4) of Novar Gardens, S.A.

**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
**STATEMENT OF CHEQUE ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR PERIOD 1 JAN TO 31 DEC 1997**

**RECEIPTS**

|                                                       |                |                           |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Balance B/F 1 Jan 97</b>                           |                | 614.22                    |  |
| <b><u>Annual Subscriptions</u></b>                    |                |                           |  |
| 1996                                                  | 130.55         |                           |  |
| 1997                                                  | 2833.03        |                           |  |
| 1998                                                  | 268.13         |                           |  |
| 1999                                                  | 25.00          |                           |  |
| 2000                                                  | <u>15.00</u>   | 3271.71                   |  |
| <b><u>Members Donations</u></b>                       |                |                           |  |
| Clan Society General Fund                             | 78.28          |                           |  |
| Trust Fund                                            | 100.68         |                           |  |
| C/Soc Travel                                          | 45.50          |                           |  |
| Poetry Competition                                    | <u>5.00</u>    | 229.46                    |  |
| Clan Working A/c                                      | 130            |                           |  |
| S/S Maintenance                                       | 150.00         |                           |  |
| Project Fund                                          | 110.00         |                           |  |
| Cdr. Travel Fund                                      | 723.95         |                           |  |
| Capital Fund                                          | <u>25.00</u>   | 1138.95                   |  |
| <b><u>Transfers Ex Savings Investment Account</u></b> |                |                           |  |
| 20 Fully Paid 1997 Memberships                        | 200.00         |                           |  |
| 1997 Memberships Paid in Advance                      | 208.25         |                           |  |
| Trust Funds for Investment                            | 2050.00        |                           |  |
| Colonsay Land Appeal Donations                        | <u>3986.55</u> | 6444.80                   |  |
| <b><u>Merchandise</u></b>                             |                |                           |  |
| Sales                                                 | 454.41         |                           |  |
| Postage Recovered                                     | <u>21.00</u>   | 475.41                    |  |
| <b><u>Sundry Items</u></b>                            |                |                           |  |
| Cancelled Cheques                                     |                |                           |  |
| 1995 SAHC Sub                                         | 20.00          |                           |  |
| Colonsay Land refund                                  | <u>250.00</u>  | 270.00                    |  |
| Bank fees, overseas cheques                           | 42.00          |                           |  |
| Account Interest                                      | <u>5.37</u>    | 317.37                    |  |
|                                                       |                | <b><u>\$12,491.92</u></b> |  |

Lorraine McPhee (S77-287)  
Treasurer

**EXPENDITURE**

|                                                       |               |                           |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b><u>General Expenses</u></b>                        |               |                           |  |
| Postage                                               | 143.85        |                           |  |
| Telephone/Fax                                         | 48.40         |                           |  |
| Internet                                              | 25.87         |                           |  |
| Printing & Stationery                                 | 215.38        |                           |  |
| Govt. Tax on Withdrawals                              | <u>23.60</u>  | 457.10                    |  |
| <b><u>Newsbulletins</u></b>                           |               |                           |  |
| Printing                                              | 1080.00       |                           |  |
| Postage                                               | 668.85        |                           |  |
| Stationery                                            | <u>75.80</u>  | 1824.65                   |  |
| <b><u>Subscriptions</u></b>                           |               |                           |  |
| Scottish House Sydney                                 | 30.00         |                           |  |
| Australasian Highlander                               | <u>14.00</u>  | 44.00                     |  |
| <b><u>Merchandise</u></b>                             |               |                           |  |
| Purchases                                             | 90.00         |                           |  |
| Postage                                               | <u>44.65</u>  | 134.65                    |  |
| <b><u>Transfers to Savings Investment Account</u></b> |               |                           |  |
| Donations Standing Stone                              | 150.00        |                           |  |
| Trust Fund                                            | 100.68        |                           |  |
| Clan Soc. Travel                                      | 45.50         |                           |  |
| Membership Paid in Advance                            |               |                           |  |
| 1998 - 160.00                                         |               |                           |  |
| 1999 - 25.00                                          |               |                           |  |
| 2000 - <u>15.00</u>                                   | 200.00        |                           |  |
| Merchandise Sales                                     | <u>280.96</u> | 777.14                    |  |
| <b><u>Clan Macfie Payments</u></b>                    |               |                           |  |
| Per Capita Levy 1997                                  | 617.51        |                           |  |
| Cdr. Travel Donations                                 | 150.00        |                           |  |
| Project Fund Transfers                                | 2096.55       |                           |  |
| Capital Fund Donation                                 | <u>25.00</u>  | 2889.06                   |  |
| <b><u>Sundry Items</u></b>                            |               |                           |  |
| Poetry Competition Donation                           | 5.00          |                           |  |
| Colonsay Land refunds                                 | 2250.00       |                           |  |
| Trust Funds Invested                                  | 2050.00       |                           |  |
| Cdr. Travel Donations                                 | 1012.70       |                           |  |
| Bank fees, overseas cheques                           | <u>42.00</u>  | 5359.70                   |  |
| <b><u>Balance C/F 31 Dec 97</u></b>                   |               | <b><u>1005.62</u></b>     |  |
|                                                       |               | <b><u>\$12,491.92</u></b> |  |

**MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY (AUST) - AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Clan Society Auditor, Mr. Pat Morton, a Director of Walker Partners Pty. Ltd., Certified Practising Accountants of Toowoomba, Q<sup>ld.</sup>, reported as follows:

"We advise that we have completed the audit of the books and records of The Macfie Clan Society of Australia as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 1997 and in our opinion the Statement of Receipts and Expenditure fairly represents the activities of the Clan (Society) for the year."

**THE MACFIE CLAN SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA**  
**STATEMENT OF SAVINGS INVESTMENT ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR PERIOD 1 JAN TO 31 DEC 1997**

**RECEIPTS**

**Balance B/F 1 Jan 97**

|                            |               |         |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------|
| General Fund               | 2.79          |         |
| Trust Fund                 | 1944.54       |         |
| Fully Paid Membership      | 496.79        |         |
| Membership Paid in Advance | 396.58        |         |
| Clan Society Travel Fund   | 48.86         |         |
| Colonsay Land              | 4221.71       |         |
| Merchandise                | <u>504.07</u> | 7615.34 |

**General Fund**

|                        |            |       |
|------------------------|------------|-------|
| Colonsay Land Transfer | 60.00      |       |
| Account Interest       | <u>.01</u> | 60.01 |

**Trust Fund**

|                        |             |        |
|------------------------|-------------|--------|
| AGC Debenture Interest | 132.00      |        |
| Donations (chq. A/C)   | 100.68      |        |
| Account Interest       | <u>6.45</u> | 239.13 |

**Fully Paid Membership**

|                  |             |       |
|------------------|-------------|-------|
| Suncorp Interest | 75.41       |       |
| Account Interest | <u>2.41</u> | 77.82 |

**Membership Paid in Advance**

|                  |             |        |
|------------------|-------------|--------|
| 1998 memberships | 160.00      |        |
| 1999 memberships | 25.00       |        |
| 2000 memberships | 15.00       |        |
| Account Interest | <u>1.76</u> | 201.76 |

**Standing Stone Maintenance**

|                              |            |        |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Members Donations (chq. A/C) | 150.00     |        |
| Account Interest             | <u>.23</u> | 150.23 |

**Clan Society Travel Fund**

|                             |            |       |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------|
| Members Donation (chq. A/C) | 45.50      |       |
| Colonsay Land transfer      | 38.95      |       |
| Account Interest            | <u>.18</u> | 84.63 |

**Colonsay Land Purchase**

|                  |  |       |
|------------------|--|-------|
| Account Interest |  | 25.16 |
|------------------|--|-------|

**Merchandise**

|                                    |             |        |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------|
| Sales                              | 280.96      |        |
| Colonsay Land transfer (item sold) | 7.50        |        |
| Account Interest                   | <u>2.70</u> | 291.16 |

**Archives**

|                        |  |               |
|------------------------|--|---------------|
| Colonsay Land transfer |  | <u>100.00</u> |
|------------------------|--|---------------|

**\$8845.24**

**EXPENDITURE**

**Trust Fund**

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Transfer to Cheque A/C for Investment | 2050.00 |
|---------------------------------------|---------|

**Fully Paid Membership**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| 20 x 1997 Subs @ \$10 | 200.00 |
|-----------------------|--------|

**Membership Paid in Advance**

|                  |        |
|------------------|--------|
| 1997 Memberships | 208.25 |
|------------------|--------|

**Colonsay Land Fund**

|                          |              |         |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------|
| Clan Project Fund        | 1796.55      |         |
| Chq. A/C for Refund      | 2190.00      |         |
| General Fund A/C Refunds | 60.00        |         |
| Archive Fund             | 100.00       |         |
| Merchandise Purchase     | 7.50         |         |
| C/Soc Travel Fund        | <u>38.95</u> | 4193.00 |

**Balance C/F 31 Dec 97**

|                            |               |         |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------|
| General Fund               | 62.80         |         |
| Trust Fund                 | 133.67        |         |
| Fully Paid Membership      | 374.61        |         |
| M/ship Paid in Advance     | 390.09        |         |
| Standing Stone Maintenance | 150.23        |         |
| Clan Society Travel fund   | 133.49        |         |
| Colonsay Land              | 53.87         |         |
| Merchandise                | 795.23        |         |
| Archives                   | <u>100.00</u> | 2193.99 |

**\$8845.24**

**INVESTMENTS**

**Trust Fund**

AGC Debentures \$2,000.00 6.6% matured 1 Apr 97  
 Reinvested Suncorp Debentures \$1,000.00 7.5% maturing 5 Feb 98

**Fully Paid Membership**

AGC Debentures \$4,050.00 6.9% maturing 1 Apr 00

## THE SGIAN DUBH

"That wee knife that that kilted chappie has stuck in his sock? What is it? What's it for?" Ever had that question asked of you?

The Sgian Dubh or Black Knife as it is sometimes called, because it is made of dark wood or maybe leather, is not that old in an historical sense. The claymore, dirk or broadsword are much older. They tell us that the Sgian Dubh came into being at the time of the '45 when the English rules out the wearing of the tartan or playing of the pipes. Some say it was the only weapon allowed - some say it was used without permission and was often hidden on the person - maybe in the armpit but kept at the ready for use.

And so when the Proscription was repealed in 1782 and the Scot could again wear the kilt and play the pipes, he was so used to the wee knife he stuck it into his hose and it has become very much a part of the Highland wear as we see it to-day.

### THEY'VE MOVED



- \* Miss Bessie McPhee (V76-147) from Ivanhoe, Vic., to Princes Park Lodge, 238 High Street, Maryborough, Vic. 3465
- \* Harvey and Ann MacPhee (Z90-721 and Z96-908) from Willow Street in Truro, Nova Scotia, to 25 Windsor Way 202, still in Truro, NS B2N 6Z5, Canada
- \* Mrs. Joan Stow (V88-605) from Seymour, Vic., back to Bendigo, Vic 3550 at 114 McIvor Road
- \* Mrs. Heather McKee (V87-573) from Yarraglen, Vic., to 6/169 Belmore Street, Yarrawonga, Vic. 3730
- \* Ian and Margaret McPhee (V77-360 and W93-821) from 5 Elizabeth Street to 472/31 Williams Road still in Nedlands, W.A. 6009
- \* Mrs. Heather Price (N91-745) from "Newstead", Boggabilla, N.S.W. to P.O. Box 534, Albany Creek, Q. 4035, which is part of Brisbane
- \* Malcolm McPhee (N77-245) from Dubbo to Moree N.S.W. where he is manager of the Spa Village Travel Inn at 300 Warialda Street and always happy to see Clan members travelling the Newell Highway
- \* Sandy and Helen McPhie (Q74-001 and 014) from Cambooya, Q., north to 10 Havana Street, Rowes Bay, Townsville, Q. 4810

### LOST CONTACT

Contact has been lost with Euphemia Scales (V80-482) formerly of 3 Tudor Street, Burwood, Vic. 3125. If anyone has a new address for Phemie, please let President Brian know in Adelaide.

### NEW MEMBERS

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members who have joined the Clan society since the last Newsbulletin was printed.

- ◆ N98-927 Michael Andrew McPhee, 69 Beaumont Avenue, Wyoming, N.S.W. 2250
- ◆ N98-928 Victor Cox, 76 Hinchinbrook Place, Hinchinbrook, N.S.W. 2168
- ◆ N98-929 Mrs. Mary Cox, 76 Hinchinbrook Place, Hinchinbrook, N.S.W. 2168
- ◆ N98-930 John Alister MacPhee, 4 Mercury Place, Kings Langley, N.S.W. 2147
- ◆ N98-931 Roger Hughes, 3 Mervyn Street, Traralgon, Vic. 3844
- ◆ N98-932 Mrs. Elaine Hughes, 3 Mervyn Street, Traralgon, Vic. 3844