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FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

32 members gathered in the boardroom of The Gallery of NSW for our Biennial General Meeting on 25th May

The venue was extraordinarily comfortable and enhanced the meeting greatly. Thank you Barbara McPhee Knowles, Ruth and Geoff McPhee for booking this great venue.

Some highlights of the meeting were:

- Bernie McPhee of Oakleigh Vic was appointed Vice President of our Society, taking over from Peter McPhee. Bernie will take over as President from me at our next BGM to be held in Canberra in May 2004.
- Trevor Phee was appointed NSW Vice President taking over from Geoff McPhee.
- Maggie Mulherin was appointed Vice President for Victoria taking over from Kate Macphee, and
- Bertel Sundstrom was appointed Vice President for Tasmania taking over from Jocelyn McPhie.

I look forward to working with those newly appointed as well as those continuing in office during the next 2 years.

Thanks to Peter, Geoff, Kate and Jocelyn for their fine contributions during the many years you have served. It has been appreciated by all.



The BGM resolved 2 important payments be made

- \$100 held in the Society's Archival Fund to Trevor Phee, our Clan Society Historian, towards a fraction of the costs he has incurred storing archival material he holds on behalf of our Society,
- 1/9 of Pounds Stirling 475 to the Clan Project Fund held in Scotland to help defray costs incurred in erecting signs on Colonsay to direct visitors.

From your President continued

During the recent Clan Parliament a cairn pointing to Dun Eibhinn, the old Macfie fort, and signs showing the way to "Mhic A' Phi", our Clan's Standing Stone were erected and donations from the 9 Macfie Societies around the world will help defray these costs.

After the meeting we all adjourned to "Pavilion on the Park" in the Domain for lunch which, with everyone swapping Macfie stories was noisy and great fun .

On Sunday most attended a "Kirkin' o' the Tartan" service, organised by Geoff McPhee at his local Presbyterian Church. Glen McPhee gave us a great welcome, piping at the front of the Church as we arrived. A piper certainly warms the cockles of your heart.

Then it was off to Geoff & Ruth's stunning home overlooking St George's River for a BBQ. This was superbly catered for by our caring hosts Ruth, Geoff and their daughter, Fiona, and was a huge success and enjoyed by all in a big way. It is just such good fun chatting with Clansfolk.

In this Newsbulletin, donations sent to Treasurer Ian accompanying subscriptions are acknowledged. Also we acknowledge with gratitude the kindness of Barbara McPhee Knowles and Geoff and Ruth McPhee in paying for the hire of the venue and morning tea at the Art Gallery for our BGM.

It is this tangible support plus all the intangible support given by many in the form of their time that means our Society flourishes as indeed it does and accounts for Australia boasting one the strongest of the world Societies.

Until we meet again let's remember Scotland Society's President Bob McFie's wish that we all take good care of each other,

Yours in Clanship
Brian



Joanna Moore enjoying the beautiful day at the BGM

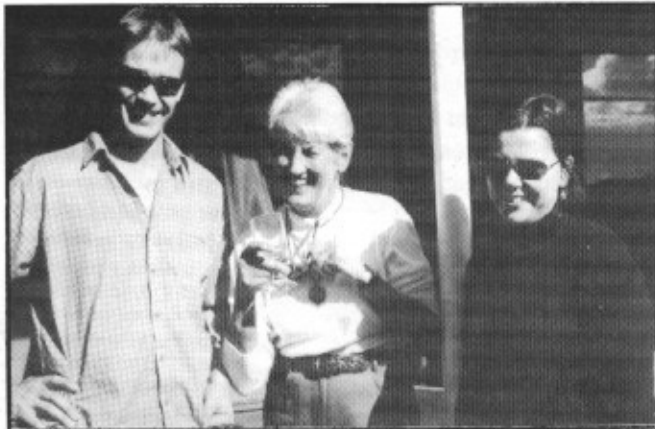
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Winifred Gilchrist	Evatt ACT
Gordon McPhee OBE	Beaumont SA
Elsie McPhee	Taralgon VIC

DONATIONS

We are indebted to the following members for their generous donations to the Macfie Clan Society of Australia

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Geoff & Ruth McPhee	Lugarno	NSW



Angus, Marilyn McPhee and Creina Chapman at the BGM BBQ

GENEALOGY

Submitted by Trevor Phee, 24 Bibby Street Hamilton NSW t.phee@bigpond.com

A Family Search

I am searching for more descendants of the following couple, James Wood and Isabella McFie. Isabella was from Ballymaud, county Antrim, Ireland. She arrived in Sydney at the age of 18 on board the Earl Gray on 6th October 1848 and died at Yarraman in the district of Gunnedah on 3rd July 1883. They had 3 children Frances, Mary Anne and Alice and lived near Quirindi in NSW. After Isabella died James married twice more. He died at Woollahra, Sydney on 28th November 1903. One descendant of this couple is a Mr. Cooper who lives in the Newcastle (NSW) suburb of Mayfield.

McPhees in Australia

The following information is from electoral roll records, cemetery records and from newspaper articles. If anyone recognises any of these people please let me know.

Victorian Electoral Roll Records.

1851

William McFee dwelling house, Little Collins Street. La Trobe Ward, Melbourne.

1856

Alexander McPhee AMHURST (Storekeeper) Daisy Hill Subdivision.

Alexander McPhee WHITE HILLS (Miner) Miner's Right, Mundurung Division.

Alexander McPhee HAMILTON (Farmer) Freehold, Dundas Division.

Angus McPhee (Farmer) Freehold, Dalhousie Division.
Angus McPhee SPRING CREEK, Freeholder, Mount Franklin Division.

Donald McPhee GREEN GULLY, Freeholder, Mt. Franklin Division.

Donald McPhee at the diggings (gold miner), Freeholder, Wellington St. Windsor Division.

John McPhee off Clarence Street, Freehold, Ashby Division.

John McPhee EMU FLAT (Servant) Salary 100 pounds p.a. From Mr McPherson, Emu Flat, Villiers Division.

Nicol McPhee DEEP CREEK, Miners Right, Mt. Franklin Division.

Cemetery Inscriptions.

The names listed below are on headstones in the Ford's Bridge Cemetery NSW. No parents names were available how sad if they were from the one family.

- Sarah Ellen McPhee 20 Jan 1878, 2 months, 4 days.
- Mary Margaret McPhee 6 Nov 1881, 2 years.
- Patrick James McPhee 19 Jul 1882, 4 months.
- Donald McPhee 8 Feb 1891, 4 months.

From the Sydney Morning Herald.

From Old Wollongong Wesleyan and Presbyterian Cemetery.

- Lilly McPhee 13th December 1906 aged 18 years. Our dear daughter.
- Donald James McPhee 12th December 1928 aged 29 years. Our dear son, accidentally killed.
- Eva McPhee 11th August 1935 aged 68 years. Dear wife and our mother.
- Alexander McPhee 30th April 1860, 28 years. 2nd officer on the "Kiama" who with 2 seamen, Henry Wilson and Sydney Mountcastle was accidently drowned near Wollongong.
- Donald McPhee 5th September 1881 aged 52 years.
- Margaret McPhee 30th March 1905, 84 years. Wife of the above.

- Mrs. MacFie of Sydney died in Dutch East Indies, page 8: 14/12/1926.
- John McPhee, 89 years died at Mosman on 16th Nov 1926: pages 7&9 17/11/1926.
- John McPhee, 61 years, died at Cronulla on 13th Dec 1926. page 9 14/12/1926.

The above information was gathered by Bernie McPhee in Victoria and Margaret Phee of NSW.

GENEALOGY

The Following MacPhees were "TINKERS" or more commonly known as "GYPSIES".

Near Aberdeen, Scotland was Donald MacPhee - "The Flea Catcher". MacPhees unlucky. They took travellers in when hunted by the English red - coats, nursed wounded. Later married into travellers. S-A-L-M-O-N never said among travellers - unlucky, because ordinary man can only get it by poaching. Pheasant is lucky. Black cat is unlucky. Jeannie's experience, cut hand etc.

Near Pitlochry, Scotland was Charlie MacPhee. Father a travelling tinsmith. Most travellers made baskets or tinware. Talk of father's craftsmanship. Mother did the soldering. Sold their goods from door to door from cart. Lived in caravans.

Near Pitlochry, Scotland was Charlie MacPhee and his daughter Isobel. Travelling People. Charlie was a good builder, though untrained. Can do dyestone dyking. Travellers good at what ever they take an interest in - it's in the blood. "I (Charlie) was never stuck on anything yet". Women are skilled also. Wife makes fine baskets, paper flowers. Isobel: Gypsies tend to be good at art. Grandfather was a Gaelic speaker. General conversation about Gaelic - all MacPhees had it. Used to have to pay for education - 3d. a day; so farmworkers, gypsies, fishermen etc were illiterate.

Alex MacPhee Heathery Knowe Camp, near Coatbridge, Scotland. His great grandfather (on his mother's side) was a doctor. He was not a traveller, but his son joined and married into the travellers. Their name was Sutherland.

Alex MacPhee, Isa MacPhee Heathery Knowe Camp, near Coatbridge, Scotland. Alex feels that to settle in one place would be to wait for time to catch up to you. Advantages of having a caravan site to stay on in the winter - children get to school etc. Isa went to school in various places, but was illiterate until she was taught by Duncan Williamson when she was about 17 or 18. Duncan is a cousin of Isa's father Alex.

I do not know where this information came from or how old it is. - Trevor Phee

Internet Site's

For those interested in CELTIC and MEDIEVAL HISTORIES then go to the following site on the internet;
http://members.aol.com/ht_a/Skyelander/mediev19.html?mtbrand=AOL_US It is a very interesting site.

This next site is in regard to the Australian War Memorial. They are now adding photos (where available). I do not have the site address, but just type into your search site: Australian War Memorial.

Also the Australian Museum On Line at http://amol.org.au/collection/collections_index.asp and you can do a search on individual surnames, and some will include photos.

The following site will get you into the 1841,1861 and 1881 census records for Fort William and its surrounds, and it is free.

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~ked1.ftwillcen.html>

Graveyard, Headstones

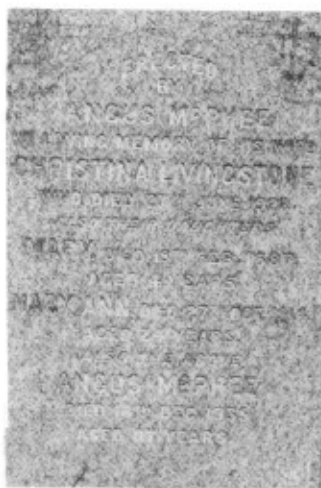
During a visit or Scotland in 1997 a few graveyards were visited to look for traces of MacPhees. This included a cemetery near Glencoe and a small graveyard at Corpach near Fort William. Here there were many MacPhees and Cameron graves obviously a legacy to their relationships over the years.

The graveyard at Corpach was unfortunately in a poor state of repair with many headstones broken and fallen over and some most likely moved around the cemetery. With the right permission this would be a good project to clean up the cemetery and put respect back into the final resting place of many of Clan members.

Some of the inscriptions on the headstones are below:



Donald Macphee
Son of the late John Macphee
Bridge of Oich Glengarry
Died 27 April 1936
James MacPhee
Died 26 May 1942
At Fort William
Flora MacPhee
Died 17 September 1961
Aged 106 Years
At Gailochy



Christine Livingston
Died 27 June 1923
And Daughter
Mary
Died 19 February 1887
Aged 4 Years
Mary Ann, died 27 Oct
1914 Aged 24Yrs
Angus McPhee
Died 18 December 1935
Aged 87 Years

Duncan MacPhee (son)
 Died December 1937
 Aged 20 years
 Also Duncan MacPhee (father)
 Died 28 August 1963
 Aged 82 Years
 Also Eleanor Saddington (mother)
 Died 1 December 1976
 Aged 88 Years

Margaret Cameron
 Wife of John MacPhee
 Died 22 August 1931,
 75 Years
 Fort William
 John MacPhee
 Died May 1930
 Aged 5 Years



Ann
 McPhee
 Wife of
 Donald
 Cameron
 Died 12
 February
 1861
 Aged 44
 years

Donald McPhee
 Corpach Cottage
 Died 1 April 1896
 Aged 31 Years
 Also his father
 Duncan McPhee
 Died 27 January 1900 Aged
 76 years

THE PICTS - SCOTLAND'S LOST ANCESTORS

Donald McPhee
 Died 28 March 1899
 Aged 82 years
 At Lochyside
 Erected by his daughter
 Catherine

The Picts are the earliest people of Scotland about whom we have any reliable written record – and what we do have comes from sources hostile or unsympathetic to the Pictish world, such as the Romans, the Scots and the Angles.

Alexander MacPhee
 Of Tenant at Cuilin
 Glendefsary
 Died 20 May 1835
 Aged 66 Years

The first recorded mention of them is in a Roman poem from late in the 3rd Century AD, which mentions 'pictii', or 'painted men', and it is likely that the Romans, by posing a large, organised, threat, caused the fragmented northern tribes to band together for the first time. According to the Roman historian Tacitus, Agricola defeated a united army of tribesmen, collectively named Caledonians, at Mons Graupius, possibly near Huntly in Aberdeenshire, in the 1st Century AD.

Mary Cameron
 Died 27 January 1841
 Aged 60 years
 Also Duncan McPhee
 Died 20 March 1861
 Aged 85 Years at Kenlochiel

But despite this success, no further attempts were made to conquer the northern lands. The Romans certainly respected these enemies – Hadrian's Wall, the largest fortification in Europe, was built to keep them out, and another huge structure, the Antonine Wall, was built to protect the Romans' short-lived incursion up to the River Forth. One legion, the Ninth, completely disappeared – possibly in Galloway.



Donald
 McPhee
 Died 16
 April 1885
 Aged 78
 Years
 Erected by
 Catherine
 Cameron
 (Wife)

By the 5th Century AD and the Roman withdrawal from Britain, the major northern tribes were recognised, at least by outsiders, as one people; the Irish called them 'Cruithni', the 'People of the Designs' and others knew them as Picts, but it is not known what they called themselves.

Their lands were in the north and the east – Pictish legend suggests how they were divided in the story of Cruithne, a warrior king who ruled for 100 years, and

on whose death the land was split among his seven sons: Fib (Fife); Cat (Caithness); Fidach (Moray); Ce (Aberdeenshire, Banff and Buchan); Circenn (Angus); and Fotlaig (Atholl and Strathearn). South-west Scotland was controlled by the British Kingdom of Strathclyde, and the Western Highlands were populated by Scots – people from the north of Ireland who invaded Argyll in 500 AD and set up the kingdom of Dalriada.

An Irish legend says the Picts came from Sythia, near the Black Sea, and were helped to settle in Scotland by an Irish king they had helped against his enemies, who also gave them the widows of fallen Irish warriors as brides on condition they always choose their kings from the female line.

The Dalriadan Scots were keen on this story, because it gave them a claim to kingship over the Picts, but if the Picts had been genuinely matrilinear, they would have been unique in Dark Age Europe. The only evidence to back the idea is the Irish myth, repeated as a throwaway remark by the Venerable Bede in 'History of the English Church and Peoples'.

The Picts were almost certainly Celts, a group of peoples who spread across Europe from the Near East from around 1000 BC and who today only remain in Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall, Isle of Man and Brittany. Their language was probably more like Welsh and Cornish than Gaelic; compare the number of place names beginning 'Aber' (river mouth) in eastern Scotland and in Wales

Their tribal society was probably organised around a chieftain with a retinue of elite warriors, surrounded by poor subsistence farmers who paid tribute to the warrior class and fought only in desperate self-defence. With the withdrawal of the Romans, successful chiefs began to establish power bases, and High Kings would arise. This cohesion was further fuelled by the arrival of Christianity, bringing a literate clergy which formed the basis of administration, and a theology which justified and confirmed royal power.

In 603 AD an army led by King Aedan of Dalriada, who had married a Pictish princess, and his allies from Pictland and Strathclyde, marched to meet the aggressively expansionary Northumbrians (Angles) at Degastan. The Angles were victorious, and spent the next 80 years occupying southern Pictland. In 680 AD, Bridei, grandson of King Neithon of Strathclyde, conquered the northern Pictish lands, and by 683 AD had also taken the Scots' capital at Dunadd in Argyll.

Then followed a battle without which the later nation of Scotland might never have existed. In 685 AD, Bridei slaughtered the Northumbrians at Dunnichen, near Forfar in Angus. Their King, Egfrid, and his retinue were all killed and the Northumbrian powerbase

broken forever, while Pictland, now under one ruler, entered a period of ascendancy.

Pictland and Dalriada were still separate kingdoms, but there were unions under Oengus Mac Fergus in 731 AD and Constantine Mac Fergus in 811 AD, and the royal houses were heavily intermarried. The final pressure for union came from the Vikings, who decimated the Pictish nobility in battle, and in 842 AD Kenneth Mac Alpin, king of Dalriada, moved his court to the ancient Pictish royal centre at Scone, bringing with him the Stone of Destiny from Dunadd. He became the first true King of Scots in 848 AD.

QUEEN MUM

This royal matriarch was born in London, but her father was Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorne, and their ancestral home, Glamis Castle in Sandringham, Scotland, is her favourite place. So, although the 100 year-old Queen Mother lives just down the road from Buckingham Palace, her Scottish roots are deep; The Bowes-Lyon family is descended from the Royal House of Scotland.



The Queen Mother was born Lady Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon on August 4, 1900. She was the ninth child of ten born to Sir Claude George Bowes-Lyon and wife Cecilia Nina. At age 22, Lady Elizabeth married the duke of York, second son of King George V, becoming the Duchess of York. Known for her charm and grace, Elizabeth was promptly nicknamed "The Smiling Duchess".

If not for the abdication of Edward VIII and his famous marriage to Wallace Simpson, the Duke and Duchess of York may have lived a very different life. Instead, their coronation took place on 12 May 1937, and they assumed the responsibilities of the throne. At this time, Elizabeth became the first commoner in three hundred years to wear the Queen Consort's crown.

Her husband had never expected to be King, and at times found the job disagreeable, so Queen Elizabeth's unwavering support proved very important. She had already captured the hearts of the British people, and her ease in public life went a long way in making up for the King's difficulties. During WWII, Elizabeth stayed in London with her husband during bombing raids, and this earned the monarchs the respect of the nation.

King George and Queen Elizabeth had two daughters. Princess Elizabeth, born on 21 April 1926 at the Strathmores' London home, 17 Bruton Street. Princess Margaret was born in August of 1930 at Glamis Castle.

BUNADOON 2002

A fabulous day was had at the Bundanoon Gathering on the 6th April 2002. The weather was bright and about 20 degrees. An estimated 20,000 attended the Gathering and all went away with a smile on their face. The atmosphere was electric as the bands played and the traditional Scottish games took place.

To see brawny Scots lifting between 100-150Kgs is something to be seen to be believed. The stones are modelled on the Maglashen Stones from Scotland they consist of a set of five round stones ranging from 100-150Kgs in weight. Only five stones are used at one time with the current competition set comprising of the 100Kgs, 110Kgs, 120Kgs, 140Kgs, and 150Kgs. The stones vary in size from 43 centimetres to a massive 50 centimetres in diameter.

The history of the stones goes back over one thousand years to the highlands of Scotland when a boy was considered to have reached manhood when he could lift two stone in weight from the bare ground onto the top of a stone dyke or fence.



Heather (N75-141) and David Grove (ACT) enjoying the warm weather at Bundanoon.

The Macfie Clan Society tent did exceptionally well in welcoming many visitors, some new faces and some of the regular visitors to Bundanoon including Geoff and Ruth McPhee, Robyn and Morris McPhee and Glen & Glenda McPhee.

The picture of the little drummer girl from Goulburn depicts the range of talent and interest in the day. Sarah was a playing member of a Goulburn Pipes and Drums Band.



Sarah Lang from Goulburn NSW at Bundanoon

A Taste of Scotland - Grosert Fool

- 1lb of Gooseberries, topped and tailed.
- 6 oz of castor sugar
- 1 can of condensed milk
- half pint extra thick double cream
- Fresh mint sprigs for decoration.

Method

Wash gooseberries and discard any brown ones. Place into a saucepan and simmer for 6-8 minutes stirring occasionally.

Allow to cool slightly then rub through a nylon sieve to make a puree.

Stir sugar into puree until it is dissolved.

Whip cream until thick and fold in condensed milk.

Carefully fold gooseberry puree into cream mixture to create a marbled effect. Spoon into glasses and decorate with mint sprigs before serving (Makes 4 servings)

(From; Scottish Banner).





Clan Macfie News

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International Gathering
Of Clan Macfie in 2003

July 2002

WELL DONE THE MacDUFFEES!

The MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc., celebrates its 40th anniversary at this year's Grandfather Mountain Highland Games at MacRae Meadows, Linville, in North Carolina, U.S.A. from 11th to 14th July. It is a significant milestone for the Clan Society and all members, past and present, are to be congratulated on their record of achievement over the years.



Formed in 1962 under the leadership of Allen R. MacDuffie, the Clan Society has reached out to MacDuffees throughout the United States and beyond, recording members' genealogical and historical data from America's very beginnings. To-day these records would be amongst the most comprehensive within our Clan or indeed, any Clan.

The Clan Society to-day has some 260 members, many of whom will be celebrating at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games. These Games too, have much to acknowledge at this time as the MacDuffee Convenor, Allen R. MacDuffie, was also one of the driving forces in their formative years and the Clan Society has been a strong supporter of them throughout using the Games for their main gathering each year.

The contribution of MacDuffee/Macfie's many members is acknowledged in all walks of life as too, is that of their Clan Society Presidents:

Robert S. McDuffie	1962 - 68	Wm. Coleman MacDuffee	1992 - 96
James H. McDuffie III	1968 - 77	H. Fritz McDuffie	1996 - 97
DeVane B. Middleton	1977 - 81	Jim B. McDuffie	1997 - 98
Dr. Robert C. MacDuffee	1981 - 84	H. Fritz McDuffie	1998 - 99
Dr. Bruce McDuffie	1984 - 92	Thomas P. MacDuffee	1999 - present

Additionally, Dr. Bruce McDuffie of Chattanooga, TN is the Clan Macfie Commissioner in the United States.

FOURTEENTH INTERNATIONAL GATHERING OF CLAN MACFIE GATLINBURG, TN U.S.A., 14 TO 18 MAY 2003

The MacFie Clan Society of America is the Host Society for the 14th International Gathering of Clan Macfie at the Gatlinburg Scottish Games in Tennessee, U.S.A. next May. Clan Society President Jim McAfee and wife Ginger have developed a programme on the following lines for the Gathering:

Wed 14 th	7:00 pm to 9:00 pm	"Meet and Greet" and pre - registration
Thu 15 th	Daytime	Guided tour through the Great Smoky Mountain National Park and adjacent areas
	Evening	Clan Commander's Reception
Fri 16 th	Morning	Free time in local area
	Afternoon	Clan Macfie workshops etc.
	Evening	6:00 pm Clans Parade through downtown Gatlinburg
		7:30 pm Clan Macfie Dinner and Ceilidh
Sat 17 th	Daytime	Gatlinburg Scottish Games
	Evening	Games Ceilidh
Sun 18 th	Daytime	Gatlinburg Scottish Games
	Evening	Clan Macfie "Goodbye"

The host hotel for our Gathering is the Riverside Motor Lodge in Gatlinburg. Room rates are most reasonable at \$45.00 per night. Function Rooms are available there for the Clan. Jim and Ginger have established a Clan Society webpage at <http://www.macfiesocietyofamerica.com> with a special section relating to the Gathering which will be regularly updated as required. Full directions regarding accommodation and function bookings and payments, will be found there. If you are thinking of attending, please let Jim and Ginger know at email: jgmcafee@tnaccess.com or by phone [931] 858 4790 or drop them a line at 420 Ash Drive, Baxter, TN 38544 U.S.A.

CLAN COMMANDER A GUEST AT STONE MOUNTAIN THIS YEAR

The Stone Mountain Highland Games organisers are celebrating the Games 30th Anniversary this year by inviting all 29 of their Honoured Guests of past years to attend this year as Distinguished Guests. Clan Commander, Sandy McPhie, (Honoured Guest in 1998) has accepted the invitation but, due to work commitments, Helen will not be accompanying him this

time. The Games at Stone Mountain in Atlanta, GA will be held from the 17th to 20th October with the very popular Military Band Tattoo returning to the programme on the Thursday night. Honoured Guest this year is the Duke of Montrose. The MacFie Clan Society of America will be holding it's Annual General Meeting there during the Games weekend.

CLAN DIARY

(The 27th May each year is Clan Macfie DayLet's celebrate!)

2002	11/14	July	U.S.A. AGM and 40 TH anniversary of the formation of the MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc., Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, NC (Contact Thomas McDuffee [317] 596 9869).
	2/3	Aug	U.S.A. Annual Meeting of The Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association at Amerisuites Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO. (Contact Ilah Merriman [972] 934 8360)
	17/20	Oct	U.S.A. AGM of The MacFie Clan Society of America at 30 th Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA. (Contact Jim McAfee [931] 858 4790). AGM 6:00 p.m. Saturday 19 th at the Steak and Ale House. Games and AGM to be attended by Clan Commander Sandy McPhie.
	26	Oct	Scotland. AGM of the Clan Macfie Society at The Golden Lion, Milton Hotel, Stirling. (Contact Shiona Thornley, Tel: [0131] 447 0631).
	TBA	Nov	Canada. Macfie Clan Society in Canada Biennial General Meeting.
	23 Nov/01	Dec	Australia. Scottish Australian Heritage Council Scottish Heritage Week. (Contact Secretary, David Campbell [02] 9522 3631)
2003	14/18	May	U.S.A. 14 TH International Gathering of Clan Macfie, Gatlinburg, TN, Scottish Games. (See separate item).
	TBA	May	New Zealand. McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand AGM.
	27	May	Clan Macfie Day worldwide

AROUND THE CLAN SOCIETIES

The Macfie Clan Society of America attended the Gatlinburg Scottish Games in May this year to feel things out for next year's Clan Gathering and to establish a Clan Macfie presence. And that they did, winning the 2002 Clan Challenge with the best tent, most helpful and courteous Clan, 1st and 3rd places in the kilted mile over 30, 1st place in the kilted mile under 30 and (watch it you other Clans) a win in the battleaxe throw taking 9 sticks with 9 throws..... must be some genes handed down from those Bannockburn ancestors! The Clan Challenge trophy was an impressive targe which President James is determined to retain next year. Will you be there to help? Well done Jim McAfee and Co..

MacDuffee/Macfie Clan Society of America Inc. Congratulations to "Clan Chatter" editor Bruce J. MacDuffie on First Place in the Odam Library's annual Family Tree Newsletter Contest for 2002. The citation acknowledges that "Among the really important things in all of our lives is the preservation of our heritage and of our history and the saving of our family information."

The Macfie Clan Society in Canada have a Macfie outing programmed for a Saturday River Cruise on the Grand River in June.

In Scotland, the Clan Macfie Society also focused on the weekend closest to Clan Macfie Day for a Gathering on the Isle of Skye. Facilities at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig the Gaelic College in Sleat were utilized.

The Macfie Clan Society of Australia's Biennial General Meeting was held in the Board Room at the Art Gallery of N.S.W. followed by an informal lunch at the Domain Restaurant. President Brian McPhee, Adelaide, continues in office for 2002-04. On Sunday, members attended a "Kirling of The Tartan" service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Penhurst, before going to a barbeque lunch at the home of retiring N.S.W. Clan Society Vice-President Geoff and Ruth McPhee at Lugarno. Over 40 members attended the weekend including Clan Commander Sandy and Helen McPhie from Townsville in North Queensland and Society President Brian and Marilyn McPhee from Adelaide, South Australia.

The Coffey/Coffee Reunion Association has a busy meeting weekend planned for 2nd and 3rd August this year at Colorado Springs, U.S.A. With a business meeting on Saturday at the Amerisuites Hotel the remainder of the weekend will be taken up with activities such as white water rafting, riding the Pikes Peak Cog Train, visiting the Cave of the Winds, Royal Gorge Bridge, Seven Falls and the US Air Force Academy and.....of course...shopping!

The McPhee Clan Society of New Zealand's AGM and Dinner at Masterton on 25th May went well. President Eric Wadsworth continues in office. The Clan Dinner and Ceilidh that night was attended by over sixty, including members of a number of other Clans.

Clan, Clan Society and a wide range of community affairs. She was 85 years old.

> VALE >

NORMA ANNE CARRIER of Etobicoke, ONT, Canada passed away on the 9th June this year following a long illness.

Norma was one of the early ones to rally behind Dr. Earle MacPhee following his call to reactivate our Clan. She attended Clan Gatherings in Scotland and Canada and will be fondly remembered by many members for her active participation in

AMONGST THE MEMBERS

- ❖ **Congratulations Andrew Duffy** on the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal as a member of London's Metropolitan Police Force. The award is fitting recognition of long and dedicated service by Andrew.
- ❖ **Our New Youngest Member**. Scot and Jennifer McPhie of Brisbane, Q. Australia are the proud parents of Alexander William Malcolm McPhie, born on 8th May in Brisbane. A playmate for Seana and first grandson for Clan Commander Sandy and Helen McPhie in Townsville, Q..
- ❖ **James Boyd McFie, Nairobi, Kenya**. James was born in Nairobi and has lived there virtually ever since. His parents came from Scotland, meeting in Kenya, and settling there. James schooling was at Strathmore College before attending University at Oxford. On graduation he returned to Kenya to join the teaching staff at Strathmore in the School of

Accounting. He later worked in the business sector for several years before going back to Strathmore where he has been the Director of the School of Accounting for the past 20 years. James is currently in Scotland. He has commenced a PhD in Accounting at the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow to upgrade skills and standards for his return to Strathmore as it becomes a University. This highly regarded College has certainly benefited from James' leadership. Congratulations, James, and good wishes from all Clan members for the future.

- ❖ **Our Man In Kabul**. Noticed a report from Kabul in the local press from one Nick Macfie. Not the best place to be! Nick's presence there, however, adds to the Clan's scattered representation in such places as Malaysia, Burma, Africa, The Falklands and Antarctica to name a few.

OF MANY THINGS

- **Homepage Update**. Cameron Howard of Seattle, WA U.S.A., the Clan Webmaster, has commenced upgrading the Clan Homepage to make it more attractive, informative and user friendly. The Homepage can be found at <http://www.orishanet.com/clanmacfie/>. Have you logged on for a visit lately?
- **Audit Report**. Clan accounts and financial statements for 2001 were audited by Griffin Financial Professionals of Townsville, Q. Australia. The Audit Opinion stated "In our opinion, the financial report represents fairly in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements the financial position of Clan Macfie as at 2 January 2002 and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the year then ended."
- **House of Lochar, Publishers**. Many Clan members will know Kevin Byrne, principal of House of Lochar Publishers on Colonsay. Kevin has recently introduced a new and re-designed website for the "House" and invites everyone to have a look at www.houseoflochar.com. All the books published by House of Lochar on the Scottish Island of Colonsay are now listed on line and are thus even easier to order. Additionally, Kevin is also launching a regular Newsletter, which will be emailed to all Lochar's friends and customers as well as appearing on line.
- **Scottish Heritage Week, Sydney, Australia**. The Scottish Australian Heritage Council has changed its Scottish Week celebrations back to the end of November to, amongst other reasons, focus on St. Andrew's Day each year. The Council tried a number of dates in the past such as Australia Day (26th January) – too hot – and in August – too many distractions. Hopefully, St. Andrew will smile on the return to his day with this year's celebrations commencing on 23rd November and finishing 1st December.

- **13th International Gathering (2001) Balance Sheet**.

A balance sheet for receipts and expenditure relating to last year's 13th International Gathering of Clan Macfie and the 8th Clan Parliament in Oban and on Colonsay in September has been prepared and copies distributed to the Clan Society Presidents. The surplus brought forward from the 1997 Gathering and Parliament of £1006.50 has been increased to £1138.75. Copies of the balance sheet, should you wish to receive one, can be obtained from the Clan Secretariat or by contacting your Clan Society President.

- **OZ Newflash June 2002**. It can't be true, but the Australian press recently reported Glasgow had been named the Curry Capital of Britain beating such other likely contenders as London, Newcastle, Manchester, Edinburgh, Cardiff and others for the title. Whatever became of the Haggis?.....or is this curry business just a sideline??
- **History of Clan Campbell**. The second volume of this series has left the printers and is being distributed at present. Author, Alastair Campbell of Airds, Unicorn Pursuant of Arms at the Court of the Lord Lyon in Edinburgh, is currently working on the third (and final) volume which is due for release in about two years time. Colonsay was within the Campbell area for many years and the Histories contain much of interest for Clan Macfie members as indeed, for all Argyll Clans and students of Scottish History. Alastair is also working on an update of Sir Ian Moncreiffe's definitive "Highland Clans" but completion date is some way off yet.

Clan Commander's 2001 Travel, Receipts and Expenditure. (All Amounts in Australian \$)

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Advance from Clan Travel Fund	1645.96	Economy Class Air Fares Mr. & Mrs. McPhie	5208.00
Donation MacDuffee/Macfie C/S of Am.	426.60	Travel Insurance	315.00
Donation, Clan Member, Australia	639.70	Accommodation Oban	1130.47
Donation, Clan Members, U.S.A.	397.27	Accommodation Colonsay	1428.23
Donation, Clan Member, Canada	133.54	Accommodation Edinburgh	983.66
To Balance	<u>6075.27</u>	Gathering Registration etc.	<u>252.98</u>
	<u>\$9318.34</u>		<u>\$9318.34</u>

The above donations were received direct by the Clan Commander and were not payable to the Clan Travel Fund. (The Clan Travel Fund receives donations from the Clan Societies and Clan members around the world to assist with the Commander's expenses and is accounted separately in the Clan's Annual Financial Statements.) The difference above of A\$6,075.27, as well as other expenses relating to the Gathering and Parliament, and visits to Colonsay and Edinburgh, were met by the Clan Commander.

Saint Andrew – Patron Saint of Scotland

Saint Andrew is the Patron Saint of Scotland, and St. Andrew's Day is celebrated by Scots around the world on the 30th November each year. The flag of Scotland is the Cross of St. Andrew, and this is widely displayed as a symbol of national identity.

The "Order of Saint Andrew" or the "Most Ancient Order of the Thistle" is an order of Knighthood which is restricted to the King or Queen and sixteen others. It was established by James VII of Scotland in 1687.

Very little is really known about St. Andrew himself. He was thought to have been a fisherman in Galilee (now part of Israel), along with his elder brother Simon Peter (Saint Peter). Both became followers (apostles) of Jesus Christ, founder of the Christian religion.

St. Andrew is said to have been responsible for spreading the tenets of the Christian religion through Asia Minor and Greece. Tradition suggests that St. Andrew was put to death by the Romans in Patras, Southern Greece by being pinned to a cross (crucified). The diagonal shape of this cross is said to be the basis for the Cross of St. Andrew which appears on the Scottish Flag.

St. Andrew's bones were entombed, and around 300 years later were moved by Emperor Constantine (the Great) to his new capital Constantinople (now Istanbul in Turkey). Legend suggests that a Greek Monk (although others describe him as an Irish assistant of St. Columba) called St. Rule (or St. Regulus) was warned in a dream that St. Andrew's remains were to be moved and was directed by an angel to take those of the remains which he could to the "ends of the earth" for safe-keeping. St. Rule dutifully followed these directions, removing a tooth, an arm bone, a kneecap and some fingers from St. Andrew's tomb and transporting these as far away as he could. Scotland was close to the extremities of the known world at that time and it was here that St. Rule was shipwrecked with his precious cargo.

St. Rule is said to have come ashore at a Pictish settlement on the East Coast of Scotland and this later became St. Andrews. Thus the association of St. Andrew with Scotland was said to have begun.

Perhaps more likely than the tale of St. Rule's journey is that Acca, the Bishop of Hexham, who was a renowned collector of relics, brought the relics of St. Andrew to St. Andrews in 733. There certainly seems to have been a religious center at St. Andrews at that time, either founded by St. Rule in the 6th



century or by a Pictish King, Ungus, who reigned from 731 to 761.

Whichever tale is true, the relics were placed in a specially constructed chapel. This chapel was replaced by the Cathedral of St. Andrews in 1160, and St. Andrews became the religious capital of Scotland and a great center for Medieval pilgrims who came to view the relics.

There are other legends of how St. Andrew and his remains became associated with Scotland, but there is little evidence for any of these,

including the legend of St. Rule. The names still exist in Scotland to-day, including St. Rules Tower, which remains to-day amongst the ruins of St. Andrews Cathedral.

It is not known what happened to the relics of St. Andrew which were stored in St. Andrews Cathedral, although it is most likely that these were destroyed during the Scottish Reformation. The Protestant cause, propounded by Knox, Wishart and others, won out over Roman Catholicism during the Reformation and the "idolatry of catholicism", that is the Saints, relics, decoration of churches, were expunged during the process of converting the Roman Catholic churches of Scotland to the harsh simplicity of Knox's brand of Calvinism.

The place where these relics were kept within the Cathedral at St. Andrews is now marked by a plaque, amongst the ruins, for visitors to see.

The larger part of St. Andrew's remains were stolen from Constantinople in 1210 and are now to be found in Amalfi in Southern Italy. In 1879 the Archbishop of Amalfi sent a small piece of the Saint's shoulder blade to the re-established Roman Catholic community in Scotland.

During his visit in 1969, Pope Paul VI gave further relics of St. Andrew to Scotland with the words "Saint Peter gives you his brother" and these are now displayed in a reliquary in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Edinburgh.

The Legend of the Saltire



ATHELSTANEFORD has a special place in Scotland's history. In 832 AD near this East Lothian village a battle was fought and the St. Andrew's Cross, or Saltire, was

adopted as Scotland's national flag.

This day in late Autumn 832, has been described as the day Scotland was born. A turning point in history, on that great and glorious day 1169 years ago, when the brave and valiant Scots defeated their enemies.

The national flag of Scotland, the white saltire on a blue background, is the oldest flag in Europe and the British Commonwealth, and it originated in a battle fought in the village of Athelstaneford in the Dark Ages between the Picts and Scots on the one side and the Angles of Northumbria on the other.

An army of the Picts under the leadership of Angus mac Fergus High King of Alba, assisted by a detachment of Scots led by Eochaidh, King of Dairiada, had been on a cattle raid into

Lothian (Northumbrian territory), and were being pursued by an overwhelming detachment of the Angles and Saxons under their leader Athelstan.

King Angus led prayers for deliverance to God and the saints, and was rewarded by seeing a cloud formation of the Saltire (the diagonal cross on which St. Andrew had been martyred) against the blue sky. The King vowed that if, with the Saints help, he gained victory, then Andrew would become the patron saint of Scotland.

The Scots did win, Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland and the Saltire became the National flag in accordance with the King's vow.

In the pursuit, so the tradition goes on, the Northumbrian leader, Athelstan, was slain at the crossing of the Peffer or Cogtail Burn, the site of which is marked by Athelstaneford Mains Farm, about half a mile south-east of the village.

The Saltire is also known as the Saint Andrew's Cross.



WORLD WAR II - 1939-45

NX11124, Lance Corporal Keith John McPhee, 3rd Battalion AIF

Born at Werrington NSW on 6th April 1913. Keith was the first son to Amy Annie and James Alexander McPhee, of Springwood, NSW. He was educated at Springwood and Parramatta Schools.

He enlisted in the 2nd AIF on 26th April 1940, and after a short training period, embarked on the 'Aquatania' en route to the Middle East. There he was in action in Palestine, Libya and Greece. In April 1942 he returned to Townsville, and in September 1942 went to New Guinea, where he served until October 1945.

Corporal K.J. McPhee was one of the early volunteers to join the AIF in World War II, and was in the first major action against the enemy at Bardia, Libya.

The defences at the fortress Port of Bardia on the Libyan coast covered an area 11 miles long and 5 miles deep. Minefields, anti-tank ditches and 80 fortified machine gun pits, all behind a continuous double apron barbed wire fence, formed the desert defensive perimeter of Bardia.

The Italian defenders had their heavy artillery dug in 2 miles behind the perimeter, and the 45,000 strong garrison was confident of holding the port town against any attack.

In the darkness on the night of 2nd January 1941, the AIF attacking force assembled 1000 yards from the Italian perimeter defences. Following the tracks of the British tanks that were to lead the assault, the troops trudged through the cold dusty predawn gloom at 5.00am next morning, towards the enemy perimeter of Bardia.

Our artillery barrage pounded the Italian outposts and their artillery responded, while the AIF troops plodded resolutely towards the enemy.

While our shells were still bursting on the perimeter, the tanks fired on the outposts, and bangalore torpedoes

were exploded under the barbed wire to blow gaps for the infantry to pass through. Keith McPhee's 2/3 Btn pushed through the gaps in the wire and captured the high ground directly overlooking Bardia Port, still 2 miles away. This capture concluded the first stage of the attack.

Italians in their outposts, who were bypassed and attacked from the rear by our troops and tanks, surrendered in their thousands during the day.

The attack was resumed the following day, 4th January 1941, and the remaining enemy outposts were taken, and the Port of Bardia captured. The whole Italian garrison was taken prisoner - over 40,000 men, most of whom spent the rest of the War at Cowra POW Camp in NSW.

At Bardia, the AIF had planned and victoriously fought its first set piece major battle of World War II, and had similar success at Tobruk; and Lance Corporal Keith McPhee shared the glory.

Keith went on to fight alongside the New Zealanders as an ANZAC in Greece and Crete where there was little glory, and no victory, against the overwhelming German forces. He spent the last years of the War fighting the Japanese in the New Guinea jungles.

Apart from malaria and some minor injuries, he was fortunate to survive his 5 years of Service. He died suddenly of a heart attack on 9th April 1989, at Yass, NSW.

Reference:

Active Service with Australia in the Middle East, published by the Australian War Memorial, 1941.

With many thanks to Clyde Smythe for collecting and formatting this personal account of Macfie Clans folk serving in the Australian Services

COMING EVENTS

August 10 Rockdale NSW- Hurstville Scottish Association Social at Uniting Church Bay St Rockdale 902) 9587 3436

August 25 Maroota NSW Maroota Celtic Fair at Maroota Public School Old Northern Rd . A day of Celtic fun and entertainment

August 31 Ipswich QLD Gathering of the Clans Limestone Park Ipswich 0414 776 361

September 14 & 15 Rockingham WA Pipe Band competition Rockingham Civic Centre Civic Blvd (08) 9529 3552

October 19: Illawarra Pipe Band "City of Wollongong Gathering" - Dapto

October 18: Highland Society of NSW - Spring Dance

November 03: "Britfest"

November 17: Combined Scottish Societies of NSW Gathering

November 23 - December 1: SAHC "Scottish Heritage Week"

November 30: St. Andrew's Day

A FEW RECORDINGS



There is still only one album with an explicit focus on Swedish bagpipes - the *Säckpipa* recording (LP) by Per Gudmundson. This is probably the most important record for a Swedish bagpiper to have in his/her collection. A lot has happened since the record was made in 1983, however, so maybe it is time to make a new record, documenting 20 years of development of both pipes and pipers.

The quartet *Blå Bergens Borduner* (The drones from the blue mountains) include three Swedish bagpipers.

Alban Faust, one of the

major bagpipe makers and pipers in Sweden, has a CD called *Bordunmusik från Dalmland* (Drone music from Dalmland). Most tracks include bagpipes of Swedish, French, German or Flemish origin. 10 tracks include Swedish bagpipes.

Then there are a number of records where bagpipes are used, but more sparingly. Groups to look out for are, for example, Hedningarna, Frifot and Valramn. Piper names to look for include Anders Norudde (formerly known as Anders Stake), Per Gudmundson, Harald Pettersson and Stefan Ekedahl.

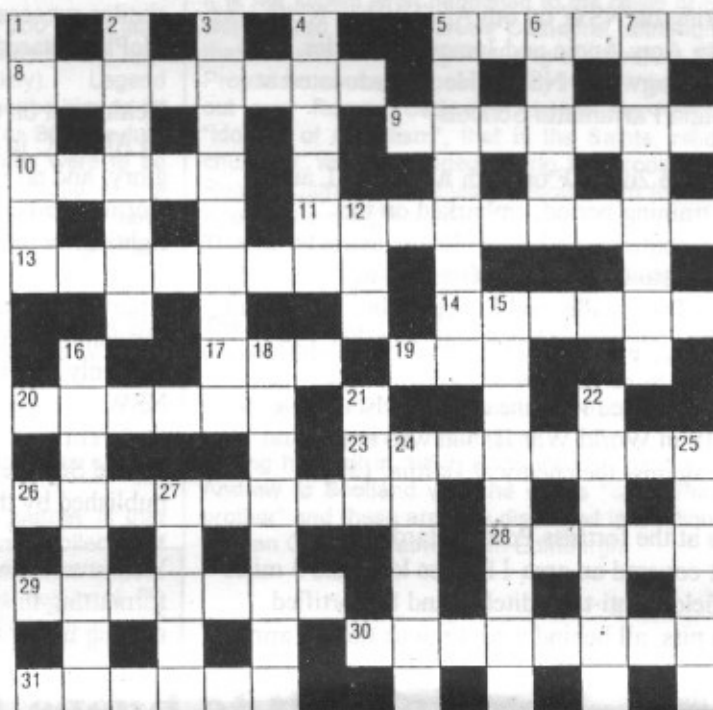
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Clues Across

- 5) Sheep calls (6).
 8) Village on Ardnamurchan Peninsula (8).
 9) District of Perth (5).
 10) Having excess weight (5).
 11) Queen Mary was imprisoned in its castle (4, 5).
 13) They steer! (8).
 14) Convent heads (6).
 17) Village near John O' Groats (3).
 19) She's computer talk! (3).
 20) Dual transport (6).
 23) Day before in Scotland (8).
 26) Stone part of Highland dress! (9).
 28) Force out (5).
 29) Region between Highlands and Lowlands (7).
 30) 3 Down plus one! (8).
 31) Land on land! (6).

Clues Down

- 1) Gush with Scots lemonade (6).



- 2) Aged (7).
 3) Dance for triplets! (9).
 4) Untidy, clumsy Scot (6).
 5) Town south of Paisley (8).
 6) Banish (8).
 7) Multi-pointed spears (8).
 12) Any in Scotland (3).
 15) Wallace's was freedom (6-3).
 16) Castle walls (8).
 18) Change countries (8).
 21) Resort on Firth of Clyde (3).
 22) Fine-woolled sheep (7).
 24) Use (6).
 25) Cookery seasoning (6).
 27) Proportion (5).

CLAN PROJECTS

Colonsay Projects Funding. As mentioned in our last Clan News costing for our Clan projects on Colonsay last year exceeded available funds by some £575. Clan Members and the Clan Societies are invited to help make up this outstanding amount, by forwarding donations in favour of "Clan Macfie Gathering" to Iain McFie esq., Coullintyre, Kincaig, Kingussie, PH21 1LX, Scotland.

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The Welcome Wall

In one of history's great migrations , more than 6 million people have crossed the world to settle in Australia. To honour the achievements of these immigrants & their contribution to building today's Australia , a Welcome Wall 100 metres long , was constructed at Pyrmont , on the shores of Sydney Harbour , next to the National Maritime Museum.



The Welcome Wall features the names of immigrants engraved on bronze panels. Approached by The Australian National Maritime Museum , the Scottish Australian Heritage Council assisted in the preparation of the Official Opening of the Welcome Wall by the Governor General of Australia Sir William Dean was on Sunday 24 January 1999. Four young Australians of Scottish descent , two boys and two girls dressed in Scottish National costume arrived with the Governor General and accompanied the Official Party to the wall to assist with the unveiling.

Scotland has provided many Australian settlers from the early 1800 until today. A good number of whom have already had their names inscribed on the Welcome Wall. Australians of Scottish descent were well represented by these young Australians who stood in & proudly representing their Scottish Ancestors on this important occasion.

A computer database and web page will bring to life the history of the names which appear on the Welcome Wall. This database will be accessed within the National Maritime Museum and via the Internet.

All enquires should be directed to the Australian National Maritime Museum Welcome Wall. Sydney Phone: (02) 9552 7509 or Fax: (02) 9281 299885.

Solution to Crossword

Across: 5 Bleats, 8 Kilchoan, 9 Craigie, 10 Obese, 11 Lochleven, 13 Helmsmen, 14 Abbots, 17 Mey, 19 Ada, 20 Tandem, 23, Yestreen, 26 Cairngorm, 28 Evict, 29 Central, Foursome, 31 Ashore.

Down: 1 Skoosh, 2 Elderly, 3 Threesome, 4 Bachel, 5 Barrhead, 6 Exile, 7 Tridents, 12 Ony, 15 Battlecry, 16 Parapets, 18 Emigrate, 21 Ayr, 22 Merinos, 24 Employ, 25 Nutmeg, 27 Ratio

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