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The President's Message

Dear Members,

***I trust you and your families have enjoyed a
happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and New
Year!***

***Scottish Week in November was a very busy
time for us with Scottish forebears, and
indeed Scots themselves, who took the
opportunity to take part in the various
celebrations organised by The Scottish
Australian Heritage Council. Our High
Commissioner, Mrs Beryl Hardy Nisbett was
certainly about town having organised no
fewer than 5 functions, four of them for The
Scottish Australian Heritage Council.***

***This followed on from Beryl's highly
successful Tartan Day dinner at Scots
College on 1st July. That dinner was attended
by more than 80 guests (many from Clan
Farquharson) and raised a considerable sum
in support of the Scottish Australian Heritage
Council of which Beryl is a Vice President.
Well done Beryl! You continue to
demonstrate the true Farquharson
determination, enthusiasm and spirit, and
most importantly, organizing skill!***

***Just an early piece of information for your
social diaries, "Bundanoon is Brigadoon" will
be held on Saturday 12 April 2003. I just
thought I'd let you know this early, because
I'm biased as I live in Bundanoon.***

***Hope you are all enjoying good health and
will have an excellent time over the holiday
break. Look forward to seeing you sometime
in the year 2003 wearing the Farquharson
Tartan!***

Syd Finlay

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About Town and Other Places

(What your Committee has been up to since last time!)

Battle of Trafalgar Dinner – 21st October 2002

It was with regret that we learned of the Wardroom Mess President's decision at *HMAS Watson* not to officially celebrate the anniversary of the famous Nelson victory over the combined Spanish and French fleets at Cape Trafalgar on 21st October 1805. This traditional celebration has held special significance for the Farquharsons as Thomas Hardy, the Captain of Nelson's flagship *HMS Victory*, and illustrious ancestor of our esteemed High Commissioner, Mrs Beryl Hardy Nisbett, was, of course, a Farquharson.

However, by dint of the powers of persuasion of our High Commissioner, the Wardroom President relented and agreed to allow a small private dinner party on the night of Monday 21st October, the actual date of the battle. We are grateful to Beryl for her efforts to organize what turned out to be a most interesting night. Parked out in the Bay under a full moon, with a perfect view from the Wardroom verandah, was *HMS Nottingham* being manoeuvred into place as the heavy lift ship *MV Swan* actually sank in the night so that the damaged destroyer could be sailed onto her deck.

Guest speaker was Lt Commander John Leahy RN, executive officer and acting commander of the *Nottingham*. He spoke of the indomitable spirit of the ordinary British seamen who fought at Trafalgar, praised in post battle dispatches by Adm Collingwood, Nelson's second-in-command. Lt Commander Leahy had no doubt that this same spirit saved the *Nottingham* in its recent travails at Lord Howe Island.

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Annual General Meeting – 9th November 2002

The second Annual General Meeting of the Clan Farquharson Association Australia (NSW Branch) was held at 10.00 am on Saturday 9th November 2003 at Pittwater RSL Club, Mona Vale. A small group of Members and Committee duly assembled at the appointed time and welcomed our High Commissioner for Australia, Mrs Beryl Hardy Nisbett JP.

President Syd Finlay conducted the meeting and reported on the year's activities. Insurance looms as a continuing problem for non-profit Clan associations participating in public gatherings. The membership continues to grow, and Hon Treasurer reported the branch's balance of funds at Bank at 30 June 2002 as \$464.03, and membership of 52 adult members and 12 children under 18 years.

The meeting appointed, unopposed, the following Officers and Committee for the ensuing year:

President:	Syd Finlay
Vice President and Editor:	Bruce Finlay
Secretary/Treasurer:	Brenda Finlay
Committee Members:	Pauline Finlay
	Stuart Finlayson
	Jane Marland
	John Tate
	Peter Tranter
	Helen Tranter

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**Scottish Week – New South Wales
Saturday 23rd November to Sunday 1st
December 2002**

Scottish Week in New South Wales was a week of activities organized by the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Executive Committee leading up to the celebration of St Andrews Day, Scotland's National Day, Saturday 30th November. For our High Commissioner Mrs Beryl Hardy Nisbett JP, it was an especially busy week as she was responsible for organizing no fewer than four of the official functions –

Journey to Joadja Creek Saturday 23rd
Parliament House Luncheon Monday 25th
**Official Dinner 21st Anniversary of the Scottish
 Australian Heritage Council Tuesday 26th**
Sunset Barbecue HMAS Waterhen Friday 29th

Great credit is due to Beryl and naturally reflects on Clan Farquharson for her efforts during this special week in the Scottish/Australian calendar. We give a brief account of those functions attended by Association and Clan members.

Journey to Joadja Creek Saturday 23rd More than forty guests travelled from Sydney by coach to Joadja Creek, an abandoned shale oil mining town in a remote part of the foothills of the Great Dividing Range not far from Mittagong. The mine was worked in the latter part of the 19th century mainly by Scottish emigrants, and was subsequently closed in the 1920's. Guests enjoyed a tour of the recovered ruins, and a country barbecue lunch, followed by a trip to the local wineries.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan and Street Parade Sunday 24th
 The traditional Kirkin' o' the Tartan ceremony took place at St Stephens Uniting Church in Macquarie Street Sydney at 10.00am. The Organ Prelude, *Prelude on 'St Columba'* called the congregation to prayer, and representatives of the Clans and their banner bearers were led in parade into the Church by The Rt Hon the Earl of Dunmore, Patron of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council, accompanied on the pipes to the tune *The Road to the Isles*.

The Service was led by the Rev Dr Bill Ives. The Scripture Reading was given by Roddy Martine, and Readings were also given by The Hon Douglas McClelland AM and The Rt Hon the Earl of Dunmore. On conclusion, the congregation recess from the Church was accompanied by an impressive rendition of *Highland Cathedral* by Bill Campbell on pipes and Daniel Dries organist.

The Street Parade of Clans' representatives and their banner bearers accompanied by massed bands set off from Macquarie Street to the Domain where Scottish Week was officially opened following addresses by the President of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Dr Frank Davidson, and the Lord Mayor of Sydney Frank Sartor. Chieftain of the Day was The Rt Hon the Earl of Dunmore, Malcolm Murray, Chieftain of Clan Murray. Clan Farquharson was led by High Commissioner Beryl Hardy Nisbett and banner bearer Stuart Finlayson.

Luncheon in the President's Dining Room – Parliament House Monday 25th At the invitation of The Hon Dr Meredith Burgmann MLC President of the NSW Legislative Council representatives of the Clans enjoyed a luncheon in recognition of Scottish Week.

Official Dinner – 21st Anniversary of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council Tuesday 26th At the invitation of the High Commissioner in Australia for Clan Farquharson, guests were invited to celebrate this prestigious occasion at the Queen's Club in Sydney in the distinguished company of The Rt Hon the Earl of Dunmore, Malcolm Murray, Patron of the Council, who was the keynote speaker.

Association Members Peter Hunt (whose forbears were Murray of Athol) and Boh Yeng were accompanied by Sandy Starling (also Murray of Athol) and Paul Starling. They were especially pleased to have the opportunity of meeting so distinguished a member of their Clan, the Earl of Dunmore.

The Dinner, appropriately, afforded guests the opportunity of reflecting on the previous 21 years of service and effort on the part of office-holders of the Scottish Australian Heritage Council in promoting awareness of our Scottish heritage in the community. Appropriately, also, there was recognition of the need for continued effort into the future to ensure this awareness does not fade and become irrelevant. The dinner and company were convivial and enjoyed by those present.

Sunset Barbecue HMAS Waterhen Friday 29th Inclement weather upset the timing of this occasion, and traffic delays caused by a Harbour Tunnel fire alarm and protesting cyclists on the Harbour Bridge meant a late start. However, with a long twilight and clearing winds, the promised sunset, viewed from the

excellent harbourside vantage point of this venue at Ball's Head to the west, was enjoyed by the twenty two guests present.

Bruce and Pauline Finlay were delighted to meet again the Earl and Countess of Dunmore (who prefer to be called Malcolm and Joy) and Roddy Martine, author, broadcaster (and raconteur). A thoroughly enjoyable and relaxed evening was had by all.

St Andrew's Day Grand Scottish Ball Saturday 30th

Highlight of the week was of course, the St Andrew's Day Ball held at the Roundhouse, University of New South Wales. Editor is reliably informed that there were a couple of competing Balls in other parts of Sydney, but this was the main function attended by over seventy people. Entertainment was provided by The Ragged Band, the NSW Police Pipe Band, the Argyll Highland Dancers, the Scottish Country Dancers, and the incomparable Chris Duncan.

The Editor has been informed that a certain, at first reluctant, participant found that the years fell away on the night and a very enjoyable time was had. But in the wee small hours after wholeheartedly joining in gusty renditions of *Dashing White Sergeant* and the *Gay Gordons* as well as several Barn Dances, (but not the *Quadrille*), the poor old feet were somewhat unwilling to follow each other up the stairs to bed.

Inspection of Scotland-Australia Bi-Centennial Cairn and Gathering – Rawson Park Mosman Sunday 1st December

It looked like a typical Rawson Park day, early, when there was a cloudburst (in the middle of a drought!). However, the skies cleared and proceedings went ahead on schedule. Inspection of the Cairn, which is built of stones gathered from every parish in Scotland, was carried out by the Scottish Week Guest of Honour The Rt Hon the Earl of Dunmore accompanied by the Mayor of Mosman and Chief Warden of the Cairn. The official party enjoyed luncheon in the Club Rooms at the ground, and were entertained by Scottish dancers and Pipe bands.

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Davidsons in Australia

Last issue, our continuing story of the Davidsons of Kiah at Twofold Bay had reached the point in 1857 where Alexander and Jane had returned to Kiah after a period of 2 years as licensees of the Squatters' Arms at Reids Flat. near Cooma.

On their return from the Monaro and the Squatters' Arms in 1857, a first priority for Alexander and Jane was to more securely establish a habitable dwelling for their growing family which now included grandchildren, with the arrival of the first Prescott children. The work of dismantling the wreck of the "*Lawrence Frost*" and building "Kiah House" occupied Alexander for several years until 1864. Readers will recall that Alexander

Davidson had legitimised his landholding at Kiah by purchase of "village" lots.

"Kiah House" was built on high ground on the north-western side of the land-holding above the flood level of the Towamba-Kiah River. The house faced north fronting the River and had high timber gables and a shingle roof. It was a large house designed, in addition to accommodating the family, to also accommodate and feed the whaling crews. On the eastern side were four main bedrooms and a parlour opening onto a verandah and on the western side, separated by a stair vestibule were a large living room with a walk in fireplace and separate eating quarters for the whaler crews. These rooms opened onto another large verandah running down the western side of this wing. Behind the living rooms were the scullery and kitchen, equipped with a large fuel stove. The stair vestibule led to upstairs bedrooms and a large dormitory.

The establishment also had a dairy built against the southern wall of the east wing and slip rails, stock yards, stable and saddlery built on the southern boundary. Down towards the water on high ground a large boatshed was built with launching ramp to house the whalers in the off-season, with a workshop and blacksmith shed. There were two wells, and on the eastern side of the house an enclosed garden and orchard. The try works where the whales were flensed and oil extracted, were constructed some distance from the house, just inside the Kiah inlet. The building of the house was Alexander's principal occupation along with other ongoing building works undertaken on a contractual basis for others in which he was assisted by his sons. The boathouse and try works were added as the Davidsons and grandson Alexander Grieg, who was later to be credited with a lifetime record of over 200 personal kills, became more seriously involved in the industry from about 1861.

Before this took place, John Davidson, the oldest son married Effie McNee on 10th January 1859. The McNee family and the Cameron family with whom they were interrelated, had been brought out to Australia as bounty emigrants from Invernesshire by Charles Campbell to manage grazing runs at the Waterholes, (near the Oaks) and Duntroons stations (near present day Canberra).

In late 1859, leaving Effie heavily pregnant at home with Jane under the protection of youngest brother George (nearly eighteen), John joined his father Alexander, and brothers Sandy and Archer in a fruitless foray to the Kiandra goldfields where gold had been found the previous November. Alexander was to continue an almost obsessive interest in gold mining for the rest of his days. But as winter set in in the high country the father and sons returned from the

goldfields empty handed mid-1860, some months after the birth of John and Effie's first born, Margaret. They returned to the goldfields the following summer but again without success.

The family now turned their attention to bay whaling in earnest when Alexander purchased several whale boats from George Barclay and the Solomons. Of all those who bay whaled at Twofold Bay, the Davidson operation was by far the longest and would span almost seventy years. Some of the others were, firstly, John Raine, the Imlay brothers, the Boyds, the Walker brothers, Barclay and Rixon, Powers and Whelan, and grandson Alexander Grieg who later carried on whaling on his own behalf. The length of the different operations varied considerably, and in fact prior to 1861, the industry had fluctuated and was in decline as a result of world-wide over-fishing particularly in the Antarctic, which affected the numbers of whales migrating in season up the eastern Australian coast. This was no doubt the main reason the others found it uneconomic and gave up.

By now Alexander was a middle-aged man of 55 years, and it is not surprising that he left the actual work of whaling to his four sons by now all experienced and toughened young men in their twenties. They were joined by grandson Alexander Grieg. John Davidson the oldest, was a physically strong man, and with wife Effie and daughter Margaret had rented the cottage "Merton" at East Boyd, formerly the residence of Boyd's whaling overseer Oswald Brierly. John acted as overseer using the facilities that were still at East Boyd and kept boats at the ready nearby. The Davidson brothers also hired experience boatmen to help crew the whalers, many of them local Aborigines who camped during the season in the bush at the back of East Boyd.

The Davidsons developed a good bond with the local Aborigines, including the women who were also employed as household servants. Remarkably, also the Davidsons were able to work in harmony with a pack of killer whales that had frequented the Twofold Bay area for many years, to assist their whaling enterprise. In season, the Davidson brothers carried on the whaling over many years, but because it was seasonal it was also necessary for them to maintain and pursue other trades and enterprises. The success of the whaling, for reasons already referred to, varied from season to season and there were many lean years. The younger brothers all eventually moved onto other pursuits, but John continued his involvement and his son George was to follow him in becoming the owner of the whaling station, and remained so until its closure. He killed his last whale single-handedly in 1939, at the age of seventy-six.

Before dealing in more detail with the whaling next issue, it is appropriate at this point to catch-up with

other developments affecting the Davidson family. By the early 1860's, although Boyd Town and East Boyd had become a bit of a backwater, Eden had grown. There were now six hotels, the Albion, the Commercial, the Shamrock, the Court House, the Red Lion and the Crown and Anchor. Eden was a regular port of call for shipping to and from Sydney, the town had its own newspaper, the Twofold Bay and Maneroo Observer, and returned its own member of the Legislative Assembly. In May 1865, the foundation stone was laid for St Georges Presbyterian Church on land donated by the Barclays. The Church was opened in May 1866 by the Rev John Dunmore Lang.

On 12th December 1861, Jane and Alexander's third son, Archer, was married at Eden to Anne (Annie) Lane of Patterson. She was the daughter of Celia (nee Stevens), and stepdaughter of Captain Bourn Russell who had been appointed Harbour Master of Twofold Bay. Archer and Annie were to have eight children, Archer jnr. (known as Bendock) 1864, William Frank 1866, Bourn 1870, Ellenor 1875, Esther Florence 1877, Percival 1879, Ernest 1882 and Hercules 1885. After his early years in whaling Archer later settled at Moruya working as a linesman with the telegraph office.

John and Effie too were to have additions to their family, William Prescott 1862 who sadly died the same year, and George 1863, John jnr. 1865, Isabella 1868, Alexander Boyd 1871, Archer James 1876, Elsie Euphemia 1879, and Henry 1882. In 1871 John and Effie had moved to Eden where they ran a boarding house but still carried on with the whaling, having at least one whaleboat handy at Snug Cove.

In 1863, the Davidson's grandchild Jane (daughter of the Prescotts) died. Another Prescott daughter, Elizabeth, died in 1866, and worse news was to follow for the Davidsons when son-in-law William Prescott passed away in March 1867 at a very young age, followed 4 months later by newly-born Elsy Prescott.

Better tidings were to be had in 1868, when on 9th June the Davidson's second son, Alexander (Sandy) was married at Maitland to Rosa (Rose) Quick. Sandy had helped his family with the whaling business in the early years, and at the time of his marriage had settled at Bega as a storekeeper. He later worked as a carpenter and undertaker at Eden in partnership with his nephew Alexander Grieg. Sandy and Rose had six children, Horace 1869, Euphemia 1870, Cecil 1872 – died 1885, Wycherly 1874, Gordon 1877, and Rachel 1885.

The last of Alexander and Jane's four sons, George, was married at Queanbeyan to Agnes Brodie on 26th October 1870. Like his brothers, George spent his early working life in the whaling business, but later became a grazier at Kiah, and at the time he married

was a storekeeper in Cooma. He subsequently managed properties in the Monaro region, and set up a coaching and livery stable business at Cooma. George and Agnes had seven children, Sidney 1871, Walter 1874, Herbert 1876, Napier 1877, Elsie 1879, Hilda 1880, and John Andrew 1889.

There is an excellent account of the bay whaling in the "Davidsons of Kiah", which we plan to reproduce as fully as space permits next issue.

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Farquharsons Aboard the Bounty Ship "Mathesis"

A couple of issues ago when we first started writing about the Davidsons of Kiah at Twofold Bay, we referred to the fact that the bounty ship "Mathesis", on which the Davidson family journeyed to Australia, also had as passengers Andrew and Jane Farquharson, their three sons John, 16, Henry 15, Andrew, 9, and two daughters Charlotte, 13, and Jane 11. There were two other Farquharsons on board, William, 23 from Perthshire, and Harriett, 20 from Aberdeenshire, both said to be travelling as single persons with their parents.

We asked any of our Members who recognized the circumstances of their arrival in Australia to let the Editor know.

We are delighted to report that Member Heather De Sain (nee Farquharson) has written to us detailing her family background and connection with those far-off days. We have asked for her kind permission to replicate here the summary of the family history Heather has provided.

"I am the great grand-daughter of Henry, son of Jane, who was 15 years old when he arrived in Australia.

A member of the family did a research of his family line quite a few years ago, of which I obtained a copy.

Was not aware of the two step-children mentioned but the husband Andrew died on the trip out, just seventeen days before arriving at Sydney Harbour.

(Editor's Note: This is a reference to our original article on the Davidsons in Vol. 2, No. 2, which stated that William and Harriett Farquharson were step-children. On re-examining the factual material available including a copy of the manifest of the "Mathesis", it would appear unlikely that William and Harriett were step-children of Jane, coming from Perthshire and Aberdeenshire, respectively. Whereas the Farquharson family of Jane and Andrew came from Forfarshire. We apologise for this error in the earlier article.)

"Henry married Margaret Scott in Sydney on 25th August 1860, and appears moved to Newcastle shortly afterwards to live in the Waratah/Mayfield area all his life.

They had nine children, Priscilla 1861, William 1862, Lydia 1865, Louisa 1865, Ada 1870, Phoebe 1872, Henry 1875, Alfred 1877 and John Walter 1881.

Henry gained a certain respectability during his lifetime in Newcastle being mentioned quite often in the Hunter Valley Registers and listed as a gentleman in the electoral rolls and shown as a freeholder (property owner). He operated a carrying business at Waratah.

Henry died in Newcastle 30 June 1906, and is buried at Sandgate Cemetery, as were all his children as many died as children. His wife Margaret (nee Scott) died 8th September 1883 aged forty-two at Waratah Newcastle. Buried at St Andrews Church Cemetery, Mayfield. [The Church] was demolished in 1956.

My grandfather was William, born 1862 at Waratah, who married Alice Mary-Anne Degner in Sydney. Alice's father was a German doctor and had a lot to do with the early Hill End hospital, was Carl Hendrich Degner from Braunsweig in Germany. They had four children, Walter William, Minna, Hector and Kathleen.

Hector married Elvia Phyllis Bunt, who are my parents, but unfortunately both have passed away, my mother in 1977 and father in 1998.

Both Hector and Wallace had a son each, Ian and Stanley, so the name does continue on for the Farquharsons with a family in Queensland. [I] also believe the other Farquharsons in the Newcastle area came from the other sons of Henry and his younger brother Andrew.

Hope this is of interest to you about this particular Farquharson line."

Regards
Heather de Sain
(nee Farquharson)

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Sticks 'n Bag

Editor regrets to report that due to the absence on holidays, in parts unknown, of John Tate, the busy author of this popular column, it does not appear this issue. So we'll entertain you instead with some interesting little snippets from our press collection.

The end of Fox Hunting in Scotland?

The *Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Bill* was passed by the Scottish Parliament early in 2002 with the intention of banning mounted fox hunting, baiting and hare coursing. Penalties imposed by the new legislation include fines of up to the equivalent of \$A14,000 and 6 months gaol.

Although hunting in Scotland does not have the elitist image it does in England, apparently the Scottish public was largely supportive of the legislation. But there were at the time up to ten mounted fox hunts in Scotland mainly along the English border employing 3,000 people. Rural campaigners have said that the legislation is shot through with loopholes they intend to exploit, and that they would challenge it in court.

Meanwhile, foxhunters in England warned that there would be "rivers of blood" across the British countryside before they followed the Scottish lead. And a spokesman for the federation of Welsh packs warned there would be a revolution if Westminster tried to copy Scotland's lead. "We are prepared to fight for our way of life and even die for it," he said. (*Surely, not another rising?*) The latest we have seen is a Television image just before Xmas of foxhunters in England joining what was said to be the last hunt using hounds before new legislation banning them is brought down!

Reported in Sydney Morning Herald 15 February 2002.

Single Malt Whisky Appreciation in Australia

Following our little article last issue concerning the *Water of Life*, the Sydney Morning Herald reported in October 2002 on the *Gillies Club*, an Australian/New Zealand based establishment, which recently celebrated its 25th anniversary, and lays claim to being the world's oldest malt whisky appreciation society.

Meetings are held regularly for each branch (there are six in Australia and one in NZ) and proceedings follow a pattern reflected in the reported meeting at the Van Diemen's Branch held at the Hobart waterfront Lark Distillery (producer of a promising single malt whisky):

"Ties are compulsory and 15 chaps sat down at the tartan clothed long table.....The Laird (or organizer), Ron Sutherland, set the tone by keeping his tweed deerstalker on indoors. [He] poured himself a generous dram of 12-year old Scapa from Orkney and circulated the bottle to his right. Members administer their own measure and comments and scores are noted on a printed form."

The members proceed thus through several tastings and then comes the blind tasting, which in the case reported, revealed a remarkable knowledge in this country of some rare and expensive whiskies.

While the *Gillies Club* members take their malts seriously, their intention is primarily social, Club activities consisting mainly of social meetings for tastings and the occasional importation of casks for distribution to members. The Club was formed in 1977 when a small group of single malt fanciers met in a private home in Wollongong. The organizer of that meeting, Peter Boon, was deemed *The Laird Himself* of the parent branch, a position he still holds. The Club has only one rule: "There are no rules."

Australia-wide there are about 80 members. The Sydney Branch was formed in 1991 and has 12-14 regular members. The *Laird* is Bruce Ferrier.

Reported in Sydney Morning Herald 15 October 2002

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FUTURE EVENTS

**RECEPTION AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE
SYDNEY TO HONOUR
GOVERNOR LACHLAN MACQUARIE
Friday 5.00pm, 31st January 2003**

The Scottish Australian Heritage Council will be hosting this celebration of the birthday of the man recognised as the architect and builder of early modern Australia. He was, of course, a Scot.

Guest speaker at this afternoon reception will be Her Excellency Marie Bashir, NSW State Governor. Cost: \$20.00. Enquiries to: David Campbell, Secretary SAHC (02) 9522-3631, or Beryl Hardy Nisbett (02) 9280-1929.

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**BURNS SUPPER – FRIDAY, 7th FEBRUARY
2003**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE OF THIS
EVENT ORIGINALLY REPORTED TO BE 31ST
JANUARY HAS BEEN CHANGED This is a
special night in the Scottish calendar and in
2003 will be held in the Ionic Room at the
Masonic Centre, Goulburn Street Sydney.**

To find out how you can organize a table or a group for a night of fun, good eating of traditional Burns fare and reminiscing, ring BEATRICE DEBUS on (02) 9807-2881.

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**PROPOSED GATHERING of the
DESCENDANTS of JOHN DAVID FARQUHAR
GRAFTON New South Wales
OCTOBER, 2003**

Peter Tranter, who is a descendant of John David FARQUHAR, and a Committeeman of the Association (NSW Branch) has told us of the planned gathering of the descendants in Australia of his forebear.

If you are a Farquhar and think you are descended from John David, or know other Farquhars who may be, you should get in touch with Peter on (02) 4965 7715 or at 15 Cowmeadow Road, MT HUTTON NSW 2290.

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**CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARTICLES BY
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Members who have the need of Scottish dress or accoutrements, should contact:

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Janet is also a great mine of information concerning all things Scottish especially Dress and Dance. So don't be afraid to ask.

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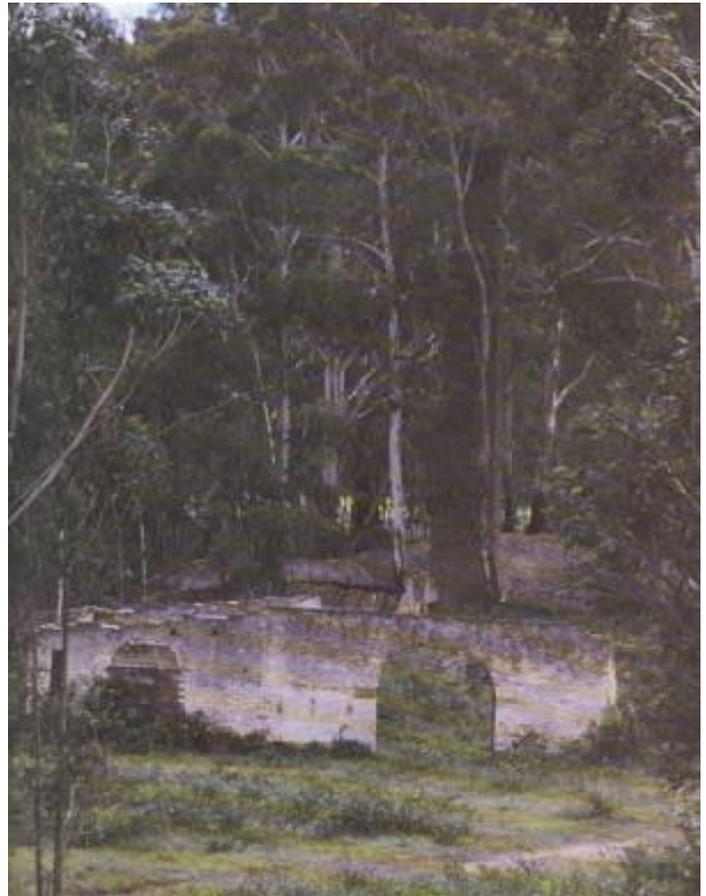
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The Rt Hon Malcolm Murray, the Earl of Dunmore and Chieftain of the Clan Murray and his wife Joy Murray, the Countess of Dunmore.



Joadja Creek Shale Oil Mining Venture – what's left of the oil refinery building today. The tall brick chimney behind the ruined building can just be picked out among the eucalypts in this photograph.



Left – Farquharsons visit the Scottish Australia Bi-Centenary Cairn at Rawson Park, Mosman in Sydney.



Right Above – Where the Shale Oil Miners lived at Joadja Creek Village – Carrington Row in the Village as it is today.